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# Why are we here?

**Average Horizon Europe success rate:**

**~21,4 %**

**Success rate of Slovenian applicants to Horizon Europe**

**~ 22,6 %**



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# Why are we here?

## Number of SI applications in 2021+2022

**EIC Pathfinder: 23 open (1 funded), 7 challenges (1 funded)**

**EIC Transition: 1 open, 1 challenges (1 funded)**

**EIC Accelerator (full proposals): 20 open (1 funded), 18 challenges**



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# Why are we here?

## Average success rate 2021+2022

**EIC Pathfinder: ALL: 7,9%; SI: 6,6%**

**EIC Transition: ALL: 13,0%; SI: 50,0%**

**EIC Accelerator: ALL: 7,5%; SI: 2,6%**



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# What can we do?

## HORIZON EUROPE

## EURATOM

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

*Exclusive focus on  
defence research  
& development*

Research  
actions

Development  
actions

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT\*

*Exclusive focus on civil applications*



**Pillar I**  
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



**Pillar II**  
GLOBAL CHALLENGES &  
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL  
COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre\*\*



**Pillar III**  
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation  
Council

European innovation  
ecosystems

European Institute of  
Innovation & Technology\*

### WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint  
Research  
Center



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# HORIZON EUROPE National Contact Points

17 NCPs:

<https://www.gov.si/zbirke/projekti-in-programi/obzorje-evropa/o-programu-obzorje-evropa/nacionalne-kontaktne-tocke>

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## **Minimum standards and guiding principles for NCPs:**

NCPs are support structures which provide information and on-the-ground advice to potential applicants and beneficiaries, through the project life cycle, in their own language, in a manner that would be impossible for the Commission and its Agencies acting alone.

### **NCPs roles:**

- Informing and awareness raising
- Assisting, advising and training
- Signposting and cooperation



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# The world's largest support Network for innovative SMEs with international ambitions



