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Regional Innovation Valleys

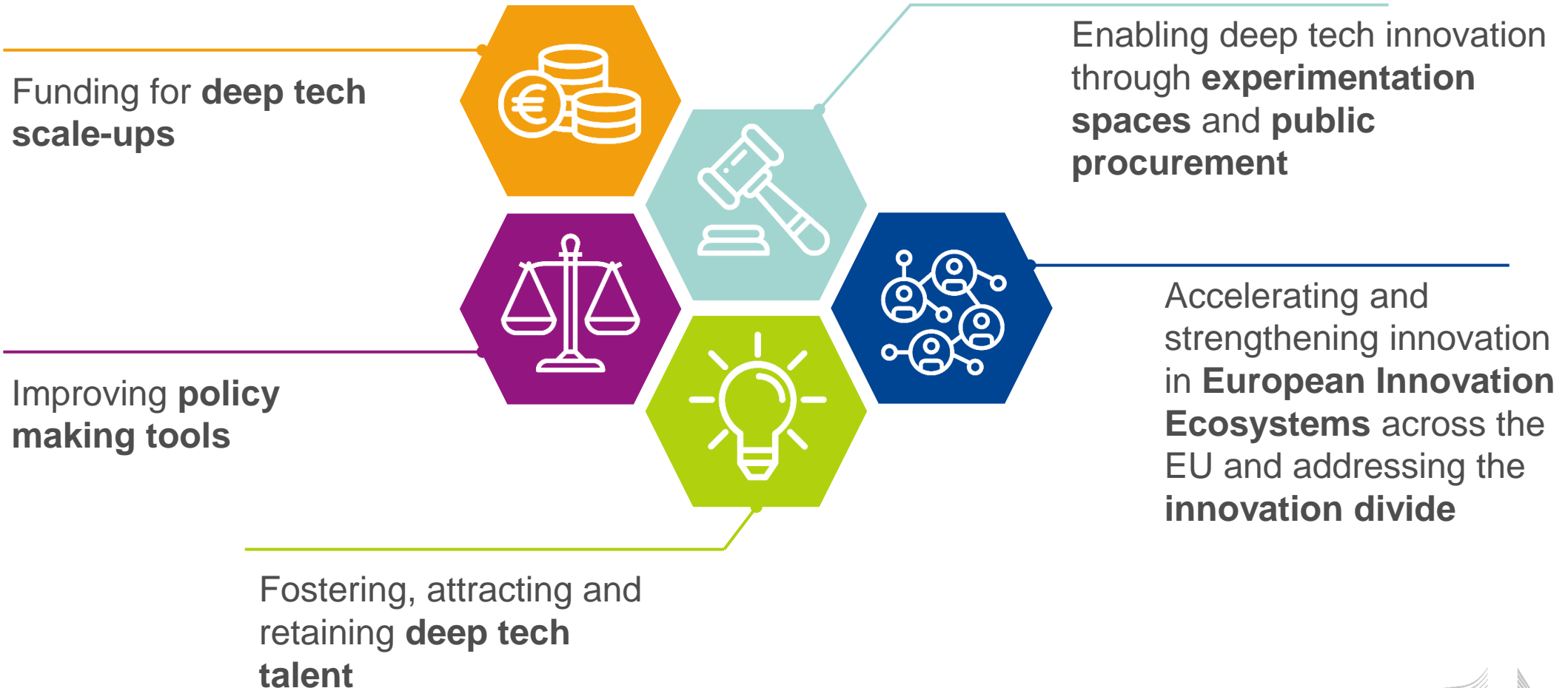
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