

EIT Community Booster

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DRIVE FOOD INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION AT SCALE

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1. Program Description

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EIT Food Accelerator Network (FAN) is for agrifood startups making a big impact on any part of the agriculture or food supply chain, thus committed to building a healthier, more trusted and sustainable food system for local and global communities.

2. Why to apply

The EIT Food FAN supports agrifood startups tackling the biggest challenges within the European food system by developing their capacity as founders and establishing continued partnerships with the EIT Food Accelerator Network community, totaling + 1 BN€, to accelerate their growth and impact.

3. Prize

The best 4 companies will receive 6 months of tailored international acceleration support by the EIT Food FAN worth €50,000 to accelerate their growth and impact:

- **DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY OF FOUNDERS**
Equipping entrepreneurs with all the tools they need to become meaningful changemakers. Build skills, benefit from mentoring and gain exposure to your market, potential customers, investors and media.
- **PAN-EUROPEAN INNOVATION NETWORK**
Connecting agrifood startups with world-class industry, academic and research institutions. Become part of a rich network of businesses and research institutions, making crucial relationships that will help you fast-track your progress
- **FAST-TRACK INNOVATION**
Supporting impactful agrifood startups to solve critical challenges within our food system. With access to facilities such as labs, pilot sites, agricultural land.

4. Topics

- **Green transition through architectural, cultural, and historic sites:**
 - Urban farming and regenerative agriculture to reduce emissions and foster the relationship between city and farmer.
- **Towards circularity and urban resilience:**
 - Circular economy through actions sticking to the principles of the food waste hierarchy and efficient reutilization of bio-products and bio waste, achieving emissions and waste reduction and fostering the second life of products. (Includes tech solutions on safe 'clean packaging', smart waste management system).
- **Ensuring affordability and accessibility to all:**
 - Solutions to ensure all people have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food and to support citizens in acquiring an active and healthy lifestyle, including a healthy diet.

A full taxonomy (see the example below) a list of topics the companies can apply for.

- **Green transition through architectural, cultural, and historic sites**
 - Urban farming, vertical farming
 - Regenerative agriculture, carbon farming
 - Short supply chains
 - Last mile delivery
 - (Renewed) relation between farmer and citizen

- **Towards circularity and urban resilience:**
 - Sustainable packaging of food
 - Food waste reduction and prevention
 - Utilisation of side streams
- **Ensuring affordability and accessibility to all**
 - Promotion and support healthy lifestyle
 - Access to affordable, easy healthy food
 - Healthy and sustainable meals at schools, hospitals etc.

5. Eligibility Criteria

To be considered eligible for the EIT FAN programme, applicants must be agri-food startups:

- That are set to make a big impact on any part of the agriculture or food supply chain thus committed to building a healthier, more trusted and sustainable food system
- At (pre)seed stage successfully completed customer validation and potentially can already demonstrate traction indicator (e.g. Lols, sales, letters of support)
- Registered company successfully completed technology readiness level 4 (“technology validated in lab”) and customer readiness level 4 (“confirmed problem/needs from several customers and/or end users”)
- Active in the EU and its member states or EU associated countries (i.e. Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Tunisia, Georgia Armenia),
- Committed to the programme (we expect active, consistent engagement in the programme - this requires regular presence from at least one team for up to 30 days for the duration of the accelerator programme)Registered company with an operative branch in an European or Europe-associated country

6. Selection Criteria

- Impact
- Fit with EIT FAN network
- CRL, TRL
- Innovative potential
- Scalability

7. Link to the EIT Food Programme

- <https://www.eitfan.eu/>



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8. Reference email address

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9. Terms & Conditions

You can find the programme's [Terms and Conditions here](#).