



## Call 3ter

### Targeted Re-opening for the Selection of New Group Leaders and Local Node Seal of excellence (SoE) support EIC Accelerator laureates

Programme : Horizon Europe Framework Programme

Call : Cooperation with EEN

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

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

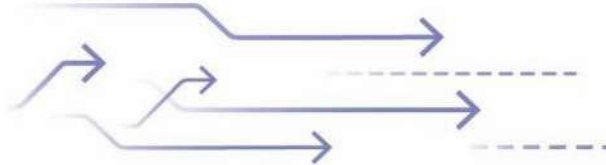
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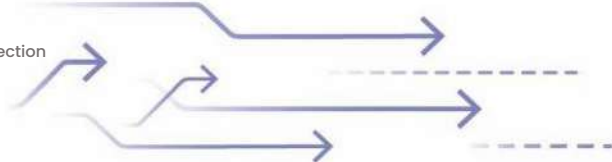
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## 1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

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.

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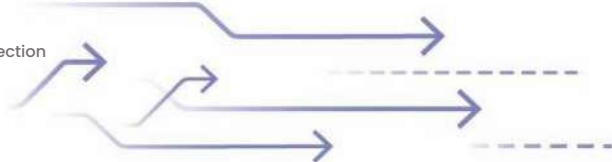
## 2. ABOUT THIS CALL

The EEN2EIC project consortium announces the Call 3ter – targeted re-opening of the Call for Applications, within the framework of Work Package 3 – Support to Seal of Excellence (SoE) holders, for the selection of:

- New Group Leaders (GLs);
- One Local Node (LN) in Slovenia.

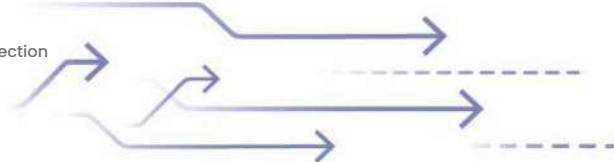
This Call 3ter takes place following the extension of the EEN2EIC project until 31 August 2026, approved through Amendment No. 101075818-5 to the Grant Agreement. The amendment reflects the strategic need to continue supporting Seal of Excellence (SoE) companies in identifying and accessing alternative sources of funding, both public and private, and to ensure full territorial coverage of EEN2EIC services.

As in the original Call 3, the selection is conducted in full respect of the Horizon Europe Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) rules, with a maximum funding threshold of €60,000 per third party over the entire duration of the project.



All rules, roles, activities, evaluation criteria, and the voucher-based financial scheme remain unchanged from Call 3 – Open Call for Group Leaders and Local Nodes (published January 2023), except as explicitly specified in this Call 3ter.

Position	Group / Country Coverage	Who Can Apply	Max. FSTP Funding
Group Leader F	Netherlands, Denmark	EEN members already part of an established consortium in the respective countries	€60,000
Group Leader H	Belgium, Luxembourg	EEN members already part of an established consortium in the respective countries	€60,000
Group Leader J	Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia	EEN members already part of an established consortium in the respective countries	€60,000
Local Node Slovenia	Slovenia (dedicated support to SoE holders for alternative funding opportunities)	EEN members or consortia operating in Slovenia	€60,000



### 3. WHO CAN APPLY

For Group Leaders: Members of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) that are part of an established consortium in the countries listed above.

For the Local Node (Slovenia): EEN members or consortia operating in Slovenia able to provide dedicated support to SoE holders in identifying and accessing alternative sources of funding (public and private).

#### Eligibility reminder:

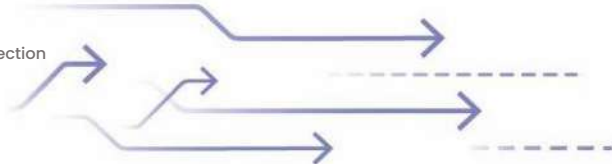
Applicants must not have previously received, nor may receive as a result of this call, more than €60,000 in total FSTP support under the EEN2EIC project.

All general eligibility conditions as defined in Call 3 apply.

