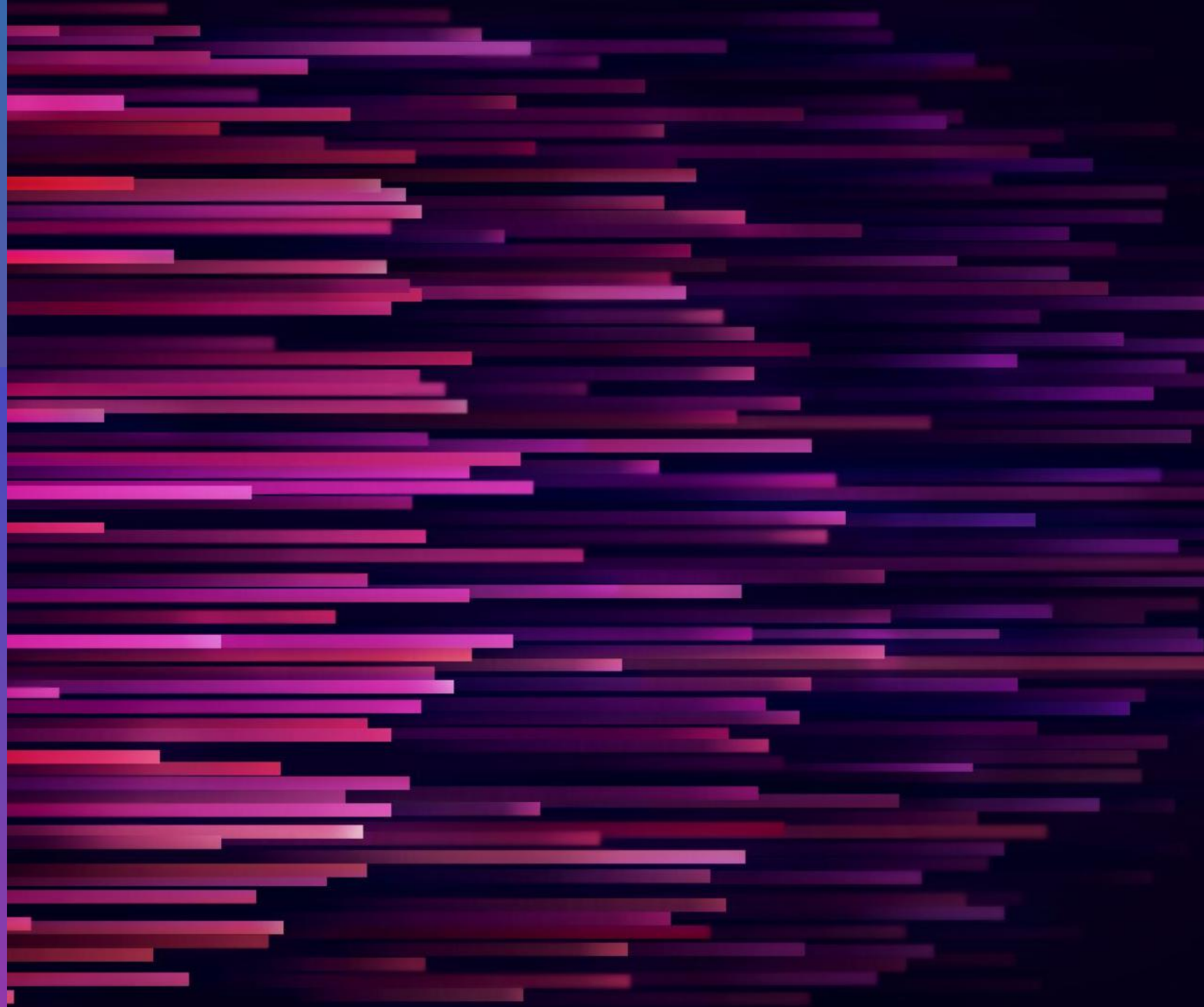


QUICK GUIDE

**EU**  
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# EU FUNDING FOR STARTUPS

*Welcome to the quick overview of the European funding programmes that support startups.*