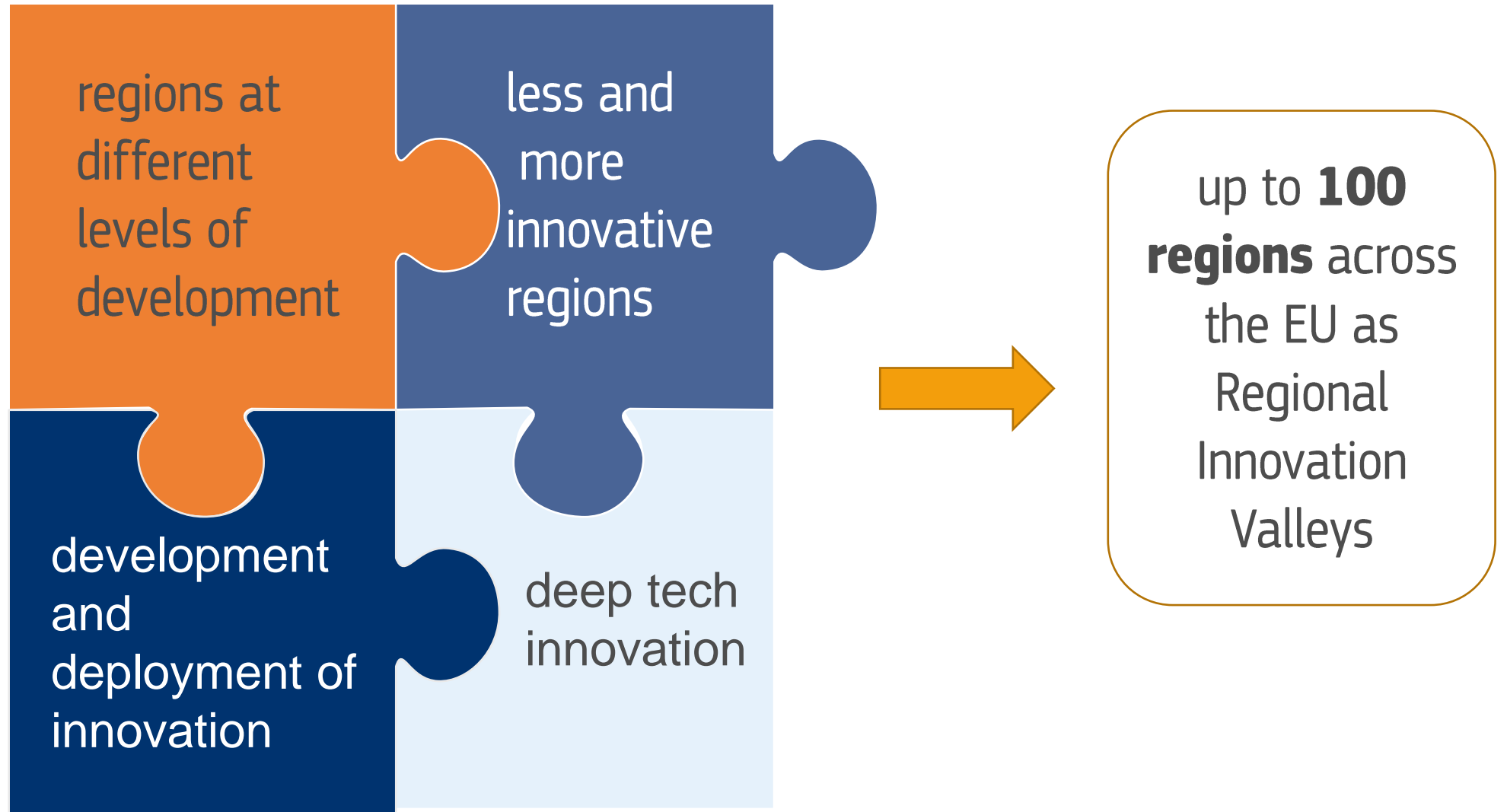
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New European Innovation Agenda



