EIT RawMaterials

RM Accelerator Programme Call 2021

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Introduction to EIT RawMaterials Call to Accelerate Business

This call is for start-ups who consider that they already have an innovative offering and who see an opportunity in rapidly developing this offering to the exploration, mining, mineral processing, metal & mineral, steel-making and recycling industries as well as suppliers of equipment and tools to these industries.

The call is to apply for the EIT RawMaterials RM Accelerator Programme 2021.

EIT RawMaterials unites more than 120 core and associate partners and 180+ project partners from leading industry, universities and research institutions from more than 20 EU countries. The EIT RawMaterials partner network is working to accelerate the pace of innovation in the aforementioned raw materials' sectors as well as to enhance the development of relevant competences. The EIT RawMaterials partner network is also keen to adopt relevant innovations from start-ups and SMEs. SMEs and start-ups are supported by the EIT RawMaterials partner network in a number of ways. Start-ups are encouraged to apply for the Accelerator Programme, which aims to support them to rapidly develop their business and customer understanding, making them ready for business in the above-mentioned raw materials industries.

The EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme is unique because it can make introductions to customers in the EIT RawMaterials partner network who are willing to adopt innovations; furthermore, it connects local and national ecosystems to the pan-European network of pilot & test infrastructure facilities as well as to potential customers. We also supply grant funding to enable your team to participate in the RM Accelerator Programme.

The EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme aims to develop start-ups contributing to job creation and accelerating new technology that will have an impact and contribute to the EIT RawMaterials network.

There are two deadlines for Phase 3 of the Accelerator Programme. The deadline to submit your application for the second cut-off of Phase 3 is Sunday, 03 October 2021, end of day (23:59 CET). For more information about the RM Accelerator Programme and EIT RawMaterials, as well as the terms and conditions of participation, please read the enclosed call text in full. Submit your application to the RM Accelerator Programme online using the following link:
https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/eitrawmaterials_acp3

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1. EIT RawMaterials Business Creation & Support

Minerals, metals and advanced materials are key enablers to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal. Today, only a fraction of the most relevant raw materials is produced in Europe. This can be changed through a circular economy approach, through innovation in recycling, substitution, processing, mining, and exploration. It is the objective of EIT RawMaterials to secure a sustainable raw materials supply by driving innovation, education, and entrepreneurship across European industrial ecosystems.

EIT RawMaterials provides a collaborative environment for disruptive and breakthrough innovations by connecting business with academia, research, and investment. It also invests in future generation of innovators for the raw materials sector through initiatives ranging from education of school students to higher qualifications for industry professionals.

EIT RawMaterials is an Innovation Community within the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

EIT RawMaterials has six Innovation Hubs, called Co-Location Centers (CLCs) that represent regional ecosystems connecting business, research and education. Innovation Hubs are located in Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Poland and Sweden.

Business Creation and Support is one of three areas of activity through which EIT RawMaterials creates an impact on the raw materials' value chain. Since 2016, our Booster grant funding for selected start-ups and SMEs has supported over 140 start-ups to accelerate their development from idea to market. Booster funded companies have gone on to provide value for EIT RawMaterials partners.

To increase and advance the support provided to innovative start-ups, EIT RawMaterials has launched an Accelerator Programme. The aim of the Accelerator Programme is to help selected start-ups to more rapidly develop innovative products/ services that can generate impact in the raw materials sector.

In addition to customised support and funding, the selected start-ups will also gain access to the EIT RawMaterials partner network, participate in our networking events and gain visibility through EIT RawMaterials channels. In the long term, supported start-ups and SMEs may join our network as members and continue working with our partners to fully benefit from the ecosystem.

2. RM Accelerator Programme

The overall objective for running the RM Accelerator Programme is to improve the market entry success rate of scalable start-ups, focusing on addressing market risk.

The RM Accelerator Programme consists of three phases. There are stage gates between each of the phases, at which start-ups need to gain approval to enter the next phase. Each phase has specific objectives and funding, as well as a specific process and timeline. The support provided in each phase follows a clear process, which consists of groupwork and individual coaching as well as anchoring start-ups in their local and national ecosystems, while at the same time opening up introductions on a pan-European level to partners in the EIT RawMaterials consortium. This process is coordinated by Business Development Managers at EIT RawMaterials. This combination of local anchoring and pan-European opportunities is envisaged to increase the success rate and market opportunities of the selected start-ups.

