

# Enhanced European Innovation Council Pilot

## WARSAW, 7 May 2019

The EIC pilot was first introduced in 2018 under the current Horizon 2020 programme. Building on that experience, European Commission now introduces enhanced schemes supporting great ideas and innovation.

New funding opportunities for 2019 and 2020 under the Enhanced EIC Pilot include the following schemes:

- **EIC Pathfinder Pilot** - comprises FET-Open and FET-Proactive and offers grants of up to €4 million to promote collaborative, inter-disciplinary research and innovation on science-inspired and radically new future technologies,
- **EIC Accelerator Pilot** - builds on the SME Instrument Phase II and provides grant-only support (up to €2,5 million) as well as support in the form of blended finance (combining grant and equity of up to €15 million). It supports high-risk, high-potential SMEs willing to develop and commercialise new products, services and business models that could drive economic growth and shape new markets in Europe and worldwide.



**The date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**The Venue:** Novotel Warszawa Centrum Hotel, Marszałkowska str. 94/98

**Organizer:** European Commission, CE Representation in Poland, Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU.

## **AGENDA**

09:00-10:00 Registration/coffee break

Moderator: Artur Osiecki – Journalist, Rzeczpospolita

### **10:30 - 12:00 Panel 1 - THE ENHANCED EIC PILOT – NEW APPROACH TO FUNDING – 1, 5 HOURS**

- Introduction to policy rationale for the European Innovation Council  
**Patrick Child**, Deputy Director General of DG RTD, European Commission
- Panel discussion  
  
**Kinga Stanisławska**, High Level Group on the European Innovation Council  
**Patrick Child**, Deputy Director General of DG RTD, European Commission  
**Representative of Ministry of Science and Higher Education (tbc)**  
**Mateusz Sagan**, Director of Development in SDS OPTIC – Beneficiary Phase 2, SME Instrument
- Q&A - 20 minutes

### **12:00 - 13:30 Panel 2 - HOW TO RECEIVE FUNDING (IMPLEMENTATION) – 1,5 HOURS**

- Presentation of specific elements and novelties of the revised EIC Work Programme 2019-2020: equity component, calls for breakthrough technologies, programme managers, EIC Pilot Advisory Board  
  
**Timo Hallantie**, Head of Unit, REA , European Commission  
**Grzegorz Ambroziewicz**, Deputy Head of Unit, EASME  
**Katarzyna Jakimowicz**, EIC Pilot Programme, Directorate for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Presentation of practical elements, i.e. calls opening, cut-off dates, evaluation  
**Timo Hallantie**, Head of Unit, REA , European Commission  
**Grzegorz Ambroziewicz**, Deputy Head of Unit, EASME  
**Katarzyna Jakimowicz**, EIC Pilot Programme, Directorate for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Q&A 30 minutes

**13:30 - 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 15:30 *Project Presentation - ACCESS4SMEs***

**Antonio Carbone** - National Contact Point Horizon2020

Access4SMEs is the Eu Network of H2020 SMEs and Access to risk finance National Contact Point. One of the Network's main objective is to identify and share key success factors for SME competitive proposals across different H2020 and EIC projects. This practical session is aimed to provide potential applicants with practical tools (including Access4SMEs annotated templates, toolbox for close to market activities) to improve their value proposition and increase the quality of their EIC applications.