



Call 2bis

Re-opening of the Call for the selection of EEN Local Nodes (WP2)

Programme : Horizon Europe Framework Programme

Call : Cooperation with EEN

(SoE, Applicants in widening countries and from women-led companies)

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Type of Action : CSA

Project : Support to EIC Accelerator by the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN2EIC)

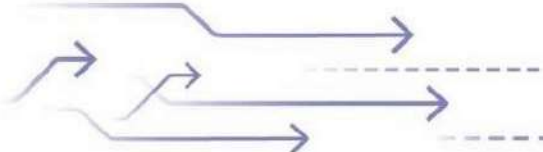
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1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

The EEN2EIC project aims to establish a stronger cooperation mechanism between the European Enterprise Network (EEN) and the European Innovation Council (EIC), supporting innovation and business scaling-up through financial support. In doing so, EEN network offices will be empowered to support potential EIC applicants and thereby increase the number of high-quality proposals to the EIC.

A special focus will be put on the promotion of female innovators and on Widening and Associated Countries that have submitted only few applications. Furthermore, the support of Seal of Excellence holders in accessing alternative sources of funding and ensuring a strong and profitable exchange of best practices within the EEN will be strengthened. EEN2EIC will make EU innovation support more efficient by improving the capacity of SMEs and avoiding overlapping with NCP activities.

EEN2EIC project is funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe programme under grant agreement No. 101075818.

2. ABOUT THIS CALL

The EEN2EIC consortium announces the re-opening of Call 2 (Call 2bis) for the selection of Local Nodes (WP2).

This re-opening follows the extension of the EEN2EIC project until 31 July 2026, approved through Amendment No. 101075818-5 to the Grant Agreement. The amendment reflects the strategic need to continue supporting SMEs, in particular Seal of Excellence companies and Women-led SMEs, in preparing EIC Accelerator proposals and accessing alternative funding opportunities.

All rules, roles, activities, evaluation criteria, and the voucher-based financial scheme remain unchanged from the original Call 2 – Open Call for Local Nodes (published January 2023), except as explicitly specified in this Call 2bis.

3. WHO CAN APPLY

Members of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) with proven experience in supporting SMEs in proposal preparation, fundraising, and access to EIC Accelerator opportunities.

Important clarification:

- Only EEN organisations **that did not previously apply via the IT platform under Call 2** are required (and eligible) to submit the application form for Call 2bis.
- Organisations that already applied and were accepted as Local Nodes under the original Call 2 **must not re-apply**.

Eligibility reminder:

- Applicants must not have previously received, nor may receive as a result of this call, more than €60,000 in total FSTP support under the EEN2EIC project.
- All general eligibility conditions as defined in Call 2 apply.

Additional clarification:

All the official EEN nodes that submit an application under Call 2bis and confirm that all the conditions of the Declaration of Honour are met will be eligible to act as Local Nodes within the EEN2EIC project. Upon registration, they will be authorised to support SMEs under the framework of this call.

4 ROLES, ACTIVITIES & VOUCHER SCHEME

Selected Local Nodes will:

- Provide support to SMEs in preparing short proposals (Group A vouchers).
- Provide support to SMEs in preparing full proposals (Group B vouchers), either funded or awarded a Seal of Excellence-

Provide tailored assistance to Women-led SMEs and SMEs from Widening and Associated Countries

- **Voucher scheme (unchanged from Call 2):**

- Group A voucher: €1,300 (support to short proposals).
- Group B voucher: €2,400 (support to full proposals).
- Group A + B combined: €3,700.

5 APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applications must be submitted **via the online form**:
- [Application Form_Local Nodes](#)
2. Applications must be submitted **no later than 17 November 2025 at 17:00 CET (Brussels time)**.
3. Only applications submitted through the official form and before the deadline will be considered.

7 BUDGET AND DURATION

The total FSTP budget for the EEN2EIC project is €4,413,480.00.

Funding is allocated through the voucher-based scheme, up to the limits of the available budget.

8 EXCLUSION & CONFIDENTIALITY

All exclusion, eligibility loss, and confidentiality provisions apply as set out in **Call 2 (Sections 7 and 8)**.

9 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Call 2 – Open Call for Local Nodes (January 2023)** – full text available on the EEN2EIC website: www.een2eic.eu.
- This Call 2bis must be read together with Call 2. All provisions of Call 2 remain valid unless explicitly modified herein.

Item	Details
Call title	Call 2bis – Open Call for Local Nodes (WP2) – EEN2EIC
Project	Horizon Europe – EEN2EIC (GA No. 101075818)
Deadline	31 July 2026 – 17:00 CET (Brussels time, end of project)
Who should apply	Only EEN organisations that did not apply under Call 2 via the IT platform. ⚠ EEN organisations that already applied under Call 2 must not re-apply.
Application form	Click here to apply
Type of call	Rolling basis – applications may be submitted until budget exhaustion or the final deadline
Contact	een2eic@apre.it
Reference documents	– Call 2 – Open Call for Local Nodes (January 2023) – This Call 2bis document