

EIC TRANSITION



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EIC Transition funds innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory (TRL3/4). It supports both the maturation and validation of your novel technology from the lab to the relevant application environments (TRL6), e.g., by making use of prototyping, formulation, models, user testing or other validation tests. In parallel, it supports the explorations and development of a sustainable business plan and business model towards commercialisation of your break-through technology into high potential markets.

Who Can Apply

SMEs, start-ups, universities, research organisations, industrial partners (only as consortium partner), and natural persons.

You can apply as:

- Single beneficiary from a member state/associated country
- Small consortium of two independent legal entities from two different member states or associated countries
- Large consortium of three to five independent legal entities from at least one member state and at least two other member states or associated countries



Eligibility Criteria

The scope of the EIC Transition project must build on the results obtained during a low-TRL European project including only:

1. Horizon Europe EIC Pathfinder/ Horizon 2020 FET-Open
2. ERC Proof of Concept
3. Horizon Europe/Horizon 2020 Research Innovation Action
4. European Defence Fund (only for civil application or dual-use)

The eligibility granting project had to start min. 18 months (for ERC PoC 6 months) or end max. 24 months before the EIC Transition deadline. The EIC Transition appli-

cant must have direct ownership of the previous results/IP or a commitment letter from the relevant results/IP owner.

Funding Rate

€0.5 - €2.5 million at a 100% funding rate including 25% overhead costs.

Duration

Between 1–3 years as appropriate for the planned work.

Deadlines

Written application: September 16th, 2026
Interview dates: Early December, 2026

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1: Written Application

22 pages written application including sections on i) Excellence: detailed innovation/technology description; ii) Impact: business plan, go-to-market strategy, long-term impact; and iii) Quality and efficiency of implementation: detailed work plan, budget, and competencies of the project team.

Results: 9 weeks after deadline

Step 2: Pitch Interview

10 min pitch by max 5 team members in front of 4-6 experts.

30 min Q&A - The pitch is a thorough challenge regarding technological novelty of the proposed solution as well as realistic go-to-market strategy beyond the EIC Transition project towards commercialisation.

Results: 16 weeks after deadline

Technology Level Requirements

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TRL3 - experimental proof of concept

TRL4 - technology validated in lab

TRL5 - technology validated in relevant environment

TRL6 - technology demonstrated in relevant environment

**Innovations that harm the environment, social welfare or that are primarily designed for military applications will not be supported*



Selected References



VALO
THERAPEUTICS

The overall objective is to advance the PeptiCHIP device and algorithm to identify the most suitable antigens for cancer immunotherapy both for therapy development and patient assessment. In the future, the use cases can be expanded to identifying antigens related to any disease.

Grant: €2,226,280



The project aimed to develop an advanced hyperspectral imaging camera capable of capturing the full light spectrum for each pixel in a 2D field of view. Unlike standard cameras, it provides detailed spectral data across visible and near-infrared wavelengths (400–1700 nm), enabling advanced material analysis and identification.

Grant: € 1,500,000