



**JUMPSTARTER**

# EIT Jumpstarter

## Program overview

### About the program

EIT Jumpstarter is a pre-accelerator program for innovators in the healthcare, agri-food, raw materials, energy, urban mobility and manufacturing industries.

The program contributes to boosting innovation and entrepreneurship within Central-Eastern and Southern-European Regions by validating innovative solutions and connecting them with the articulated demands from the industry.

EIT Jumpstarter is ideal for teams with innovative business idea, who want to jumpstart their company. With the contribution of best-in-class experts, creative community, unique know-how our aim is to support idea-holders to turn their ideas into business. We help them build a viable business model around their innovative product or service idea, validate it and if their business idea is proven to be sustainable, we encourage them to register their company.



We introduce teams to partners, investors, regulatory bodies and companies that can produce their products, their first buyer or a test site. They meet major innovation hubs in Europe, which is important when they want to enter foreign markets.

The program has trained 228 start-up teams since 2017, and in 2019 EIT Jumpstarter won the Best Association Training Initiative Award of the European Association Awards.



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## Why it is unique?

EIT Jumpstarter is a very selective, competitive program; participating in it opens doors towards the European markets and connects the best teams with the three EIT Communities' large industrial partners such as GE Healthcare, Siemens, Philips, Roche, Bosch, Nestlé, Pepsico and Maspex, among others.

## Target groups

Scientific project teams, innovators, scientists, PHD students or master's students

## What start-up teams say about us?

"The most important thing we got during the competition is valuable feedback on various aspects of our business and good connections to industry partners and general advice about how to start our business. EIT is down the right road to bring us up to par with innovation capitals like San Francisco."

– Marios Chryssolouris, Freshstrips

"This joint business bootcamp with Food and Health and RawMaterials all coming together really inspired us and showed us new perspective on our own business idea, and also on the other side working in this international environment really boosted us to do the next step."

– Timur Sirman, MagnoTherm



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