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HEI Initiative: Capacity Building for Higher Education

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ABOUT THE HEI INITIATIVE

The HEI Initiative is supported by EIT's Knowledge and Innovation Communities under Horizon Europe

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PRINCIPLES OF THE HEI INITIATIVE



Empowerment



Self-assessment



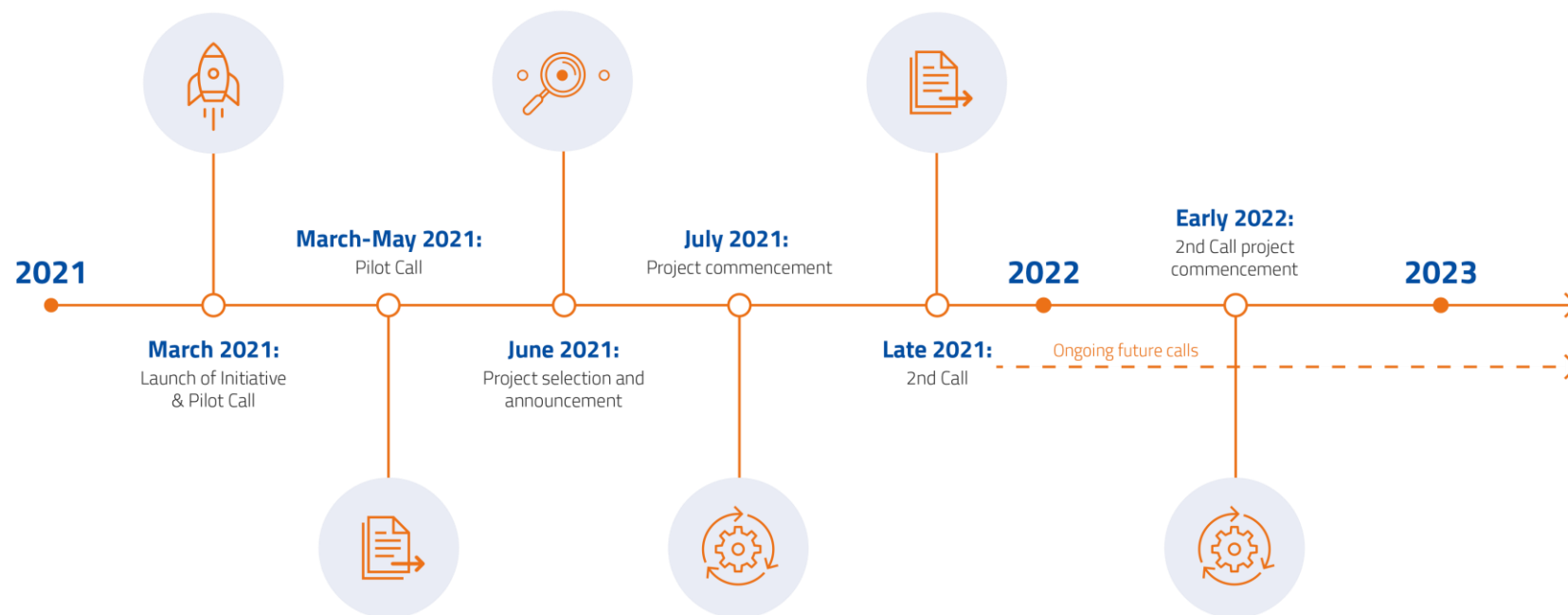
Knowledge sharing



Knowledge
triangle integration

TIMELINE

- **March 2021: Launch of Initiative & Pilot Call**
- March-May 2021: Pilot Call
- ⇒ 23 projects could receive funding of up to €1.2 m each for maximum 24 months
- June-July 2021: Pilot Call project selection announcement and commencement
- **18 November 2021: 2nd Call**
- July 2022: 2nd Call project commencement
- Based on pre-pilot phase, the initiative will be extended into the period 2024-2027