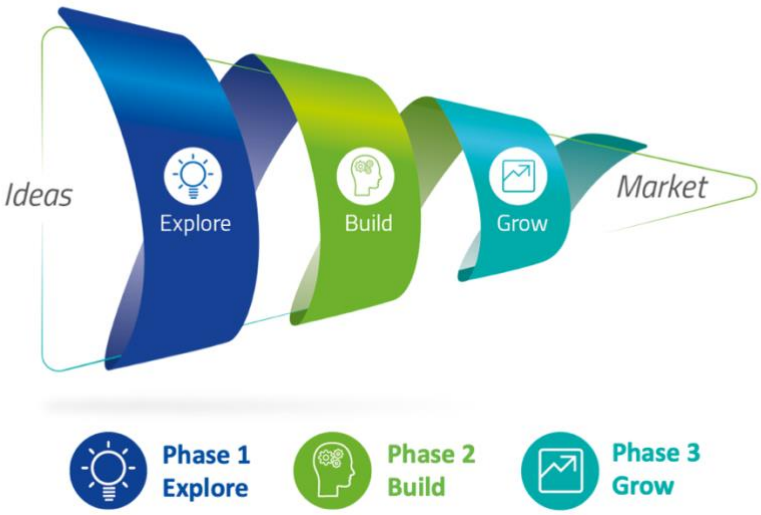

Figure 1: EIT RawMaterials RM Accelerator Programme

2.1. Phase 1: Explore

Phase 1 is about building proof of concept for the business model in the targeted raw materials market segments. It starts with ideas at TRL 4-6 and aims to find a market niche, to develop a financial model and to build a business model. Selected start-ups will receive €15K as funding to cover their costs of participating in Phase 1 of the EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme.

Objectives for Phase 1:

- Identify beachhead market, market size, customer pain
- Identify key value drivers, good margin/product and margin/year, estimate financial needs
- Compose a founding team, identify roles and upcoming needs of the team

Phase 1 has a duration of around 3 months. It starts with a workshop, followed by bi-weekly calls with experts. It ends with a graduation day at which the start-ups pitch their ideas. Graduation day is also the stage gate to Phase 2 of the Accelerator Programme.

2.2. Phase 2: Build

The purpose of Phase 2 is to validate customer needs and verify business assumptions. The offering provided by the selected start-ups should be at TRL 5-7 and CRL 5.
Selected start-ups receive up to €30K funding to cover their costs of participating in Phase 2.

Objectives for Phase 2:

- Validate customer needs, market size and beachhead market, identify regulations and other specific criteria for technical and market entrance
- Validate key value drivers, build a 5-year financial forecast supporting/financing needs and strategy
- Complete a team to support the next step

The RM Accelerator Phase 2-Build programme duration is 6 months depending on individual start-up development, acceleration, constraints and opportunities. It starts with a two-day workshop and continues with bi-weekly calls. The progress of the start-ups will be evaluated at a mid-assessment day after three months, followed by individual assessments of the start-ups to ensure they fulfil the criteria and stage gate to continue to Phase 3.

2.3. Phase 3: Grow

Phase 3 aims to get your business ready for sales, scaling and international expansion. The offering of the start-ups should start at TRL 7-8 and head for market entrance. Selected start-ups will receive €45K as a funding to support their participation Phase 3.

Objectives for Phase 3:

- Move from early adopters to early majority market, start exploring follow-up markets
- Significant sales or financing deals
- To have a complete team, aligned to scale market entrances and sales
- To be a provider of new impact driven technology within the RawMaterials value chain

The structure of Phase 3 is built on individual team support based on the team needs and will include expert workshops, coaching calls and funding to support market entrance and/or growth and will run for a period of 9 to 12 months for each team.

3. The Call for Phase 1 - Explore 2021

EIT RawMaterials will launch the RM Accelerator Programme for year 2021 and with this call will select a maximum of 12 start-ups that will enter Phase 1 (intake 2 2021).

The RM Accelerator Call Phase 1.2-Explore 2021 will open in week 26 and the deadline for application is in week 34, end of day (23:59 CET).

