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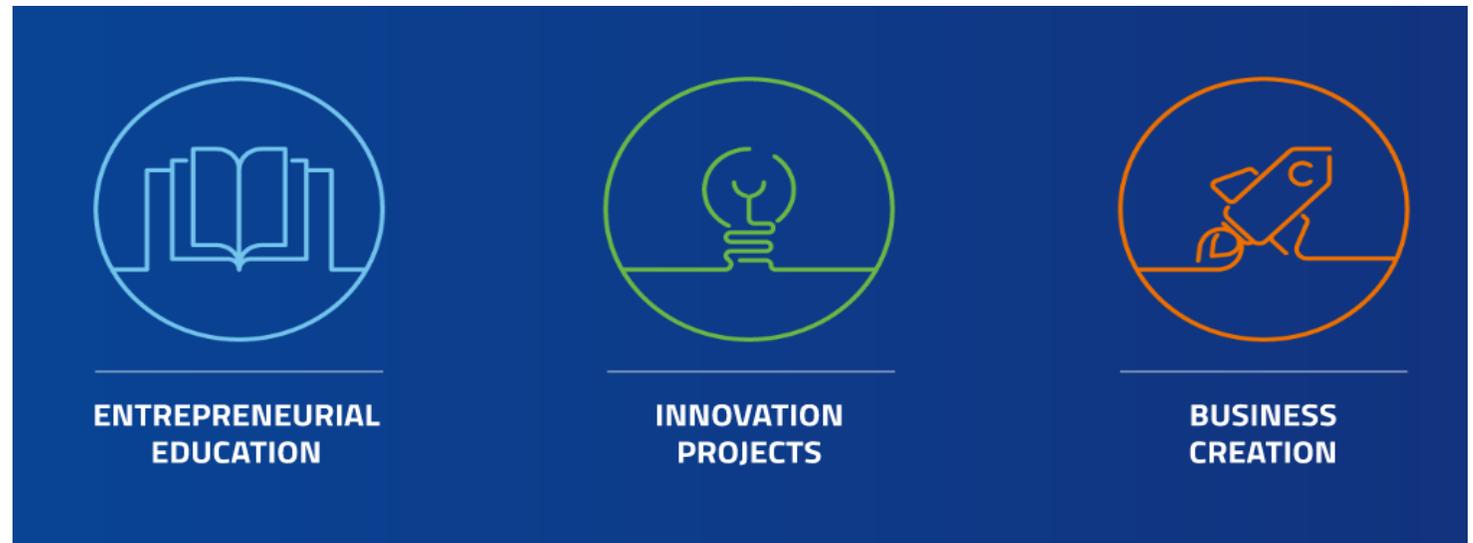
Preparing the next generation of innovators:
Education and training activities by the EIT and the
European Innovation Agenda

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EIT INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

- ✓ **EU body**
- ✓ **It strengthens Europe's ability to innovate on a systemic level, along the entire value chain, from education to the market.**
- ✓ **It powers solutions to pressing global challenges by bringing together education, research and business to become Europe's largest innovation ecosystem**



Entrepreneurial education

EIT-labelled master and doctoral programmes

- ✓ Focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity and leadership
- ✓ Based on partnerships between higher education institutions, companies, research centres and public bodies
- ✓ More than 4,000 graduated students
- ✓ Will be extended to professional training and in-company training

<https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/education/eit-community-master-programmes> &

<https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/education/doctoral-programmes>

Higher Education Initiative (3-year pilot)

- ✓ Helps higher education institutions to become more innovative and entrepreneurial
- ✓ Plugs them into the local innovation ecosystems
- ✓ 50 projects with around 300 higher education institutions already running
- ✓ 3rd and last pilot call will be launched in Q4 2022

<https://eit-hei.eu/>

New European Innovation Agenda (July 2022)

To position Europe at the forefront of the new wave of deep tech innovation and start-ups

5 flagships, 25 actions

- 1** improve access to finance for European start-ups and scale-ups, for example, by mobilising untapped sources of private capital and simplifying listing rules
- 2** improve the rules to allow innovators to experiment with new ideas
- 3** help create “regional innovation valleys” that will strengthen and better connect our innovation players through Europe, including in regions lagging behind
- 4** attract and retain talent in Europe, for example by training 1 million deep tech talents, increasing support for women innovators and innovating with start-up employees’ stock options;
- 5** improve innovation policy-making through clearer terminology, indicators and data sets, as well as policy support to Member States

[#EUInnovationAgenda](#)

[#HorizonEU](#)

Deep Tech Talent Initiative

- ✓ Objective: train 1 million deep tech talents by 2025
- ✓ Deep Tech: applications with a strong science and engineering content, contributing to solving big societal challenge (e.g. advanced materials, biotechnology, AI, aerospace, quantum computing)
- ✓ To be launched at the **EIT Summit on 11 October**
- ✓ Training providers, employers and institutional partners can join by signing the Deep Tech Talent Initiative **Pledge**

Thank you

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