

EIT Higher Education Initiative

Call for Proposals 2026 Info Session:

Application and Budget Planning

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Introduction to the IVAP

What is the Innovation Vision Action Plan (IVAP)?

The application/proposal!

A roadmap for your project's innovation capacity building activities during the funding period as well as for the implementation of its long-term vision.

The IVAP will be submitted through the application portal, in two Parts:

- **Part A** – technical information and supporting documents upload, online
- **Part B** – narrative content, a Word template to be filled and uploaded

The IVAP Structure

Part A

General Information

Applicant Information

Partners

Associated Partners

Domains and Actions

KPIs

EIT KIC Alignment

Work Packages

Project Budget

Deliverables & Milestones

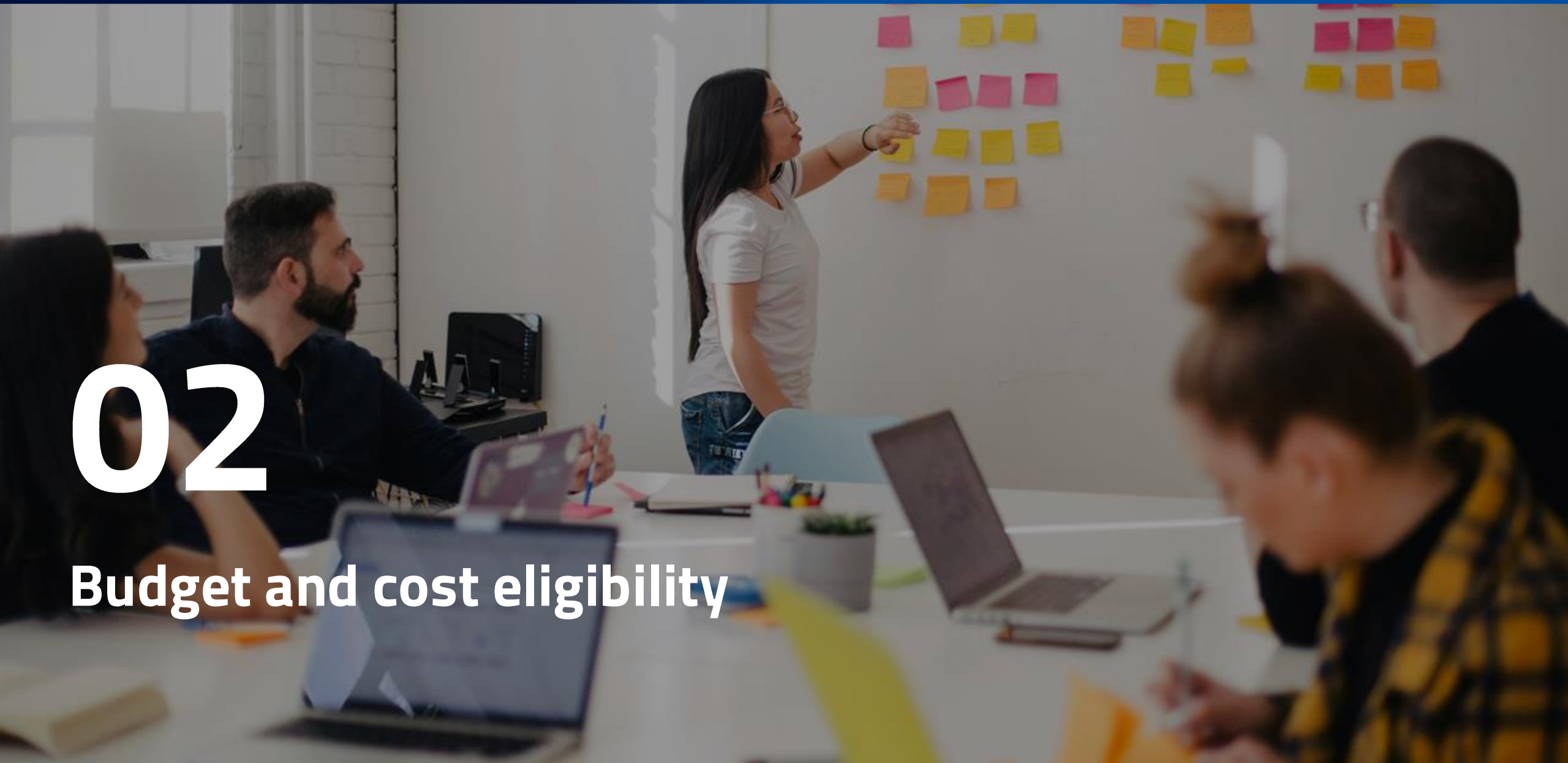
Part B

Narrative application content:

Section 1: Excellence

Section 2: Impact

Section 3: Quality and Efficiency of Implementation



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Budget and cost eligibility

Cost eligibility

EIT Higher Education Initiative Projects are part of Horizon Europe Framework.