Phase 1.2 will start in September and finish in December 2021. Final dates and times for the programme activities will be communicated on announcement of the selected start-ups for Phase 1.2.

4. Target Group and Criteria for Phase 1 - Explore 2021

The target group and criteria for the RM Accelerator Phase 1, 2021 are as follows:

- Start-ups with an innovative idea/solution

- The stage of the solution should be ready for acceleration, TRL 4-6 (no more basic research)
- Start-ups do not need to be a legal entity to enter Phase 1
- Start-ups need to have a team of two or more entrepreneurs
- Start-ups need to be prepared to work full-time with a dedicated team
- Start-ups need to commit to the proposed methodology and activity plan of the programme
- Start-ups that are funded for the same activity by another KIC (Knowledge and Innovation Community) are not eligible

5. Programme for Phase 1 - Explore 2021

RM Accelerator Phase 1 will start with a three-day workshop, gathering all 12 teams with two participants from each selected start-up. The workshop is planned to be held in the last week of September. The location and date will be communicated alongside the announcement of the selected companies. At this workshop, the selected start-ups will be provided with more details about the Accelerator Programme process, including expectations for Phase 1 as well as a personal introduction to their appointed business coach, who will attend the workshop and actively support each team.

The next tool for individual coaching in the acceleration process will consist of five bi-weekly calls, supporting the development in building the concept from its current stage. The bi-weekly calls will be held by a process leader and your coach and run by videoconference. The format will be discussion-based, with action plans put forward and "home lessons" to prepare for the next call.

Graduation Day will consist of a two-day workshop starting with pitch training followed by the final pitching session. The pitching is mandatory and is one part of the evaluation for the stage gate to Phase 2, the next step in the Accelerator Programme.

In order to integrate and link new innovations to the EIT RawMaterials consortium, we will invite our partners to be involved in selected activities, thereby increasing impact and supporting progress. Please keep in mind that there might be changes of format on how workshops are conducted due to the COVID-19 crisis and travel restrictions.

6. The Call for Phase 2 - Build 2021

EIT RawMaterials will continue implementation of the new RM Accelerator programme with arranging Phase 2. This call aims to select up to 12 teams entering Phase 2 with a programme duration of 6 months, starting in week 38.

The RM Accelerator Call Phase 2.2 - Build 2021 opens on 22 June and the deadline for application is on 22 August, end of day (23:59 CET). The selection process and content of the programme are described in text below.

7. Target group and Criteria for Phase 2 - Build 2021

The target group and criteria for the RM Accelerator Phase 2, 2021 are as follows:

- Start-ups need to be registered as a legal entity at the Chamber of Commerce and the Tax Authorities
- Start-ups need to have a team of more than one entrepreneur
- Start-ups need to be prepared to work full-time with a dedicated team
- Start-ups need to show good progress from completing RM Accelerator Phase 1-Explore.
- Product/ Tech or service TRL 5-7; on level prototype, Minimal Viable Product or demo
- Market CRL 5-7; established interest for product & relations with target customer
- A fundamental slide deck/presentation
- A milestone plan
- Interview list of identified customers/stakeholders/partners or other important contacts
- Submitted application for RM Accelerator Phase 2-Build

8. Programme for Phase 2 - Build 2021

RM Accelerator Phase 2 has a duration of 6 months and a defined programme with mandatory action to attend for the teams. We would like to see two participants from each team attending due to alignment inside the team and speed up their capacity to progress.

- Kick-off Phase 2, a workshop for three days.
- Coaching calls every third week, to continue and push for advancement, tuning calls are an important way of receiving feedback on work, identifying and verifying important assumptions. Coaching calls will be organised every third week by the teams, their assigned Business Development Manager and process leader will attend. Tuning calls will be held by webinar. The format will be discussion based with action plans forward and "home lessons" to next call.
- Assessment day, a two-day workshop that will frame the teams' progress.

The workshop starts with pitch/ presentation training on day one, followed by a pitching session on day two. The pitching is mandatory and one part of the evaluation for your progress.

- During the last three months individual coaching will be planned for each team and lead by the assigned coach and the Innovation Hub (CLC).
- Final presentations will be held online for evaluating the start-ups' progress in closing the programme period.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the kick-off workshop may be held online. More information will be provided along with the announcement of the selected companies. During this first workshop, the selected start-ups will be provided with more details about the process, programme and expectations. In order to integrate and link new innovation to the EIT RawMaterials innovation community, we will invite our partners directly to be active in selected activities to create a bigger impact and supporting progress.

