



Business Plan 2023 – 2025

Call for proposals RIS Inclusiveness

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1. Call summary

Disclaimer: this document provides the applicants with detailed information on the RIS Inclusiveness for applications the EIT Manufacturing Business Plan 2023-2025. The information given is subject to revision, according to new potential rules or requirements provided by EIT and/or by the EC.

Call main features	
Dates	<p>Call opening: 5th June 2023, 17.00 PM CEST</p> <p>Call closing: 11th August 2023, 23.59 PM CEST</p> <p>Eligibility and admissibility check: 18th August 2023</p> <p>Evaluation of applications: 21st of August – 11th of September 2023</p> <p>Communication of results: 13th of October 2023</p> <p>Start of activities: 1st of November 2023</p>
Introduction	<p><i>RIS Inclusiveness is an activity to attract, select and support entities coming from EIT RIS countries towards developing innovative solutions to make the work in the manufacturing industry more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. The activity will provide financial support to the selected applicants. In addition, the selected applicants will receive support services provided by the EIT Manufacturing RIS team and aimed at supporting the implementation of their project.</i></p>
Duration of the project	10 months
Total budget allocated to this call	200.000 EUR
Link to the submission portal	The Submittable platform will be available as of 12.00 PM CEST

Documents to be submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form available on the Submittable platform • Financial plan and revenue forecast annex to be attached to the application form
Documents to take into consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement • EIT Manufacturing Strategic Agenda • Appeal procedure • Eligibility of expenditures • Declaration of Honour • Financial Support Agreement • Commercialization Agreement
Evaluation criteria	<p><i>Evaluation criteria assessed by the independent experts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence, novelty, and innovation, • Impact and financial sustainability, and • Quality and efficiency of the implementation, including sound financial management. • Strategic fit

2. General conditions

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities defines persons with disabilities as ‘those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others’.

In March 2021, the European Commission adopted the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030 to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in Europe and around the world. The objective of this Strategy is to progress towards ensuring that all persons with disabilities in Europe, regardless of their sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age or sexual orientation have equal opportunities, equal access to participate in society and economy.

In the European Union, around 87 million people have some form of disability and many of them do not have the same chances in life as other people because of the lack of accessibility of schools, workplaces, infrastructure, products, or services. At the European level, about 50.8 % of persons with disabilities are employed compared to 75.0 % of persons without disabilities. Employment rate of persons with disabilities is lower in RIS countries compared to non RIS countries.

Trend towards Industry 4.0 offers potential for the development of new innovative solutions to increase the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the manufacturing industry. Technological aids such as sensorial, physical and cognitive, in the form of worker assistance systems derived from Industry 4.0 can make jobs in the manufacturing sector accessible for people with disabilities. According to Mark, B.G.; Hofmayer, Rauch, and Matt, the possibility of using cobots or exoskeletons shows an important opportunity to include physically impaired persons. “Most of the sensorial assistance systems are rather easy to include in production and therefore a good start for companies to adjust their facilities according to the needs of their employees with disabilities. However, it must be mentioned that, overall, very few assistance systems have been developed specifically for people with disabilities.”¹ Therefore, EIT Manufacturing believes that supporting innovative solutions developed in this direction can contribute to achieving the objective of a more inclusive manufacturing industry.

¹ Mark, B.G.; Hofmayer, S.; Rauch, E.; Matt, D.T. Inclusion of Workers with Disabilities in Production 4.0: Legal Foundations in Europe and Potentials Through Worker Assistance Systems. *Sustainability* 2019, 11, 5978. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11215978>

3. Call specific conditions

3.1 Call thematic and expected results

Purpose

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) constitutes an integral part of EIT Manufacturing's strategy and is designed as a long-term initiative to strengthen the national and regional innovation eco-systems of countries that are moderate and modest innovators by transferring good practices and know-how to boost innovation²

The RIS Inclusiveness call aims to attract, select, and support entities coming from EIT RIS countries towards developing innovative solutions to make the work in the manufacturing industry more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. The activity will provide financial support to the selected applicants. In addition, the selected applicants will receive support services provided by the EIT Manufacturing RIS team.

