

useful or market-oriented purposes. The aim of the action is to explore how to fully utilise and build on the experience and knowledge of existing or previous relevant initiatives³⁴ at pan-European and, where appropriate national or sub-national level, that have exploited the ecosystem-building potential of interactions with industry during the construction, operation and upgrading of research infrastructures. The proposal should pilot the possibility to seed the development of innovation ecosystems around diverse technological areas related to pan-European research and technology infrastructures by providing grants to pilot projects in three to five different technological areas.

The proposals should:

- identify deep tech opportunities related to pan-European research infrastructures with breakthrough potential;
- assess the feasibility and scalability of the identified opportunities;
- suggest a selection and clustering of those opportunities and nascent ecosystems that demonstrate sufficient maturity to provide a clear potential for industrial implementation;
- identify those opportunities with strongest potential towards industrial application with societal or market value;
- run and evaluate calls to provide grant funding to pilot projects in the identified technological areas;
- assess the outcome of the pilot grants.

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Specific conditions	
<i>Expected EU contribution per project</i>	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 0.075 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
<i>Indicative budget</i>	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 3.75 million.
<i>Type of Action</i>	Coordination and Support Actions
<i>Admissibility conditions</i>	The conditions are described in General Annex A. The following exceptions apply: Applicants are not required to include in their proposal a plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results.

³⁴ For example Horizon 2020 Grant agreement ID: 777222

	The page limit of the application is 10 pages. Applicants must submit a short online application that includes a description of the business plan, along with a clearly defined growth strategy respectful of inclusion and gender-balance, and a description of the activities planned for the following five years. The proposal must also include a brief video pitch.
<i>Eligibility conditions</i>	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply: Participation is limited to early-stage deep tech start-ups founded, or co-founded by women, holding a top management position (CEO, CTO or equivalent) in the company at the time of submission. The applying legal entity must be registered and established in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country for at least six months at the time of the submission. All deep tech domains are eligible.
<i>Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements</i>	The rules are described in General Annex G. The following exceptions apply: Funding for grants awarded under this topic will take the form of a fixed lump sum of EUR 75 000.

Expected Outcome:

Project results are expected to contribute to the following expected outcomes:

- Support deep tech innovation as a basis for a modern, knowledge-driven, resource-efficient and competitive economy;
- Promote female leadership in the deep tech industry to build fairer, more inclusive, and more prosperous innovation ecosystems in Europe.

Scope:

Women TechEU supports³⁵ early-stage deep tech European start-ups. The initiative complements the activities funded under the European Innovation Council (EIC), paving the way for the participation of their start-ups in future EIC calls.

Women TechEU targets highly innovative start-ups founded, or co-founded by women, holding a top management position (CEO, CTO or equivalent) in the company at the time of submission. The company must be registered and established in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country for at least six months at the time of the submission.

All deep tech³⁶ domains are eligible, with the emphasis being on overall gender balance and the position held by women in the start-up.

³⁵ The topic will be supported with a budget transfer of EUR 2 million from the European Innovation Council Work Programme 2021 (EIC WP 2021).

Support provided to Women TechEU beneficiaries under this initiative is made up of the following components:

- financial support to the company as an individual grant of EUR 75 000 supporting activities such as upgrading the business model, updating the business plan and growth strategy, finding partners and investors, market validation, etc.;
- mentoring and coaching provided by the EIC Business Acceleration Services (BAS), under the new ‘Women Leadership Programme’, which includes dedicated networking and pitching events;
- the possibility to participate in dedicated activities organised by InvestEU and the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN).

At the end of the funded project, and after completing the Women Leadership Programme, beneficiaries will submit an evaluation report. Women TechEU beneficiaries will become part of a community of peers, and given opportunities to expand their network and showcase their business at pitching and networking events, to give visibility to their work and attract further funding.

Call - Elevating the scalability potential of European business (2022.1)

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Conditions for the Call

Indicative budget(s)³⁷

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) ³⁸	Number of projects expected to be funded
		2022		
Opening: 25 Jan 2022				

³⁶ Deep tech is technology that is based on cutting-edge scientific advances and discoveries and is characterised by the need to stay at the technological forefront by constant interaction with new ideas and results from the lab. Deep tech is distinct from ‘high tech’ which tends to refer only to Research & Development intensity.

³⁷ The Director-General responsible for the call may decide to open the call up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date(s) of opening.
The Director-General responsible may delay the deadline(s) by up to two months.
All deadlines are at 17.00.00 Brussels local time.
The budget amounts are subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for years 2021 and 2022.

³⁸ Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.