9. The Call for Phase 3 - Grow 2021

EIT RM will continue implementation of the new Accelerator Programme with arranging Phase 3. The base for the evaluation will be the submitted application and a presentation from the team made online. The evaluators will be the team of Business Development Managers. The final decision will be made at two levels, first at your regional Innovation Hub and finally at a consensus meeting across all six EIT RawMaterials Innovation Hubs.
The registration for submitting the application **opens 02 August 2021** and **deadline for submission is 03 October 2021**. The selection process and content of the programme is described below.

10. Target group and Criteria

The target group is comprised of start-ups that have graduated from the RM Accelerator Programme Phase 2.
Entering criteria for the Phase 3, 2021;

- The start-up has graduated successfully from RM Accelerator Programme Phase 2
- The start-up needs to be a legal entity
- The technology readiness needs to be at level 7 or higher
- The customer readiness needs to be at level 7 or higher
- The start-up needs to show a first sale of products/ services (could also be a pre-sale like a market test)
- The start-up needs to have a balanced and complete team ready for scaling and entering the market.
- The start-up needs to have developed a robust financial model that supports the intended business model and a 5-year projection of expected revenues, costs and investments required (to support market introduction or scaling business)
- The start-up needs to show a significant progress in the development of their core technology and its alignment with the identified market.
- The start-up with its innovation needs to be in scope of EIT RawMaterials (section 7)
- The selected start-up will agree on back-flow schemes to EIT RawMaterials either by a revenue sharing model or by equity share on the start-up legal entity.

11. Programme for Phase 3 - Grow 2021

The objective for Phase 3 in our RM Accelerator is all about bringing new technology into the market and for the start-up to go from first customer to establishing a first market segment and to grow geographically or in segment on a European and global level within the RawMaterials value chain.
The programme is designed to enable flexibility and meet identified needs for selected start-ups and will run for 9 to 12 months. The timeline, objectives and milestones for each start-up within Phase 3 will be identified in dialogue with the assigned Business Developer and Process Leader and defined in the signed Project Agreement. This will be done before participating in the first expert workshop. We would like the start-up to appoint two team members to participate in all activities, due to alignment inside the team and capacity to progress. The design of Phase 3 is built on expert

workshops and coaching calls for 9 to 12 months within an individual programme based on each start-ups' needs.

- Start dialogue, aiming to set tailored project plan for each start-up, which comprises objectives, milestones and supportive actions for coming 9 to 12 months.
- Expert workshops

  The design for each workshop is to bring experts from identified areas to hold individual meetings for dialogue concerning specific questions by the start-up. Also, there will be sessions from the experts with space for interactive dialogue and sharing of trends and insights between experts and start-ups.
  For the individual meetings with experts, the start-up is ask to prepare for having an efficient and productive dialogue.
  The timing of the three workshops will be at the start, mid time and at the end of the start-ups individual 9 to 12 months Phase 3 programme.
- Coaching calls every month, to continue and push for advancement coaching calls are an important way of receiving feedback on work, identifying and verifying important assumptions. Coaching calls will be organised every month by the teams and attended by their assigned Business Developer and Process Leader.
- **Finally,** in alignment with the last workshop, there will be an online presentation from the start-up framing status and progress within Phase 3 and the RM Accelerator Programme. This action is for enabling further support and access EIT RM Consortium and its network.
- **Events,** during the programme there will be opportunities to attend different events that are hosted by EIT RawMaterials or its partners.
- **Funding € 45K,** the funding will enable actions/ activities to meet decided milestone plans and objectives for the start-ups 9 to 12 months plan in Phase 3.

12. Thematic Scope for Targeted Start-ups

Europe is home to world-leading manufacturing industries, game-changing innovative technologies and an entrepreneurial infrastructure that can enable the transition to a resource efficient, sustainable society. A sustainable supply of mineral resources (metals, construction materials) is vital for the development of these core industrial activities and their long-term economic success. However, Europe has become highly dependent on imports of these mineral resources, particularly critical raw materials, and this is a key threat to the future of European businesses.