Topic Description

1. The applications shall present a solution fitting at least one of the EIT Manufacturing Flagships areas:
 - **Flexible Production Systems for Competitive Manufacturing**
Emerging technologies enable almost limitless flexibility in product design and production, allowing full customization.
 - **Low Environmental Footprint Systems & Circular Economy for Green Manufacturing**
Using new technology to minimize the use of resources, energy, and material in production systems enables new circular business models.
 - **Digital & Collaborative Solutions for Innovative Manufacturing Ecosystems**
Collaboration and business on digital platforms and value networks enable companies to create new and highly efficient value chains.
 - **Human-machine co-working for socially sustainable manufacturing**
Smart use of automation and robots enables great workplaces, flexible production, and sustainable human work.

² <https://www.eitmanufacturing.eu/what-we-do/regional-innovation-scheme-ris/about-us/>

2. Develop or further develop innovative solutions that will make the manufacturing industry more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. The consortium must propose an innovation with a TRL of at least 6 or 7 at the start of the project and solutions are expected to achieve TRL 8 or higher by the end of the activity. The “demonstration in relevant environment” must be proved and the solution will need to be introduced on the market by the end of 2024 with a sales revenue of at least 10 000 EUR documented.
3. Identify areas where the innovative solutions need to be tested in a physical or virtual environment in order to be trialled in real- or near-real world conditions to assess their market viability.
4. Set up the experimentation space proposed in the point above and train five (5) or more individuals in a manufacturing real-life environment to use and implement the new innovative solution develop through the project.
5. Clarify the usage of existing and the assignment of newly created intellectual property rights.

Applicants profile

Applicant shall

- be legal entities registered in one of the following RIS eligible countries:
 - EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary³, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.
 - Horizon Europe Associated Countries: Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine.
 - Outermost Regions: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte, and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)

³ Based on the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506) on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary, effective as of 16th December 2022, *no legal commitments shall be entered into with any public interest trust established on the basis of the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust*. Please check also the related list of Frequently Asked Questions. It is progressively updated as soon as further guidance is available. You can find an indicative – non-exhaustive – list of affected entities (i.e. public interest trusts and entities maintained by them) under this link.

- be able to commercialize the services and products. Hence, only those universities, research and technology organizations (RTO), and university-owned foundations that can generate revenue from the commercialization of products and services are eligible to participate in the RIS Inclusiveness call and receive funding if selected.

Expected outcomes & impacts

The solutions will contribute to:

- Create safer, more accessible, and inclusive work environment that increase employees' well-being.
- Increase well-being at the manufacturing workplace while supporting the retention of workers with disabilities in their jobs.
- Improve interaction capability of people with disabilities and facilitate social innovation.

3.2 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) contribution

The applicants that are selected for the RIS Inclusiveness have to contribute to the following mandatory KPI.

KPI	Short title	Minimum target
EITHE02.4	Number of innovations introduced on the market during the KAVA duration or within 6 months after completion with a sales revenue of at least 10 000 EUR documented	1
EITHE08.2 -EITRIS	EIT RIS Participants in (non-degree) education and training: Number of successful participants in EIT professional development courses, online training courses and other education/training activity delivered or in the process of delivery with citizenship in EIT RIS countries	5

3.3 Budget and funding

The total maximum EIT funding allocated to this call is up to 200.000 EUR. The maximum EIT funding per applicant is 40.000 EUR.

The funding takes the form of a lump sum contribution. Applications submitted to this call are expected to have a minimum 30% co-funding rate. The minimum co-funding⁴ rate refers to the total project budget.

All applicants must provide in the Financial Plan and revenue forecast annex a detailed cost estimation, which must approximate the actual costs. The estimation provided must be:

- subject to the same eligibility rules as in actual costs grants, i.e. cost estimations can be included only if the same cost item/type of cost would be eligible in an actual cost grant
- detailed in terms of tasks: applicants must identify the budget assigned to each task and the expected ending date of the task.
- must be in line with normal practices.
- must be reasonable/not excessive
- must be in line with and necessary for the activities proposed.

