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## REDEEM YOUR INNOVATION VOUCHER AT EIT MANUFACTURING

The Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic announced within the framework of the Recovery and Resilience Plan to support the cooperation between business and scientific research with Innovation Vouchers!

**EIT Manufacturing is the largest innovation network for manufacturing in Europe,** supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). It brings together more than 200 industry leaders from business, academia and research and inspires the creation of globally competitive, sustainable and digital manufacturing. In addition to its interdisciplinary partner network, this European community has well-established offices all over Europe and facilitates the connection to international corporations, renowned research institutes and highly recognised academic institutions.



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### **OUR PROMISE**

A re you looking for specialised support to localise funding options and investment opportunities, strategic partnerships or potential customers?

Do you need help to improve or validate your business plan, or seek advice on market and product strategies?

s there a need for specific training or education on manufacturing-related topics within your company?

Our business development and innovation experts have many years of experience in manufacturing innovation and are educated to prepare a tailor-made solution for your company in accordance with the conditions of the Innovation Voucher scheme. EIT Manufacturing performs a variety of services within the area of manufacturing to boost product, service or process innovations in your company. We connect Slovak startups and SMEs to the European industrial ecosystem to foster joint commercial activities!

#### We bring your technology to Europe!

We offer coaching, mentoring and consulting services to define your needs and prepare you for your market entry in Europe. Based on business and market intelligence, we review your business plan, go-to-market strategy, and commercialisation strategy.

#### We bring European technology to you!

We have expertise in scouting, selecting and implementing innovative technologies, e.g. through proofs of concept with solution providers, and a large portfolio of high-tech startups and scaleups with innovative solutions. +



# THE SERVICE OFFERING



### ccess to funding options and investment opportunities.

Guidance on venture capital funding, facilitation of connections with investors and participation at selected events.

### dentification of partnerships, collaborations, or customers.

Evaluation of the strategic fit, technology alignment, and cultural compatibility including introductions and negotiations support.

#### echnology transfer.

Identification of valuable technologies for licensing or transfer of knowledge including negotiations support.

#### ompany assessment and market research.

Le Identification of growth opportunities, evaluation of competitive positioning and formulation of strategic plans to achieve the business objectives.

#### arket entry strategies.

Assessment of regulatory requirements of target market, development of market penetration strategies and evaluation of potential risks.

#### usiness plan and business model review.

Expert coaching on pitch decks, innovative product development, financial planning and investment readiness.

### xpert Training on innovative industry methods and new technologies.

Conline, in-person or hybrid training solutions to ensure flexibility and accessibility across industries and borders on topics such as Blockchain, Machine Learning, EU Funding and much more.





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2025 or until the funds (9 Mio. EUR) are exhausted. To increase their competitiveness on the market, businesses can execute projects with a total volume between 5,000 EUR and 15,000 EUR, with a maximum funding of 85% of the total eligible expenditures.

The scope and content of the services included in the project are defined individually between the beneficiary of the Innovation Voucher and **EIT Manufacturing**. The support provided is aimed at solving a specific task/ problem/requirement of the applicant related to its innovation activities.

The setup and details of the project are determined in an initial free-ofcharge 3-hours workshop to assess the needs, expectations and goals of the applicant, before the start of the application process. The total possible project budget ranges between 5,000 EUR and 15,000 EUR. **EIT Manufacturing** supports you in every step of the application process.

**EIT Manufacturing** delivers the agreed upon services during the project lifetime, including a kick-off workshop, regular monthly mentoring and coaching meetings and a final workshop at the end of the project. Depending on the scope and budget of the project, the frequency and length of the coaching sessions can vary.

For more information and to schedule an initial consultation, please reach out to: Lubica.sebenova@eitmanufacturing.eu

Learn more about the Innovation Vouchers

## SLOVAK INNOVATION VOUCHER – CALL DETAILS

Application Process for the Provision of Innovation Vouchers:

 The applicant registers to the Information System of the Recovery Plan (ISPO) of the Slovak Government Office.

The applicant fills in the application form.

After approval, the applicant signs the contract with the Slovak Government Office.

