


PRESS RELEASE

## SYNERGISTEIC LAUNCHES ITS FIRST OPEN CALL FOR GREENTECH COMPANIES



The graphic features the SynergisteIC logo at the top left. Below it, the text reads 'OPEN CALL #1 for GreenTech startups' followed by 'ClimateTech; CleanTech; Circular economy; Agri-food'. A green arrow points to the text 'Up to 50k grant funding per startup'. At the bottom left is the 'Funded by the European Union' logo and a disclaimer. On the right side, there are two overlapping circular shapes: a purple one containing the text 'A 6 months tailored support ensuring growth, scale-up and access to EU innovation network' and a green one containing 'Start date: 13.04.2023' and 'End date: 14.06.2023'.

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[SynergisteIC is an EU-funded project](#) that started in January 2023 with an overall budget of €1,986M to help European deep tech startups, scaleups and SMEs from the GreenTech sector to scale in the EU and globally. Throughout its 2-year duration SynergisteIC will hold 2 Open Calls selecting and supporting 30 companies, providing them with a combination of financial support, advisory services, and connections with the broader innovation ecosystem.

**Up to € 50,000 per startup will be distributed in Open Call 1.** The first Open Call will provide grants to 15 startups (5 EIC-applicants and 10 non-EIC applicant companies) along with a 6-months tailored support which includes a 3-month acceleration programme to increase scalability, as well as series of workshops on EU funding and procurement topics, and networking opportunities with EU innovation ecosystem players.

## Who can apply?

SynergistEIC welcomes applications from **deeptech startups developing innovative solutions addressing ClimateTech, CleanTech, Circular economy and AgriFood challenges with a preference on certain technological focus** (notably using AI, Machine learning and language processing, Big Data, Advanced Computing, Bioengineering, Next Generation Internet, Blockchain, IoT).

**Application deadline: 14th of June 2023, 17:00 CET!**  
Companies can apply on the [F6S platform SynergistEIC Open Call 1](#).

## What do companies get?

**15 GreenTech companies** will be selected in the first SynergistEIC Open Call to receive up to **€50k grant** to refine their technology, engage with users, and improve commercial metrics. Also, they will be enrolled in a **6-month tailored support programme** addressing the startup's needs and challenges.

## What are the other programme benefits that the companies get:

- **Connections** to peer-companies, investors, national and European innovation ecosystem actors.
- **Boost scalability** and business performance.
- **Increase of market coverage** or market readiness of developed products. .
- Raise companies' awareness of **EU funding and procurement opportunities**.
- Wide **promotion & visibility**.

## How does it work?

The Open Call process is composed of different phases:

- Phase 1: Application submission
- Phase 2: Admissibility & eligibility check
- Phase 3: Proposals evaluation
- Phase 4: Tailored Growth programme begins with selected companies.

**The evaluation will be performed by external evaluators** (external experts with expertise and experience corresponding to the open call topic). Detailed information on the evaluation process could be also found in the [Guide for applicants](#) available on the [SynergistEIC webpage](#).

**Selection criteria:**

- Companies that have applied or are interested in applying for EIC Accelerator
- Seal of Excellence (SoE) holders (for EIC-applicants) or
- Minimum TRL4 level companies that have received funding up to 500k Euro (for non-EIC applicants)
- Female Entrepreneurs and / or with women in high management positions (C-level)
- Companies coming from the EU member states or Associated Countries with preference given to companies from [Widening Countries](#).

**Additional information:**

Detailed information would be provided to candidate applicants on a dedicated SynergistEIC **Open Call Info Webinar** which will take place on 17 May 2023, 15:00 - 16:00 CET. [Register here](#).

Answers to the most common questions related to the SynergistEIC Open Call 1 are provided in the [FAQ section of our website](#), as well.

Applicants are also welcome to ask their questions also by contacting us via email at [info@synergisteic.eu](mailto:info@synergisteic.eu)

**Apply by 14th of June 2023, 17:00 CET on the F6S platform - [SynergistEIC Open Call 1!](#)**

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