For information on the eligibility of costs of your project's budget, please refer to the document Eligibility of Expenditure published on the Call webpage.

The lump sum grant will be transferred to the selected applicants in three (3) instalments:

- 40% of the funding to be received will be paid at the beginning of the project upon acceptance by the EIT Manufacturing of the Kick off package presented in paragraph 3.3.
- 40% of the funding to be received will be paid upon acceptance by the EIT Manufacturing of the Interim performance report presented in paragraph 3.3
- 20% of the funding to be received will be paid after the official closing of the project. The 20% funding remaining to be received will be paid upon acceptance by EIT Manufacturing of the Final performance report presented in paragraph 3.3.

⁴ By co-funding we mean financial contribution other than EIT Manufacturing funding allocation or applicants own resources

The non-completion of the mandatory deliverables might affect the payments and might imply the application of the performance rate methodology to the balance payment and eventual payments recovery.

In case of applicants subjected to EU administrative sanctions⁵ or in one of the exclusion situations listed in the “Declaration of Honour” (LINK) that ban them from receiving European funding, **EIT Manufacturing reserves the right to withdraw the funding at any step.**

3.4 Mandatory deliverables

Deliverables	Value assigned to deliverables regarding the total funding to be received
DEL 1: Kick off package. This package includes copy of the signed Financial Support Agreement and Declaration of Honour.	40% of the funding
DEL 2 Interim performance report. This report includes copy of the commercialization strategy	40% of the funding
DEL 3: Final performance report. The report will contain: proof of addressing the branding requirements and success stories.	20% of the funding

The templates for the deliverables are provided by EIT Manufacturing.

3.5 Reporting

Reporting periods and technical reporting follow to the rules and procedures established in the EIT Manufacturing Monitoring guide with the focus on successful completion and approval of the mandatory deliverables.

If a mandatory deliverable is declared incomplete or needs to be improved, it will be rejected by the EIT Manufacturing, and the lump sum amount concerned will be not paid at that point in time. The entity will have to complete/improve the mandatory deliverable later and resubmit it for its approval and subsequent payment.

If the rejection of the mandatory deliverable is confirmed, the total project budget (or the percentage) linked to it is not paid/recovered.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02018R1046-20221214>

Furthermore, EIT Manufacturing will monitor all activities up to 5 years after activity completion to track long-term impact and the status of commercialisation and to ensure the achievement of KPIs after the activity end.

3.6 Financial sustainability

To enable EIT Manufacturing to gradually become financially independent from EIT funding, a Financial Sustainability (FS) Strategy has been defined. This FS strategy is based on a mix of both active earned income and passive investment revenue.

Applicants should also indicate how a small contribution towards achieving EIT Manufacturing's financial sustainability could be made.

For this call, the suitable Financial Sustainability Mechanism that the applicants can select is the **Product and Service revenue shares**.

The selected project shall lead to the commercialization of the proposed product/process (such as hardware and software products) and/or service (such as consulting and maintenance). EIT Manufacturing shall be remunerated by a portion of the revenues generated. The expected revenue share for EIT Manufacturing is 1%-5%. Applicants must calculate their projects' financial contribution to EIT Manufacturing's financial sustainability based on their five-year revenue forecast. The duration of payment is aligned with the duration of revenues, starting from the first year of sales and lasting for a maximum of five (5) years with a maximum contribution of EUR 40 000 to EIT Manufacturing's financial sustainability.

The initial proposed financial sustainability contribution will be revised prior to the project start and during the project implementation. It is mandatory for all applicants to sign a Commercial Agreement with EIT Manufacturing before the interim performance report of the project. The Commercial Agreement will be monitored for a minimum of five years after the end of the project.

4. Application preparation and submission

An **online info day** will be organised on the 4th of July at 12.00 CEST by the organizers to present the objective of the activity and answer any questions from prospective applicants.

All applications and supporting documents and material must be submitted in English using the application forms linked on the competition website (LINK)– no paper submissions will be considered.