Regional Innovation Valleys



Call for expression of interest to become regional innovation valleys

The call for expression of interest will help interested regions to:

- Identify relevant partners, by facilitating matchmaking and interconnections among those regions who are committed towards the same objectives
- Put forward the essential commitments to be named regional innovation valleys

The call for expression of interest will remain open until 18 September 2023

Call for proposals under Horizon Europe (EIE WP) and I3 instrument

3 calls open under 2 programmes:

- Regional Innovation Valleys (EIE) and Interregional Innovation Investments (I3-Cohesion)
- EIE Budget for 2023-24: EUR 60 million (50% co-fund)
- I3 Budget for 2023: EUR 62 million

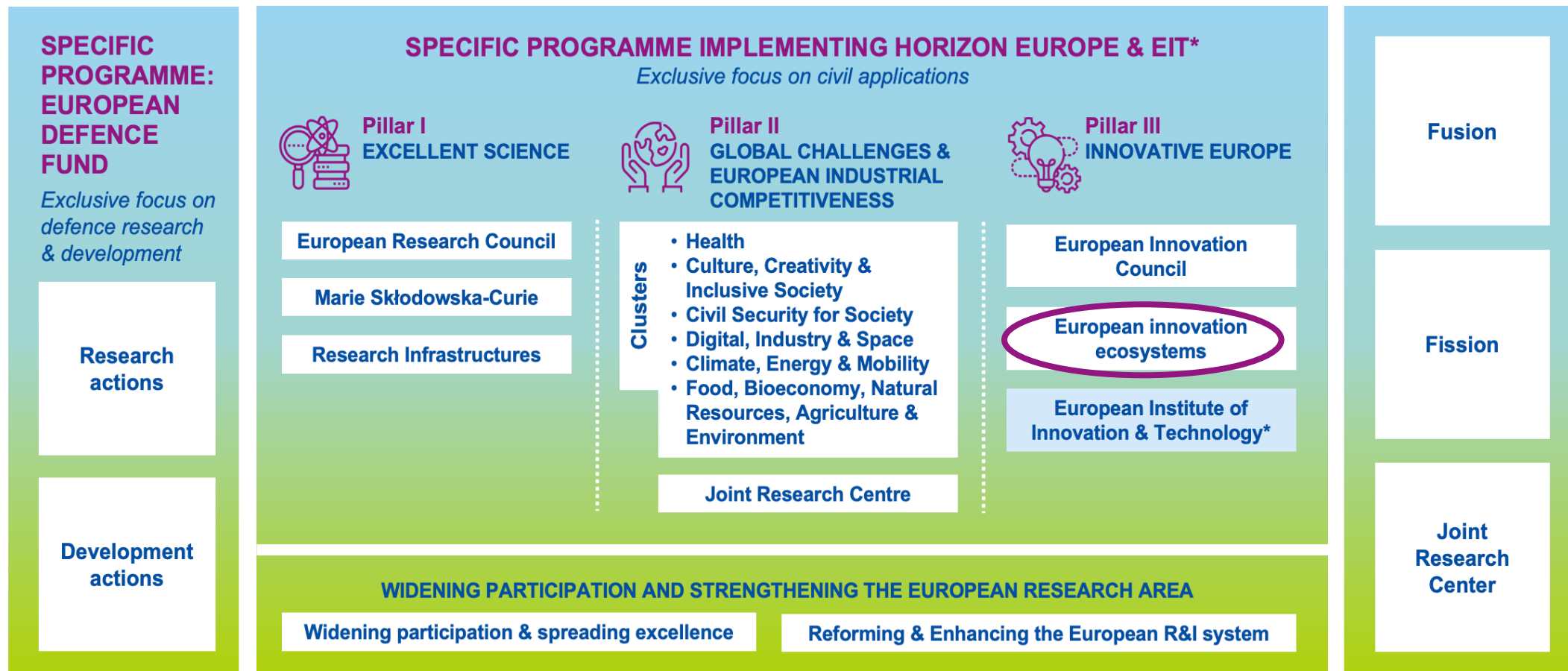
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European Innovation Ecosystems in Horizon Europe

HORIZON EUROPE

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* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

EIE cofund: How will this action look like?

Coordination & Support Part

Create Interconnected Ecosystems



Innovation Action

3-4 Interregional Innovation projects on specific thematic/technological area

- Market uptake of research
- Support companies in scaling up their ideas, deploying and demonstrating deep technologies in real world environments and with end users
- Access to cross border infrastructure and expertise
- Exchange of staff, training and skills development
- Developing standards and regulations through sandboxes and test beds

- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels
- Increase global food security
- Master the digital transformation (including cybersecurity)
- Improve healthcare
- Achieve circularity

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How can a region become a regional innovation valley?

