



BCCI TO TAKE PART IN A NEW EIT-FUNDED PROJECT FOR BOOSTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is happy to announce that it will be taking part in a new project called HIVE (HEI Innovation for Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship). The project aims to increase the innovation and entrepreneurial capacity of the project partners by networking and exchange of the best practices identified nationally and internationally, to scale up the commercialization and introduce institutional change in higher education for impact by implementing a jointly developed IVAP with a view to 2030.

The project will receive funding from the [EIT HEI Initiative: Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education](#). This initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) aims to boost the entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of higher education institutions (HEIs) across Europe.

As part of this project, we will be working together with the following partners:

- University of Latvia, Latvia – project lead;
- TED University, Turkey;
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic;
- University of Applied Sciences Wiener Neustadt, Austria;
- University of Coimbra, Portugal;
- ESSEC Business School, France;
- Riga Stradins University, Latvia.

Under the EIT HEI Initiative, the project will receive funding of € 1 200 000, and it will run until December 2022, with the possibility of getting extended for 18 more months.

Stay tuned for more information about this project in the coming months!

About the EIT HEI Initiative

The EIT HEI Initiative is a key objective for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology as part of its [new strategy](#). The initiative aims to support HEIs with expertise and coaching, access to the EIT innovation ecosystem, the largest in Europe, and funding, enabling them to develop innovation action plans complementing the needs of individual HEIs. This is the EIT HEI Initiative's second call for proposals, following the success of the [2021 Pilot Call](#). So far, the initiative has provided funding to nearly 50 projects. The next call for proposals is expected towards the end of 2022.

About the EIT

The EIT strengthens Europe's ability to innovate by powering solutions to pressing global challenges and by nurturing entrepreneurial talent to create sustainable growth and skilled jobs in Europe. The EIT is an EU body and an integral part of Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Institute supports dynamic pan-European partnerships, EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, among leading companies, research labs and universities.