The following documentation must be submitted by the applicants through the submission tool **no later than the call deadline**.

- RIS Inclusiveness Application form
- Financial plan and revenue forecast annex

NB: Only applications submitted through the online link (as noted above) before the deadline will be accepted and considered. The organisers reserve the right to extend the submission deadline; any extension of the deadline will be communicated to the public on the competition website.

Any documentation missing or considered incomplete, may be a reason for application rejection.

Call Contact email

All applicants may contact EIT Manufacturing to ask questions and clarify any points on general or technical procedures and call content by sending an email message to ris@eitmanufacturing.eu

5. Application evaluation and selection process

5.1 Eligibility and admissibility check

A submission will be considered admissible if:

Completeness	The submitted application is completed, submitted in time via the submission tool, in English with all its mandatory sections and compulsory documents included.
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Admissible submissions will be considered eligible if:

Applicant profile	The applicant's profile is in line with the requirements presented under point 3.1 "Applicants profile"
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Applications containing one or more ineligible elements will receive an official communication from EIT Manufacturing setting out the outcome of the eligibility check and explaining why the application failed to meet the criteria.

The applicant deemed ineligible who disputes the ineligibility decision may appeal. This appeal must be made within 5 working days from the official EIT Manufacturing notification of ineligibility (see paragraph 5.6 and the document Appeal procedure linked to the call).

5.2 Evaluation of applications

Applications will be reviewed online by a panel composed by 3 external expert evaluators with same weighting of scores.

Each evaluator will have to score each application based on four standardised criteria: Excellence, Impact, Implementation, and Strategic fit.

External evaluators will assess each evaluation sub-criteria will be assessed according to the following scores on a scale **from 1 to 5**

Score	Description
1	<i>Extremely poor or None</i> The information provided is considered irrelevant or inadequate compared to the specific call provisions

2	<i>Bad</i>	The information provided lacks relevant quality and contains significant weaknesses, compared to the specific call provisions
3	<i>Average</i>	The overall information provided is adequate, however, some aspects are unclearly or insufficiently detailed, compared to the specific call provisions
4	<i>Good</i>	The information provided is adequate with sufficiently outlined details, compared to the specific call provisions
5	<i>Excellent</i>	The information provided is outstanding in its details, clarity, and coherence, compared to the specific call provisions

The scores shall be given at criteria level are then summed together to come with a final score per criteria.

Thresholds apply to individual criteria and to the total score. The maximum score for an application is 20. The default threshold for individual criteria is 3 and the default overall threshold is 12.

Evaluation criteria	Excellence	Impact	Implementation	Strategic fit	TOTAL
	The application has overall measurable and achievable objective and the key marketable innovation(s) are clearly explained and pertinent with the topic.	The application convincingly describes how the key marketable innovation(s) contribute towards impact (including estimation of scale and significance).	The applicant represents the right competencies, skills, and expertise in accordance with the application scope	The applicant addresses the concept of Knowledge Triangle Integration and provides a reasonable revenue share % for contributing to the EITM financial sustainability and the overall FS projection is substantial, considering the risk of implementation and commercialization.	20
Score	1 to 5	1 to 5	1 to 5	1 to 5	
Thresholds	3/5	3/5	3/5	3/5	12/20

The evaluators will assess each application by use of the evaluation tool included in the Submission Management Platform “Submittable” (each application is evaluated 3 times) The tool will automatically create an average score per application based on the individual scorings of the evaluators.

An internal rapporteur will prepare a Summary Evaluation Report for each application, based on the evaluations of the (3) evaluators provided in the Individual Evaluation Reports. Only in case of notable divergencies between their evaluations, the evaluators will meet in a consensus meeting to discuss and build an agreement. In this case, an external rapporteur will address any notable divergences between their evaluations and will develop the final Evaluation Summary Reports of the evaluation of applications.

The top 5 ranked applications (the finalists) will be shortlisted for funding.

