EIT RawMaterials, initiated and funded by the EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology), a body of the European Union, is the largest consortium in the raw materials sector worldwide. Its vision is to develop raw materials into a major strength for Europe. Its mission is to enable sustainable competitiveness of the European minerals, metals and materials sector along the value chain by driving innovation, education and entrepreneurship.

Founded in 2015, it has developed more than 339 innovation and education projects with a funding support of 130+ million EUR. It has supported over 108 start-ups and 93 idea holders which in total raised 126 million EUR of external investment. EIT RawMaterials also reached out to more than 7,000 students and pupils to educate them on the importance of raw materials for the future of Europe.

EIT RawMaterials unites more than 300 partners from leading industries, research and technology organizations and universities from more than 27+ European countries. Partners of EIT RawMaterials are active across the entire raw materials value chain; from exploration, mining and mineral processing to substitution, recycling and circular economy. They collaborate on finding new, innovative solutions to secure supplies and strengthen the raw materials sector in Europe.

Becoming a partner. Value proposition and partner benefits.

EIT RawMaterials’ value proposition to its partners consists of the support of innovation and education projects from development to commercialisation. Support includes co-creation and open innovation involving start-ups, acceleration, go-to-market strategy, professional education, investor outreach and dissemination. All partners receive access to the digital collaboration and networking platform, get access to networking and matchmaking events having an opportunity to meet experts from the industry, research and education.

EIT RawMaterials partners benefit from preferred access to the network and respective servicing components. Interested parties can choose amongst three different partner levels:

- Core Partner (100k EUR annual membership): Full access to strategy and governance, no funding cap
- Associate Partner (30k EUR annual membership): Shared access to strategy and governance, 300k EUR funding cap
- Project Partner (10k EUR annual membership): Shared access to strategy and governance, 100k EUR funding cap

Partner contributions and contractual setting.

EIT RawMaterials partners contribute an annual membership fee and project in-kind contributions as requested by specific calls for proposals. In general, a leverage of 1:3 is expected for projects, for example 1 EUR of funding needs to be topped up by 3 EUR of in-kind contributions.

EIT RawMaterials partners enter into three contracts with the KIC (Knowledge Innovation Community) legal entity, EIT RawMaterials GmbH, based in Berlin, Germany, and into the membership with EIT RawMaterials e.V., based in Germany, Berlin:

1. Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA): Basis to act as beneficiary and receive H2020 EU funding; joint and several liability for projects involved under SGA
2. Specific Grant Agreement (SGA): Annual grant agreement annexed to FPA comprising of KIC, Activities to be implemented in Year N
4. Articles of Association/Membership Order: Statutes and by-laws of EIT RawMaterials e.V.

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