General funding and cost eligibility regulations follow the Horizon Europe Regulation and are governed by the Horizon Europe Grant Agreement (annotations can be found in the HE Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA)).

The project budget (maximum grant amount) is up to EUR 1,250,000 per project.

The funding rate that applies to the EIT Higher Education Initiative Projects selected for funding is up to 100%.

The grant can only reimburse eligible costs (i.e. costs that comply with the general and specific conditions set out in Article 6 of the AGA).

Cost categories

Funding will be provided through the reimbursement of eligible costs actually incurred by beneficiaries for the implementation of the action. Beneficiaries must declare eligible costs in accordance with the applicable funding rules and maintain adequate supporting records and documentation to demonstrate their eligibility.

The following budget categories apply to the EIT HEI Projects:

- Personnel costs
- Subcontracting costs
- Purchase costs
  - Travel and subsistence
  - Equipment
  - Other goods, works and services
- Other cost categories
  - Financial support to third parties in the form of prizes
  - Internally invoiced goods and services
- Indirect costs (25%)

Cost categories

The funding requested must be justified in relation to the planned activities as described in the IVAP.

All costs must be fully described and justified. The costs should be reasonable, justified and directly related to the achievement of the objectives of the HEI Initiative and IVAP. Moreover, contracting must comply with EU public procurement rules.

Equipment cost: Purchases of equipment, infrastructure or other assets used for the action must be declared as depreciation costs, calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred and written off in accordance with international accounting standards and the beneficiary's usual accounting practices. Only the portion of the costs that corresponds to the rate of actual use for the action during the action duration can be taken into account.

When considering the Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) cost category in your proposal, please ensure compliance with all applicable rules and requirements. In particular, beneficiaries must adhere to the provisions and guidance set out in Section D.1 "Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)" of the Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA) .

Travel costs - participation in EIT HEI Community Activities and Events

The EIT HEI management team, in its role supporting the development, implementation and learnings of project IVAPs, convenes project participants and the larger EIT HEI community of projects to a series of both online and in-person events.

Please check section 3.5 (*EIT HEI Portfolio and Community Integration and Participation*) of the EIT HEI Call for Proposals 2026 text for all the planned events. Please note that the list of activities is indicative and may be adjusted during project implementation. Final dates and invitations will be shared with awarded projects in due time, so please treat this as an approximation of the expected effort.

Any required physical meetings should be budgeted within your project proposal, using your organisation's standard travel cost estimates and ensuring compliance with Horizon Europe eligibility rules.

Travel costs - participation in EIT HEI Community Activities and Events

Activity	Format / Participation	Timing
IVAP Workshop	2.5-day in-person event; mandatory participation of a minimum of four representatives per project	Q3/Q4 2027
System Innovation Training	Approximately ten days of blended training, primarily online asynchronous learning open to the entire consortium, plus one in-person workshop for up to two representatives per project	Q3/Q4 2027 (online training); Q1 2028 (in-person workshop)
Cohort 6 Co-creation Workshop Series	Two half-day online workshops, open to the entire consortium	Q3 2027 and Q2 2028
KIC Discovery Days	Two half-day online events, open to the entire consortium	Q4 2027 and Q3 2028
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training	Approximately 15 hours of training (TBC), delivered through asynchronous and synchronous online learning	Q3/Q4 2027
Preparing for Investment with Creative Innovation	Five 1.5-hour online sessions	Indicatively Q4 2027 and Q1 2028
Cohort 6 Sensemaking	2.5-day in-person event; mandatory participation of two representatives per project	Q2 2028
EIT HEI Community events	Participation in one of up to three annual in-person events bringing together the wider Community	Throughout the project period
Online Community webinars and thematic activities	Ongoing opportunities covering topics such as intellectual property rights, cross-sector collaboration and partnerships, institutional pipelines and related subjects	Ongoing throughout the project period

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Upcoming Info Sessions:

UPCOMING EVENTS | Online Event

EIT KIC Discvery Day (Call 2026 Info Sessions)

23 November 2026, 10:00-12:15 CET

Register →

UPCOMING EVENTS | Online Event

Open Q&A (Call 2026 Info Sessions)

3 December 2026, 15:00-16:30 CET

Register →

Thank you for your participation!

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