*Check the overview tables, according to support of the respective stage of product life cycle and thematic priorities.*

*After the overview tables you will find a brief description of each programme, funding, target groups and links to official websites, current calls for proposals and contacts to the programme's representative offices in Slovakia, where you can get further information.*

## EU support to startups: Lifecycle

EU programme	research	innovation/ product dev	testing/ validation	scaling/growth	acceleration	education	specific
EIC Accelerator (HEU)	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●		grants & equity
EIC Transition (HEU)	●●	●					
EIC Pathfinder (HEU)	●●						
Collaborative (HEU)	●●	●	●				
Cascade funding	●	●	●		●		
Eurostars	●●	●	●		●		
EIT	●	●	●	●●	●●		
EDIH		●●	●●	●	●		
Digital Europe		●	●				
EU Defence Fund		●					
Innovation Fund		●					+ investment projects
Life		●					
EU4Health		●	●				
EU Space Programme		●	●				
Creative Europe		●	●				
Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs						●	fellowships
Erasmus+		●	●			●●	



the programme is supporting this lifecycle stage



the programme is partially supporting this lifecycle stage

## EU support to startups: Thematic areas

EU programme	digital	energy/enviro	industry	medicine	agri/bio/food	culture/media	specific
EIC Accelerator (HEU)	••	••	••	••	••	•	thematic challenges
EIC Transition (HEU)	••	••	••	••	••	•	thematic challenges
EIC Pathfinder (HEU)	••	••	••	••	••	•	thematic challenges
Collaborative (HEU)	••	••	••	••	••	•	
Cascade funding	••	••	••	••	••		
Eurostars	••	••	••	••	••	•	
EIT	••	••	••	••	••	••	
EDIH	••	•	•				
Digital Europe	••						
EU Defence Fund	•		•				military
Innovation Fund		••	•				
Life	•	••	•		•		
EU4Health	•			••			
EU Space Programme	•	•	••		•		space tech
Creative Europe						••	media
Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs	••	••	••	••	••	••	fellowships
Erasmus+	•					•	education



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# E I C A C C E L E R A T O R ( H O R I Z O N E U R O P E )

**About:** funding and investments through the EIC Fund for individual start-ups and small companies to develop and scale up game changing innovations

**Funding:** grants up to EUR 2.5 million (70% funding), investment up to EUR 15 million

**Target group:** only tech startups and SMEs (single partner, no consortia)

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# E I C T R A N S I T I O N ( H O R I Z O N E U R O P E )

**About:** EIC Transition funds innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory to support both: the maturation and validation of your novel technology in the lab and in relevant application environments, and the development of a business case and (business) model towards the innovation's future commercialisation.

**Funding:** Grants of up to EUR 2.5 million

**Target group:** single applicants (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organisations, universities) or small consortia (max 5 partners); applications are restricted to results generated by the following eligible projects: EIC Pathfinder, ERANETs, ERC Proof of Concept

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# E I C P A T H F I N D E R ( H O R I Z O N E U R O P E )

**About:** exploration of bold ideas for radically new technologies, supporting high-risk / high gain and interdisciplinary cutting-edge science collaborations that underpin technological breakthroughs

**Funding:** grants of up to EUR 3 to 4 million

**Target group:** visionary scientists and entrepreneurial researchers from universities, research organisations, start-ups, high-tech SMEs or industrial stakeholders (consortia)

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# COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS (HORIZON EUROPE)

**About:** Pillar II: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness covering following clusters: health; culture, creativity and inclusive society; civil security for society; digital, industry and space; climate, energy and mobility; food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment

**Funding:** research (and innovation) grants of up to several million EUR

**Target group:** any legal organisation, incl. startups, scaleups, SME (consortia: at least three eligible entities from at least three Member States or associated countries)

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# CASCADE FUNDING

**About:** Financial Support for Third Parties (FSTP), a mechanism to distribute public funding to assist startups, scaleups, SME and/or mid-caps, in the uptake or development of (digital) innovation

**Funding:** €20-250K

**Target group:** startups, scaleups, SME and/or mid-caps, researchers (single partner or consortia)

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