5.3 Communication of results

EIT Manufacturing will communicate the results to the email of the applicant representative registered at the submission platform (Note: Please, check your spam folder). Results will be communicated with a rejection letter or email to non-qualified applicants. Results will include the evaluations (Evaluation Summary Reports).

The applicants might receive 3 types of evaluation feedback:

1. The application is accepted for funding. The application has got a high evaluation score and is selected for funding based on available budget assumptions.
2. The application is rejected. The application has failed to reach the threshold of an individual evaluation criterion or the overall threshold and is therefore not considered for funding.
3. The application is retained in the reserve list: the proposal has passed all thresholds but due to budget constraints it cannot be funded. In case of finally unused budget, the application might become eligible for funding, e.g in case a proposal accepted is unable to complete the project. The duration of the reserve list is up to end of June 2024⁶.

⁶ The validity of reserve lists may be prolonged according to the needs of EIT Manufacturing. Being on a reserve list, however, does not guarantee access to funding. A decision on the extension of the validity of a reserve list will usually be taken a few weeks before the list expires and will be communicated via email. If no such decision is taken, the list expires as foreseen.

5.4 Procedure for complaints and appeal

The applicant (the representative of the legal entity) of a rejected application who disagree with the decision may request an evaluation review. **Only procedural aspects of an evaluation may be the subject of a request for an evaluation review**, for example process errors or technical problems. The evaluation of the merits of an application shall not be the subject of an evaluation review. In this case, the applicant will have 5 working days after receipt of the final evaluation results to submit an appeal to the Evaluation (see document Appeal procedure)

5.5 Selected applicants and follow up

Selected applicants will have to diligently collaborate to complete the following document before the kick off of the project:

- Financial Support Agreement
- Declaration of Honour

6. Other terms and Conditions

6.1 Communication, Dissemination, Visibility of funding

Applicants that are awarded funding (financial support to third parties) must promote the funding and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) strategically and effectively. Communication activities related to the funding (including media interviews, press statements, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), must acknowledge EU support and display the EIT Manufacturing logo (emblem) and text. The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands, or text. Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EIT Manufacturing support. When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of these obligations, the applicants that have been awarded funding may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from EIT Manufacturing. This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means. Any communication or dissemination activity related to the funding must use factually accurate information.

The EIT Manufacturing may use, for their communication and publicising activities, information relating to the funding, as well as photos or audio-visual material that they receive from the applicants (including in electronic form), and photos and videos taken either in preparation for the dedicated EIT Manufacturing event or during the dedicated EIT Manufacturing event. The EIT Manufacturing will publish the name of both the shortlisted/s and the selected applicants, their origin, the amount of the funding, and their nature and purpose.

6.2 Intellectual Property Rights

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application, applicants affirm that they hold ownership or have legally secured the right to use all elements of the innovative product or service.

Applicants agree to indemnify and hold harmless EIT Manufacturing and/or any assignee or affiliate from any third-party allegations or claims of intellectual property rights infringement by the product or service of applicants. Applicants shall have the right to further develop, use and license their intellectual property rights for creating, making,

marketing, and distributing products, services, and technology. Applicants agree to respect the IPR Rules (Article 16) of the Model Grant Agreement. Applicants also agree to respect the EIT Manufacturing IP Policy

6.3 Right to activate audits

EIT Manufacturing retains the right to activate an audit on RIS Inclusiveness applicants that have been awarded funding, in case of alerts and/or to confirm governance and proper usage of the financial support.

EIT Manufacturing keeps the right to request any data related to the RIS Inclusiveness applicants that have been awarded funding for 5 years after completion to ensure transparency and allow monitoring from EIT.

6.4 Withdrawal of the funding — Recovery of undue amounts

EIT Manufacturing may withdraw the funding after its allocation and recover all payments made, if it finds out that:

- false information, fraud or corruption was used to obtain it
- the awarded applicants were not eligible or should have been excluded or – the awarded applicants are in serious breach of their obligations under the Guidelines reported in this document.

6.5 Data protection

EIT Manufacturing ensures that any processing of personal data shall be performed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation). As a data subject, you have the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object, and the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing. If you have a question about personal data processing or want to exercise your data subject rights, you can contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@eitmanufacturing.eu. In the case of complaints, you can address them to the French regulator CNIL.