## 4 ROLES, ACTIVITIES & VOUCHER SCHEME

The roles, activities and financial support for Group Leaders and Local Nodes remain as defined in **Call 3**:

- **Group Leaders (GL):**
  - Coordinate and support Local Nodes within their designated group of countries.
  - **Organize and deliver e-pitching events** in cooperation with Bpifrance and Local Nodes.
  - Provide coaching, investor engagement, and follow-up support for SoE holders.
  - Update lists of national and EU funding opportunities.
  - Receive vouchers of **€9,406 each**, upon completion of tasks as defined in Call 3.
- **Local Nodes (LN):**
  - Directly support SoE companies in their region/country.
  - Onboard SoEs and investors into the EEN2EIC community.
  - Recommend national public funding schemes and support applications.
  - Contribute to e-pitching events in cooperation with the GL.
  - Receive vouchers of **€1,100 each**, upon completion of tasks as defined in Call 3.



## 5 EVALUATION CRITERIA

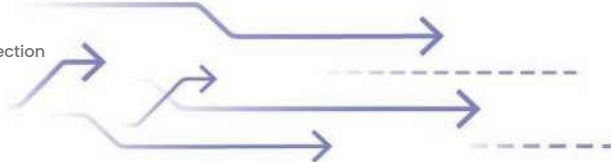
Applications will be evaluated according to the same criteria as in **Call 3**.

### Group Leaders – Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Explanation	Threshold	Max Score
Relevance	EEN membership, track record in supporting SMEs, knowledge of Horizon Europe ecosystem, involvement in relevant SG/TGs	3	5
Implementation	Capacity/resources, experience in coaching/pitching, knowledge of VC & funding landscape, organisation of pitching events	3	5
Impact	Networks, partnerships, ability to strengthen innovation ecosystems	3	5
Threshold: 9 points Maximum: 15 points		9	15

### Local Nodes – Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Explanation	Threshold	Max Score
Relevance	EEN membership, track record in supporting R&D SMEs, knowledge of Horizon Europe ecosystem	3	5
Implementation	Capacity/resources, experience in coaching/pitching, knowledge of funding & VC landscape	3	5
Impact	Networks, partnerships, added value to regional ecosystem	3	5
Threshold: 9 points Maximum: 15 points		9	15



## 6 APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applications must be submitted **via the online form**:
  - Application form Group Leaders: [Application Form GL](#)
  - Application form Local Nodes : [Application Form LN](#)
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.
4. Eligible applications will be evaluated by the EEN2EIC Evaluation Committee as defined in Call 3.
5. Selected applicants will be contacted directly by e-mail to sign the sub-grant agreement.

## 7 BUDGET AND DURATION

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

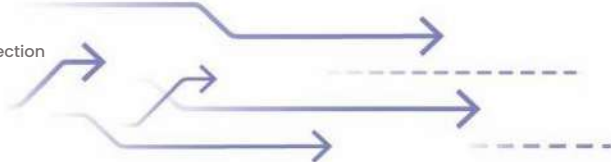
Funding is allocated through the voucher-based scheme, up to the limits of the available budget.

The duration of the sub-grant agreements will run until 31 July 2026 .

## 8 EXCLUSION & CONFIDENTIALITY

All exclusion, eligibility loss, and confidentiality provisions apply as set out in **Call 3 (Sections 7 and 8)**.





## 9 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- **Call 3 – Open Call for Group Leaders and Local Nodes (January 2023)** – full text available on the EEN2EIC website: [www.een2eic.eu](http://www.een2eic.eu).
- This Call 3ter must be read together with Call 3. All provisions of Call 3 remain valid unless explicitly modified herein.

### KEY DATES & LINKS (Summary Box)

Item	Details
Call title	Call 3ter – Targeted Re-opening for the Selection of New Group Leaders and Local Node (WP3 – Support to Seal of Excellence holders)
Project	Horizon Europe – EEN2EIC (GA No. 101075818)
Deadline	17 November 2025 – 17:00 CET (Brussels time)
Who should apply	<p>– <b>Group Leaders:</b> EEN members already part of an established consortium in the designated countries (NL, DK; BE, LU; AT, BA, HR, CZ, HU, ME, RS, SK, SI). –</p> <p>– <b>Local Node Slovenia:</b> EEN members or consortia operating in Slovenia. ⚠</p> <p>Applicants must not have received more than €60,000 FSTP funding under EEN2EIC.</p>
Application form	– <a href="#">Application Form GL</a> – <a href="#">Application Form LN</a>
Contact	<a href="mailto:een2eic@apre.it">een2eic@apre.it</a>
Reference documents	– <a href="#">Call 3 – Open Call for Group Leaders and Local Nodes (January 2023)</a> – This Call 3ter document