Through activities in the area of business creation and support, EIT RawMaterials aims to support new businesses that contribute to our vision of developing raw materials into a major strength for Europe along the whole raw materials value chain, as follows:

1. Exploration and raw materials resource assessment
2. Mining in challenging environments
3. Increased resource efficiency in mineral and metallurgical processes
4. Recycling and material chain optimisation for End-of-Life products
5. Substitution of critical and toxic materials in products and for optimised performance
6. Design of products and services for the circular economy

In particular, the supply of a range of metals and minerals is the main target of the EIT RawMaterials innovation community. Bio-based and polymer materials will be considered only in view of their substitution potential of critical and toxic materials and for optimised performance or for multi-material product recycling. Petrochemical raw materials, food/agricultural raw materials and common minerals construction materials are excluded.

The activities of EIT RawMaterials in the area of business creation and support seek to boost innovative start-ups and SMEs working within the following themes:

1. Exploration: Technologies and solutions for improved and new mineral exploration. As an example, solutions could include:
   a. *New and improved geological models, better exploration model understanding and techniques for going 3D/4D, drones, etc.*
   b. *New instrumentation, methods and technologies for more reliable, cheaper, faster and safer mineral exploration, including technologies and services for innovative data acquisition, big data analysis/handling and utilising existing/historical data sets for exploration and mining.*
   c. *Application of new innovations, new geological models and rethinking/re-evaluation of geological settings/prospects to provide new exploration prospects and mining targets.*

2. Intelligent Mining. Technologies and solutions for more efficient, safer and sustainable modern mining. As an example, solutions could include:
   a. *Application of new technologies/services for more efficient production, better safety, better utilisation of equipment and personnel for mining. Autonomous mining equipment, Internet of Things, virtual reality, UAVs/robotics, automation, real-time data that will improve planning, scheduling of operations and delivering better efficiencies and cost savings. Self-aware and safe machines that are capable of ordering their own spare parts and service engineers and are connected to each other, control centres and back offices far away.*
   b. *Innovative services, approaches and products which increase public understanding and awareness of the need for raw materials, exploration and mining, ensure corporate social responsibility and social license to operate as well as added values of mining including remediation.*

3. Mineral and metallurgical processes: Technologies and solutions for mineral and metal processing and for improved materials production. As an example, solutions could include:

   a. *Optimised extraction and production processes for metals and alloys, improving the efficiency of the process, using less energy and water, reducing cost and the production of waste.*
   b. *Technology that address equipment-damage problems such as wall thinning, creep or corrosion.*

4. **Recycling:** Technologies and solutions for materials supply from secondary sources and recycling. As an example, solutions could include:
   a. *Solutions for recycling of end-of-life products, extraction from industrial residues, tailings, urban and landfill mining (e.g. WEEE, batteries, magnets, solar cells etc.)*
   b. *Cost-efficient and clever collection, dismantling and sorting of waste.*
5. **Substitution of critical and toxic materials and for optimised performance:** New technologies or services that make it possible to substitute or use lower quantities of critical or toxic materials in key industries. For example:
   a. *Substitution of critical and toxic metals in specific energy materials, such as platinum in fuel cells, cobalt in lithium ion batteries, or Nd and Dy in Nd-Fe-B permanent magnets.*
   b. *Substitution of critical and toxic metals like Co and W in carbides, speciality metals in high strength steels and super alloys, including in design and manufacturing.*
   c. *New material systems that contain less or no critical and toxic materials, for instance, for use in batteries, permanent magnets, solar cells, and thermoelectric and magneto caloric applications.*
   d. *New or optimised materials for additive manufacturing, e.g. in printable electronics.*
   e. *New lightweight composites and designs as substitutes for critical materials containing high strength steels and for optimised performance.*
   f. *Solutions that integrate new materials into a circular economy, e.g. technology and business that enables and builds upon the reuse and recycling of newly developed, high performance materials.*
   g. *New products, systems and services for optimised raw materials use, particularly with respect to mobility and energy technologies.*
6. **Circular economy**: Solutions and business models implementing circular economy concepts, *e.g. new business models for resource recovery, product life extension (repairing, re-manufacturing, etc.), product as a service, sharing platforms.*

13. How to Apply?

For RM Accelerator Phase 3, cut-off 2 2021-Grow, interested candidates should apply via the link provided below. Candidates are asked to fill in the online application form describing their start-up, their innovation and application to EIT RawMaterials. All applications, pitching and reporting should be done in English.