**4000**

LOCAL  
EXPERTS



**600+**

LOCATIONS

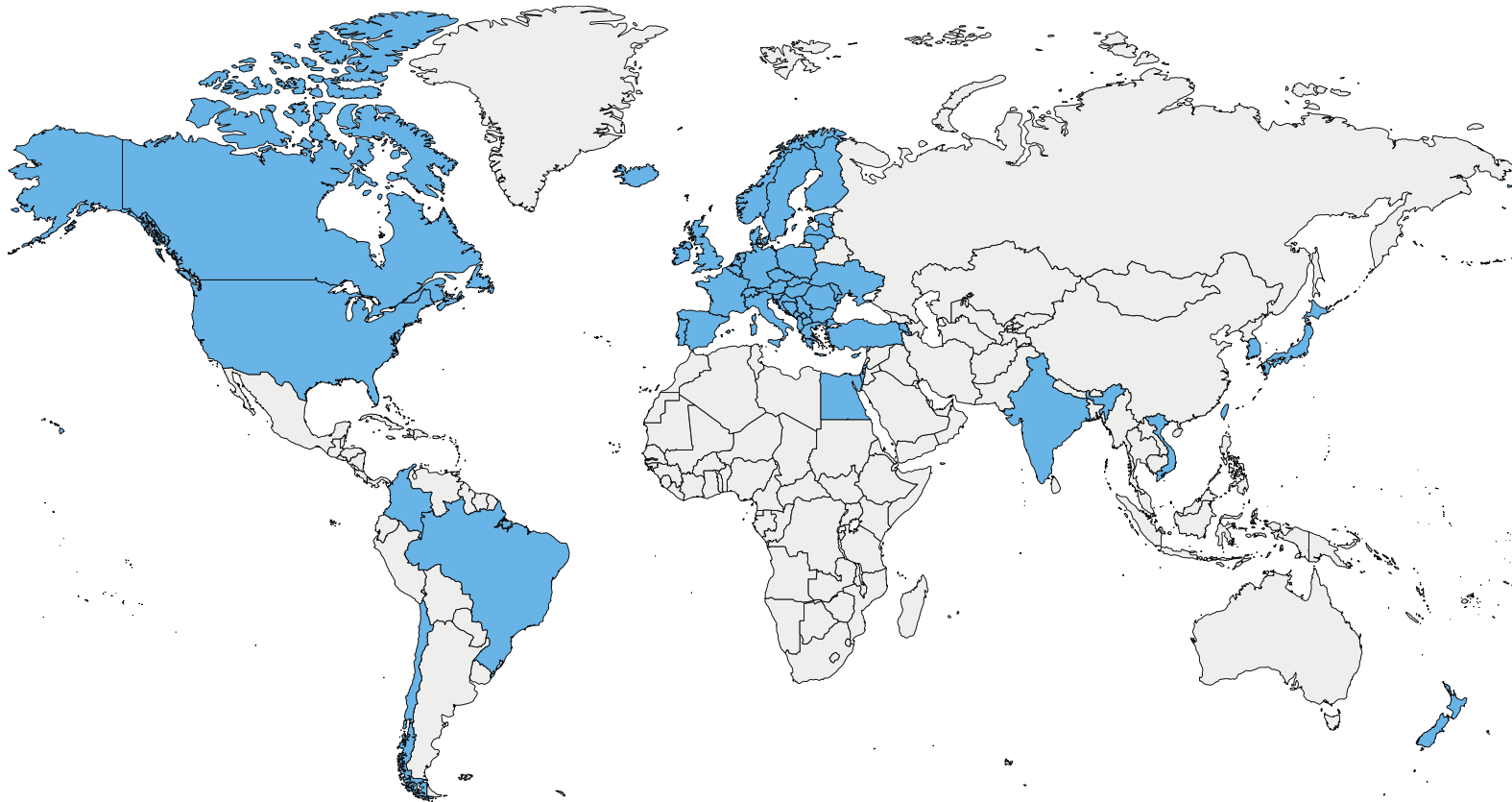


**50+**

COUNTRIES  
WORLDWIDE

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**EU-27**

- 📍 Austria
- 📍 Belgium
- 📍 Bulgaria
- 📍 Croatia
- 📍 Cyprus
- 📍 Czechia
- 📍 Denmark
- 📍 Estonia
- 📍 Finland
- 📍 France
- 📍 Germany
- 📍 Greece
- 📍 Hungary
- 📍 Ireland
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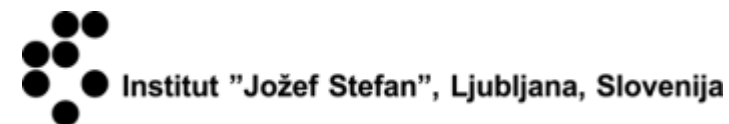
- 📍 Romania
- 📍 Slovakia
- 📍 Slovenia
- 📍 Spain
- 📍 Sweden

**International**

- 📍 Albania
- 📍 Armenia
- 📍 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 📍 Brazil
- 📍 Canada
- 📍 Chile
- 📍 Colombia
- 📍 Egypt
- 📍 Iceland
- 📍 India
- 📍 Israel
- 📍 Japan
- 📍 Korea
- 📍 Kosovo
- 📍 Moldova
- 📍 Montenegro
- 📍 New Zealand
- 📍 Northern Macedonia
- 📍 Norway
- 📍 Serbia
- 📍 Singapore
- 📍 Switzerland
- 📍 Taiwan
- 📍 Türkiye
- 📍 Ukraine
- 📍 United Kingdom
- 📍 United States
- 📍 Vietnam

Disclaimer: Some countries' agreements might still be in process of being signed

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# 17 key sectors

Network experts in 17 key sectors have teamed up to provide you with customised support.



