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**SynergistEIC launches its first Open Call for GreenTech companies**

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[SynergistEIC is an EU-funded project](https://synergisteic.eu/) that started in January 2023 with an overall budget of €1,986M to help European deep tech startups, scaleups and SMEs from the GreenTech sector to scale in the EU and globally. Throughout its 2-year duration SynergistEIC will hold 2 Open Calls selecting and supporting 30 companies, providing them with a combination of financial support, advisory services, and connections with the broader innovation ecosystem.

**Up to € 50,000 per startup will be distributed in Open Call 1.** The first Open Call will provide grants to 15 startups (5 EIC-applicants and 10 non-EIC applicant companies) along with a 6-months tailored support which includes a 3-month acceleration programme to increase scalability, as well as series of workshops on EU funding and procurement topics, and networking opportunities with EU innovation ecosystem players.

**Who can apply?**

SynergistEIC welcomes applications from **deeptech startups developing innovative solutions addressing ClimateTech, CleanTech, Circular economy and AgriFood** challenges **with a preference on certain technological focus** (notably using AI, Machine learning and language processing, Big Data, Advanced Computing, Bioengineering, Next Generation Internet, Blockchain, IoT).

**Application deadline: 14th of June 2023, 17:00 CET!  
Companies can apply on the** [**F6S platform SynergistEIC Open Call 1.**](https://www.f6s.com/synergisteic-open-call-1/apply)

**What do companies get?**

**15 GreenTech companies** will be selected in the first SynergistEIC Open Call to receive up to **€50k grant** to refine their technology, engage with users, and improve commercial metrics. Also, they will be enrolled in a **6-month tailored support programme** addressing the startup’s needs and challenges.

**What are the other programme benefits that the companies get:**

* **Connections** to peer-companies, investors, national and European innovation ecosystem actors.
* **Boost scalability** and business performance.
* **Increase of market coverage** or market readiness of developed products. .
* Raise companies’ awareness of **EU funding and procurement opportunities.**
* Wide **promotion & visibility.**

**How does it work?**

The Open Call process is composed of different phases:

* Phase 1: Application submission
* Phase 2: Admissibility & eligibility check
* Phase 3: Proposals evaluation
* Phase 4: Tailored Growth programme begins with selected companies.

**The evaluation will be performed by external evaluators** (external experts with expertise and experience corresponding to the open call topic).Detailed information on the evaluation process could be also found in the [**Guide for applicants**](https://synergisteic.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Guidelines-for-applicants-SynergistEIC-OC1-2.pdf) available on the [SynergistEIC webpage](https://synergisteic.eu/).

**Selection criteria:**

* Companies that have applied or are interested in applying for EIC Accelerator
* Seal of Excellence (SoE) holders (for EIC-applicants) or
* Minimum TRL4 level companies that have received funding up to 500k Euro (for non-EIC applicants)
* Female Entrepreneurs and / or with women in high management positions (C-level)
* Companies coming from the EU member states or Associated Countries with preference given to companies from [Widening Countries](https://rea.ec.europa.eu/horizon-europe-widening-who-should-apply_en#:~:text=Widening%20countries%20are%20countries%20with,%E2%80%A2%20and%20the%20related%20Calls.).

**Additional information:**

Detailed information would be provided to candidate applicants on a dedicated SynergistEIC **Open Call Info Webinar** which will take place on 17 May 2023, 15:00 - 16:00 CET. [Register here.](https://www.f6s.com/open-call-webinar-greentech)

Answers to the most common questions related to the SynergistEIC Open Call 1 are provided in the [**FAQ section**](https://synergisteic.eu/about-us/faq/) **of our website**, as well.

Applicants are also welcome to ask their questions also by contacting us via email at [**info@synergisteic.eu**](mailto:info@synergisteic.eu)

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