Link to online application submission:

https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/eitrawmaterials_acp3

The evaluation process is as follows:

1. The deadline for application is 03 October 2021. In case of any issues, please contact Kirsten Winterfeld, Business Development Specialist at EIT RawMaterials HQ Berlin, at kirsten.winterfeld@eitrawmaterials.eu. No applications submitted after the deadline can be considered.
2. The evaluation and selection of start-ups will be undertaken by each Innovation Hub (CLC) following the evaluation process and criteria explained below.
3. All six Innovation Hubs will select at most 1 start-up for Phase 3.2 of the Accelerator Programme 2021.
4. In October 2021, the selected start-ups/teams will be announced and contacted by a representative at HQ as well as their respective Innovation Hub (CLC).
5. Non-selected start-ups will be contacted by a representative at HQ and their Innovation Hub (CLC) to provide feedback and potential alternative support.
6. The selected start-ups will sign a project agreement with the Innovation Hub (CLC) legal entity, describing all parties' obligations.

14. Evaluation Process and Criteria

The evaluation will be undertaken by EIT RawMaterials staff at each of the six Innovation Hubs around Europe. This will be done on the basis of your proposal, using the criteria described below.

Under each of the following criteria, applications will be judged on the scale 0: Non-existent, 1: Very poor, 2: Poor, 3: Fair, 4: Good, 5: Excellent. The final score will be weighted as indicated. The Innovation Hubs have the sole decision-making authority and no appeals will be considered.

CRITERIA	WEIGHTING
1. TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE	25%
2. BUSINESS RELEVANCE	30%
3. QUALITY OF THE TEAM	30%
4. QUALITY OF THE APPLICATION	10%
5. CONTRIBUTION TO KPIs	5%

Please note that we will favour projects which contribute to the following key performance indicators:

- New products or services introduced into the market within 3 years
- New jobs to be created in the raw materials sector
- Private investment and other funding attracted by the start-ups

15. Amount of Funding

The funding for the RM Accelerator **Phase 1-Explore** will be given directly to the start-up team/ company to help cover costs such as working hours and travel and accommodation costs connected to actively participating in Phase 1.

EIT RawMaterials requires a contract, essentially a project agreement in which each start-up will commit to following the proposed methodology and participating in the activities included in Phase 1 in order to receive that grant.

By signing the project agreement for Phase 1 of the EIT RawMaterials RM Accelerator Programme, the start-up agrees that the funding of €15K will be part of the total sum of funding if the start-up proceeds to Phases 2 and 3 of the programme. The total amount of funding from the EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme will be the basis for the terms for a financial back-flow scheme to EIT RawMaterials when the start-up enters and signs the project agreement for Phase 2. If the start-up chooses not to or does not qualify to progress to Phase 2, no back-flow scheme will be applied to the funding received during Phase 1.

The funding for the RM Accelerator **Phase 2-Build** will be given directly to the start-up team/company to help cover costs such as working hours, travel and accommodation costs and other direct costs connected to actively participating in Phase 2.

EIT RawMaterials requires a contract, essentially a project agreement, in which each start-up will commit to participating in activities included in Phase 2 in order to receive that grant. In this agreement, the activity plan and attached budget for spending the grant will be specified.

The total amount of funding from the EIT RawMaterials RM Accelerator Programme, Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3, will be the basis for the terms of a back-flow scheme for EIT RawMaterials. This applies when a start-up is selected for entering the RM Accelerator Phase 3-Grow.

The funding for **Phase 3-Grow** will be given directly to the start-up team/ company for supporting costs such as working hours, travel and accommodation costs and other direct costs connected to actively participating in Phase 3. The funding is in total € 45K and will by need be divided up between years and proportional to prepayment and balance payment of ratio 75/25. EIT RawMaterials requires a contract, essentially a Project Agreement, where each start-up will commit to participating in the Phase 3 activities, in order to receive that grant. In this agreement the activity plan and attached budget for spending the grant will be specified. Please note as well that concrete deliverables may be established that need to be delivered by the end of the programme. The total amount of funding from the EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase

3, will be the basis for the terms of the back-flow scheme to EIT RawMaterials when the start-up enters and signs the Project Agreement for Phase 3.