- ✓ The region could participate in the dedicated **call for proposals** either in the European Innovation Ecosystems Work Programme under Horizon Europe or the Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Instrument under the European Regional Development Fund.
- ✓ The region could participate in the **call for expression of interest** and indicate how it commits to the conditions for becoming a regional innovation valley.

FAQ

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Who can apply in the Regional Innovation Valleys call under EIE WP?

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“This action requires the participation, as beneficiaries, of at least five (5) national or regional authorities from at least five (5) different Member States or Associated Countries, of which at least two (2) are representing a 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovator region and at least one (1) is representing a 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region”

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- Eligibility condition on the **minimum composition** of the consortium

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What financial support to the parties (FSTP) rule applies to the EIE call?

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➤ The maximum amount of FSTP to be granted to an individual third party is EUR 600.000

- Support concrete interregional projects undertaken by research & innovation entities
- The funding rate is 50% of the eligible costs

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➤ Interregional projects to absorb at least 50% of the action plan's total budget

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Call Text: "...provisions and modalities for the competitive selection and funding of at least three interregional innovation projects in the selected thematic/technological area, including deep tech, linked to key EU priorities."

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What is the average project size and the maximum amount of funding envisaged in the EIE? How many projects will be funded?

- EUR 60 million under the EIE WP 2023-2024
- 6 projects for the 2023-2024 period
- funding from EUR 8 to 12 million

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Each project will have to conduct at least 3 interregional projects allocating at least 50% of the total eligible costs to them.

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On which basis are regions categorised in EIE?

- The [Regional Innovation Scoreboard](#) is taken as a reference
- The [European Innovation Scoreboard](#), in the case of entities representing national authorities

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***The applicants must use as a reference the latest version of the documents mentioned above at the time of the call closure**

**Associated Countries not included in the European Innovation Scoreboard and ranked below 25 on the latest [Global Innovation Index](#) are considered as 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovators.

***Associated Countries not included in any of the previously mentioned references, will have as reference the participation rank of the country in the Horizon Europe programme ([H2020 country profile](#)) and countries ranked below the average will be considered as 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovators.

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Is the letter of intent, required as part of the application only for the coordinator's region (consortium leader) or for each region/country participating?

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➤ The **coordinator** to provide duly signed and dated letter of intent (LoI) for the engagement/commitment of all the beneficiaries in providing the remaining 50% of the EC funding

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➤ The consortium is only required to **submit one letter of intent**

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Call Text eligibility condition : “The consortium must provide a letter of intent at the moment of submission of the proposal indicating the source of the required 50% of complementary funding (e.g. national and/or regional funding, European funding, or private investments).”

FAQ

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What is the Annual Work Programme (AWP) mentioned under the Regional Innovation Valleys call under EIE?

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For Cofund calls, an AWP document is mandatory together with the application (as annex to Part B)

- The AWP provides a detailed description of activities for the initial and each successive twelve-month period of the project
- It must include both activities that are planned to be carried out and completed and activities that are simply initiated during the relevant twelve-month period.

*The 1st AWP is a key part of the proposal

**The AWP for subsequent years are regular deliverables for the implementation of the project

FAQ

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Do regions have to apply to the call for expression of interest to then apply for the EIE? Is it encouraged or mandatory to be selected for the Regional Innovation Valleys call under EIE?

Regions do not need to apply in the call for expression of interest in order to qualify as eligible to apply in the EIE calls

They are encouraged to apply in order to **benefit from the matchmaking process** which will aim to facilitate interconnections among those regions who converge towards the same thematic/technological objectives



Thank you! Any questions?

[New European Innovation Agenda roadmap \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

[European Innovation Ecosystems \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

[Call for expression of interest for Regional Innovation Valleys is now open \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

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