

EIT Jumpstarter 2026

EIT Jumpstarter is a European pre-acceleration programme designed to help early-stage innovators turn their ideas into sustainable businesses



Categories to apply for:

Healthcare powered by
EIT Health

Smart Cities & Mobility
powered by EIT Urban Mobility

Supporting Maltese start-ups and
innovations powered by Xjenza Malta

Food & Agritech
powered by EIT Food

Energy and Renewables powered by EIT
InnoEnergy

Advanced & Green
Manufacturing powered by
EIT Manufacturing

Metals, Minerals, Advanced
Materials & Industrial Side Streams
powered by EIT RawMaterials

**Take your idea to
the next level with
expert mentorship
and funding!**

How it works:

1 Submit your idea (March-May)

- Deadline: May 8, 2026
- Register via eitjumpstarter.eu

2 Online Bootcamps (May-June)

- Learn to validate your idea and find market fit through engaging online modules

3 Online Pitch day (June-July)

- Teams will pitch online their ideas and answer the jury's questions to advance to the next stage

4 Startup Builder Training (July-September)

- 40 hours in total of online and in-person training in one location in Europe (1,000 EUR grant)

5 Selection round (End of September)

- Submit business plan and company registration certificate, proof of filing or a letter of intent to have a chance to be part of the Grand Demo Day

6 Grand Demo Day (October-November)

- On-line event to showcase 6 best of your refined business idea in each category and compete for prizes (10k EUR , 5k EUR, 3k EUR, plus special ones)

7 Award ceremony (November- December)

- In-person event for winners in all categories

**Ready to
make your
mark?**

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