



EIT Manufacturing Evolution of RIS Innovations (EVO-R) Call Q&A

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Who can apply to the EVO-R call?

- Individuals who hold citizenship of one of the EIT RIS eligible countries intend to launch a start-up/ SME in order to commercialize services or products by the end of the programme.
- Any type of legal entity that is able to commercialize services or products. Thus, only those entities, for example, universities, research and technology organizations (RTO), and university-owned foundations that can generate revenue from the commercialization of products/services are eligible.
- Joint applications by a group of applicants are admitted. In this case, they must appoint a lead applicant to submit the application and represent the group.
- All kinds of applicants need to be selected and concluded under regional or national funding programmes previously.

Can a project partner from an EIT Non-RIS eligible country apply to the EVO-R programme?

Only applicants from EIT RIS-eligible countries are eligible to participate in the programme. In the case of legal entities, they must be registered in one of the EIT RIS-eligible countries. In the case of individual applicants, they must hold the citizenship of an EIT RIS eligible country. In the case of a group of applicants, like applying as a consortium, they must appoint a representative, they must appoint a lead applicant from an EIT RIS eligible country to submit the application and represent the group. Applicants coming from EIT non-RIS eligible countries are not eligible to receive financial support.

Does an applicant eligible to participate in the EVO-R programme without previously being funded by a regional or national funding programme?

No. The applicants must have been funded by any European, national, or regional program previously to be eligible to participate in the EVO-R programme. During the programme the selected applicants will need to provide any kind of document that certifies that the prototype on which the idea is based has been previously awarded with any kind of public funding. This can be, for example Horizon Europe Open Calls or other European, national, or regional programs.

Does an applicant eligible to participate in the EVO-R programme who already participated in other EIT Manufacturing activities?

Yes.

Can a large company participate in consortium and get funded during the EVO-R programme?

Any type of legal entity from EIT RIS-eligible countries that are able to commercialize services or products can participate in the programme, however in case of applying in a form of consortia, they must appoint a lead applicant to submit the application and represent the group.



Can a group of partners apply to the EVO-R programme if one of the partners is from an EIT-RIS eligible country and the other partner is from an EIT non-RIS eligible country?

It depends on the structure of the proposal. If an individual applicant from an EIT-RIS eligible country or a startup registered in an EIT-RIS eligible country is the main applicant, the applications could be considered eligible. However, since applicants coming from EIT non-RIS eligible countries are not eligible to participate in and receive financial support, it will not be eligible if applying as an individual from an EIT non-RIS eligible country or with a startup registered in an EIT non-RIS eligible country.

What are the Technology Readiness level requirements of the proposed innovative solution?

The objective of the programme is to help the selected innovative solutions to reach technology readiness level of at least 8 or 9 by the end of the programme. It means that ideally the applicant already has developed a prototype and by the end of the program scales-up or launches the product or service on the market.

Is it an eligibility criterion to have Technology Readiness level 6 or 7 at the beginning of the programme? Can an applicant apply with an innovative solution that has a technology level of 5?

It is not an eligibility criterion to have a Technology Readiness level of 6 or 7, however, it will be evaluated if by the end of the project, which is 10 months, whether the proposed innovative solution is able to be marketed.

Does a regulated body have to prove the Technology Readiness level of the proposed solution?

No, the applicant just needs to clearly describe what is the status of the proposed innovative solution and what steps are needed to reach the technology readiness level of 8 or 9.

Besides financial support what kind of support is offered during the programme?

Besides the up to €30,000 financial support our team will provide tailor-made support services for the selected applicants. It can be for example guidance to bring the proposed innovative solution to the market, networking opportunities with potential partners and customers, and support in expanding into the target markets but the concrete way of support will be clarified after the final applicants are selected and their specific needs can be seen.

What kind of activities can be supported?

You may find the participants of the previous edition of RIS EVO-R programme on the following link: [EVO-R project: Supporting innovations across RIS! - EIT Manufacturing](#)

What does it mean that the financial support will be given in a Lump sum format in the case of EVO-R programme?

It means that after the applicant completes a deliverable, will receive the payment. The lump sum grant will be transferred to the selected applicants in three instalments:

1. After the competition of the first deliverable, which means signing the Financial Support Agreement and Declaration of Honour document, 40% of the funding is received.



2. After the competition of the second deliverable, which means providing the Interim performance report, the second 40% of the funding is received.
3. After the competition of the third deliverable, which means providing the final performance report, the remaining 20% of the funding is received.

The grant is not given based on invoices but in the reports the applicant must clearly describe how the amount received was spent in comparison to the financial plan that was submitted during the application. The funding is provided by EIT; thus, the project can be audited for 5 years after the end of the EVO-R programme and during the audit invoices might be required.

How will the revenue share for EITM be calculated?

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 applicant can decide based on the revenue forecast how much they want to provide between 1% and 5%. Only the revenues that are related to the proposed innovation need to be forecasted during the application. For example, if the applicant expects 1 million Euros revenue it is reasonable to propose 1% revenue share for EITM but if the expected revenue is 10 thousand Euros revenue, it is reasonable to offer higher revenue share.

Can I expand only to European markets?

The applicant can target markets other than European, however, it is suggested to consider that this EITM RIS pillar's main objective is to enhance the innovation capacity of the EIR RIS-eligible countries. The impact of the solution will be evaluated and creating impact in RIS eligible countries will be positively considered.

Do the applicant needs to document the “KPI 2.1” that is stated in the call guidelines document in section 3.2. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Contribution?

The KPI 2.1. - Number of all innovations introduced on the market during the KAVA duration or within 3 years after completion. Innovations include new or significantly improved products (goods or services) sold is applies for the whole program.

It states the number of all the innovations of EVO-R programme introduced on the market during the Cava duration which 10 months plus 3 years.

It is not required for the applicants to document the KPI 2.1. in the form of report writing.

The selected applicants will be asked to provide invoices to prove the selling of the services or products or marketed innovation.

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 20th September 2023.

**When and how will the applicants be informed about the results?**

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

Is the EVO-R programme info session's recording available?

Yes. The info session's recording can be found on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7PvUMXANEU>