Aeronautics and  
space



Agrofood



BioChemTech



Creative  
Industries



Environment



Healthcare



ICT Industry &  
Services



Intelligent  
Energy



Maritime Industry  
and Services



Materials



Mobility



Nano and micro  
technologies



Retail



Sustainable  
Construction



Textile & Fashion



Tourism and  
Cultural Heritage



Women  
Entrepreneurship

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# A broad range of services for growth-oriented SMEs

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership database

Brokerage events

Company missions

## ADVISORY SUPPORT

Advice on EU laws and standards

Market intelligence

IPR expertise

## INNOVATION SUPPORT

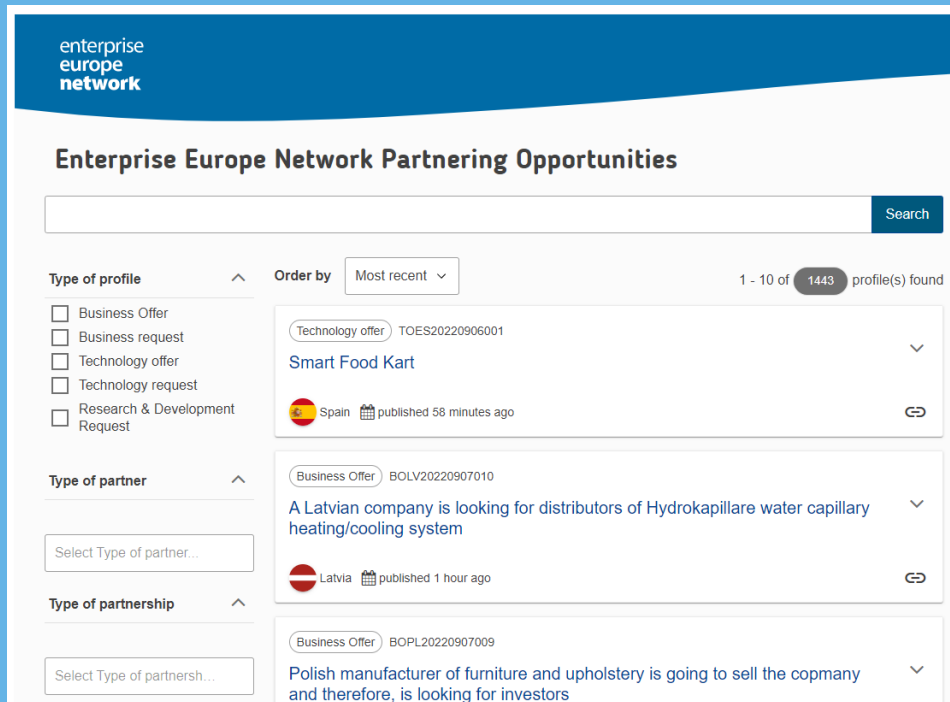
Access to finance and funding

Innovation Management Services

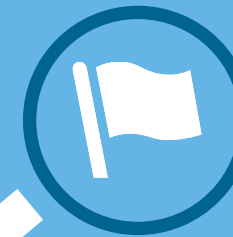
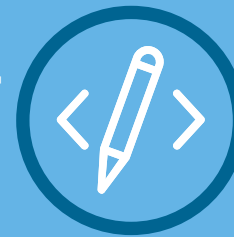
Technology transfer

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# How it works: international partnerships



**London designer** seeks skilled glassware craftsman



**Network identifies** Slovenian glassblowers



**A thriving partnership** is born with more projects on the horizon



# How it works:

## Access to finance

- Initial Interview
- Funding options
- In depth advice for EIC
- Signposting for other programmes



- Additional one-to-one support in preparing EIC Accelerator applications and finding alternative funding sources
- Applicants in widening countries
- Women led SMEs
- SoE holders

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# How does it look like in real life?





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# What makes the difference?





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# Is that enough?



Tour de France 2020



Giro d'Italia 2023



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# KORISTNE POVEZAVE

- Obzorje Evropa in SPIRIT Slovenija: <https://www.podjetniski-portal.si/programi/obzorje-evropa>
- Enterprise Europe Network – EEN: <https://www.een.si>
- MIZŠ in Obzorje Evropa: [www.obzorje-evropa.si](http://www.obzorje-evropa.si)
- Portal za sodelujoče v Obzorju Evropa (Funding & Tenders Portal):  
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>
- Vprašanja? Research Enquiry Service: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>

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## Mrežo NKT tvorimo predstavniki



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MINISTRSTVO ZA VISOKO ŠOLSTVO,  
ZNANOST IN INOVACIJE



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MINISTRSTVO ZA INFRASTRUKTURO



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