Also take into consideration that EIT RawMaterials can only fund a start-up with a maximum of **€ 60K per year.**

16. Intellectual Property, Confidentiality and Publication Rights

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application, applicants confirm that they hold ownership of or have legally secured the right to use all elements of the innovative product or service and that the provided materials and information do not infringe any intellectual or other property rights, including patents, of any other persons, companies or other entities. Elements of the submission that are based on rights held by others, such as patents, shall be marked as such in the submission.

EIT RawMaterials and their authorised representatives in the programme undertake to ensure the confidentiality of the projects presented and developed throughout the programme.

By submitting their application, applicants consent that EIT RawMaterials and its Innovation Hubs will collect, transfer, process, store and delete their data under aforementioned conditions.

Applicants agree that if they are selected, their data, the receipt of their grant and non-confidential information about their project may be used by EIT RawMaterials and their authorised representatives without compensation for promotion of their activities. Non-confidential information related to the project will be only provided after authorisation of the applicants or the one marked with “public summary”.

By submitting the application for the EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme, applicants agree to the EIT RawMaterials Privacy Policy.

16.1 Publicity – Visibility of the EU Funding

Publicity by the selected startups

The selected companies must promote the EIT RawMaterials Accelerator Programme grant and its results by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner. A communications package including guidelines will be provided to all selected companies.

Unless EIT RawMaterials requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any communication activity related to the action (including in electronic form, via social media, etc.) must:

a) display the "Supported by" text and the **EIT RawMaterials logo with the EU emblem** (equal width for the EIT RawMaterials brandmark and the EU flag) and
b) include the following text:
"Co-funded by the European Union".[1]

When displayed together with another logo, the EIT RawMaterials logo and EU emblem must have appropriate prominence.

For the purposes of their obligations, the selected companies may use the EIT RawMaterials logo and the EU emblem without first obtaining separate approval from EIT RawMaterials.

This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use.

Moreover, they may not appropriate the EU emblem or any similar trademark or logo or seek any other intellectual property rights in relation thereto, whether by registration or by any other means. EIT RawMaterials reserves the right to revoke the above right of use at any time in its sole and unfettered discretion.

Publicity by EIT RawMaterials

EIT RawMaterials may use, for its communication and publicising activities, information relating to the action, documents (notably summaries) for publication as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material that it receives from the participants (including in electronic format).

EIT RawMaterials will publish the names of the funded companies, their origin, the amount of the grant and its nature and purpose — unless they have requested to waive this publication (because of disclosure risks threatening their security and safety or harming their commercial interests).

Photos and videos taken by EIT RawMaterials during EIT RawMaterials events where the selected companies will feature are the sole property of EIT RawMaterials.

17. Terms and Conditions

By submitting their application form, applicants agree to the Terms and Conditions, which form part of their submission. EIT RawMaterials reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to these Terms and Conditions. Amendments and additions to these Terms and Conditions shall be valid if communicated in writing on the EIT RawMaterials website or otherwise made available to the applicants. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Germany. Any disagreement or dispute which may arise in connection with these Terms and Conditions which cannot be settled amicably will be brought before the courts of Berlin, Germany. To the maximum extent permitted by law, under no circumstances and under no legal theory whether in tort (including negligence)

[1] Subject to change due to the implementation of the Call 2021 under the regulation of Horizon Europe.

contract or otherwise shall EIT RawMaterials and the Innovation Hub (CLC) legal entities be liable for any special indirect, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, including loss of profit. You may withdraw your application any time by informing us by email or withdrawing your registration any time.

18. Organiser and Financing

The Accelerator Programme is organised by EIT RawMaterials and its regional Innovation Hubs (CLCs), which act as managing partners in coordinating the collection, evaluation, award and follow-up process at regional level. Interested applicants are invited to contact the relevant Innovation Hub staff (e.g. Business Development Managers) in advance to preliminarily discuss their ideas.

For questions and more information please contact the Business Development Manager at your nearest Innovation Hub (CLC) or Kirsten Winterfeld, Business Development Specialist at EIT RawMaterials GmbH, for guidance (see below for contact).

The list of Innovation Hubs (CLCs) and the countries covered by each are as follows:

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