The collected personal data will be used solely for the procedure and assessment of the applications and the management, completion, organisation, dissemination of information, and publicity of the Call. The data controller is EIT Manufacturing and/or its subsidiaries.

Personal data shall be deleted 5 years after the announcement of the call awarded to applicants. Applicants have the possibility to indicate that EIT Manufacturing may grant access to parts of their submission to trusted investors and partners.

The application submission and evaluation process will be done via Submittable (<http://www.submittable.com>), an online submission management tool by Submittable Holdings, Inc.

YOUR CONSENT TO THE USE OF SUBMITTABLE AS SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION TOOL: By submitting your application within this challenge you implicitly state your consent to the Terms and Conditions as well as the Privacy policy of Submittable, available under <http://www.submittable.com/terms> and <http://www.submittable.com/privacy>.

YOUR CONSENT TO THE USE OF PERSONAL DATA: By submitting your application within this call you consent that EIT Manufacturing will collect, transfer, process, store, and delete your data in accordance with the aforementioned conditions.

6.6 Acceptance of the Guidelines

By submitting the application form, the applicant agrees to these Guidelines and their Annexes, which form part of the submission. Applicants agree that they have no legal entitlement to funding.

EIT Manufacturing reserves the right to make reasonable changes/update amendments to these Guidelines.

Amendments and additions to these Guidelines shall be valid only if communicated publicly (published) in a transparent and clear manner on the call page of the EIT Manufacturing website.

EIT Manufacturing also reserves the right to cancel or declare the Call unsuccessful provided all applicants are informed and sufficient justification is given (for example no applications received, or all applications do not pass the default thresholds).

6.7 Confidentiality

EIT Manufacturing undertakes to use any Confidential Information shared by the applicants solely for RIS Inclusiveness call. Confidential information shall mean data and/or information that is proprietary to, or possessed by, the applicants and not generally known to the public, or that has not yet been revealed whether in tangible or intangible form, whenever and however disclosed and might also be included in the application form. Confidential information must be expressly labelled as such in the application form.

Applicants agree that EIT Manufacturing and its subsidiaries can disseminate, publish, and make use of non-confidential information regarding the call, to promote the activities of EIT Manufacturing or establish reports or other necessary documents for

EIT. The applicants agree that data and information in the application form not labelled as confidential may be disclosed in connection with the activities of EIT Manufacturing. Considering the confidential nature of the data and information referred to above, EIT Manufacturing also undertakes to (i) not disclose them in any way and any form, without the prior written authorization of the company concerned; and (ii) not to use them for purposes other than those strictly necessary for participation in the RIS Inclusiveness call. Confidential Information may be shared among EIT Manufacturing and its subsidiaries (e.g. CLCs) solely for the RIS Inclusiveness call activity. EIT Manufacturing undertakes to impose this confidentiality obligation on its employees and the employees of its subsidiaries and its collaborators, as well as on Rapporteurs and independent experts and all subjects who, by virtue of participating in the call for proposal as members of the Selection Committees or Jury, will take knowledge of or may have access to such confidential data and information.

6.8 Exclusion Criteria

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the call if they are in any of the situations of exclusion defined in Article 136 of the EU Financial Regulation. Applicants shall sign a Declaration of Honour to confirm that they respect the above-mentioned criteria at the application stage. All selected applicants that have been awarded funding may be requested to provide relevant recent documentation substantiating the Declaration of Honour. Failure to provide adequate documentation may result in the exclusion of the applicants concerned.

6.9 Applicable Law

The present guidelines are governed by the applicable European Union laws (i.e. the EIT Regulation, the EU Financial Regulation, and the Horizon Europe Regulation) and are complemented, where necessary, by the law of France. The applicants agree to observe the obligations outlined in the (Model) Grant Agreement signed between the EIT and EIT Manufacturing and particularly Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping). These obligations will also be mentioned in the contracts to be signed if the application is successful.