APPLICATIONS IN THE PILOT CALLILOT CALL FOR PROPOSALS – RESULTS



64

Applications



748

Organisations



319

HEIs

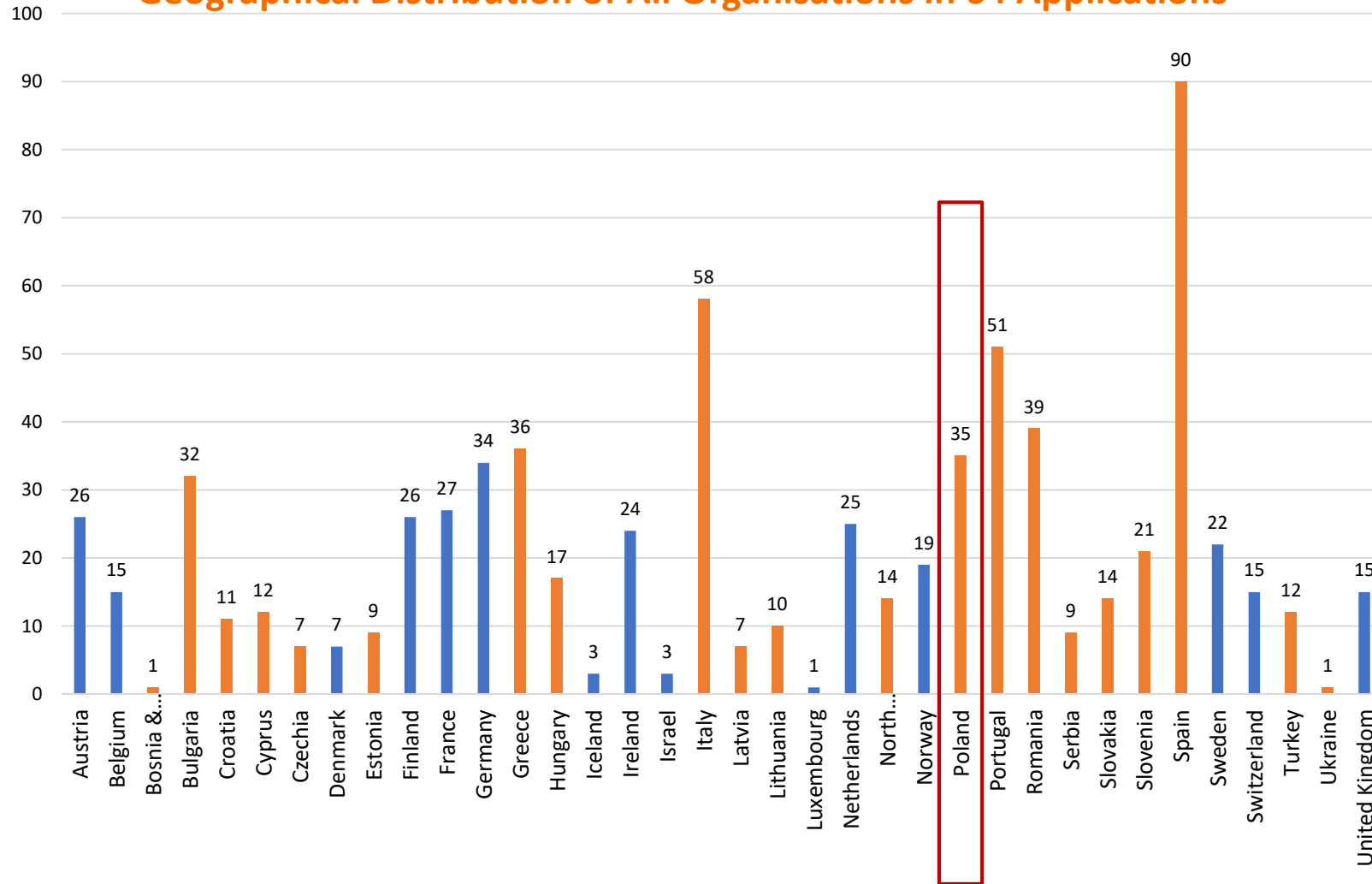


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Countries



Geographical Distribution of All Organisations in 64 Applications



- 748 organisations involved in 64 applications
- 65% of all organisations come from RIS countries
- All RIS countries ('modest and moderate' innovators) represented *except* two

Who can apply

- **Higher Education Institutions**, one of which must be a KIC partner
- Public or private, small, medium or large enterprises
- Research institutes
- Public bodies at local, regional or national level
- Intermediary organisations or associations which represent Higher Education Institutions
- Horizon Europe countries



HEInnovate

HEInnovate is a free self-assessment tool for HEIs who wish to explore their innovative potential

- Integral part of the HEI Initiative
- Identifies HEIs' strengths and weaknesses in the areas of entrepreneurship and innovation
- Allows HEIs to compare and their evolution over time
- 100% confidential
- Available in all EU languages
- No comparison/ranking with other institutions

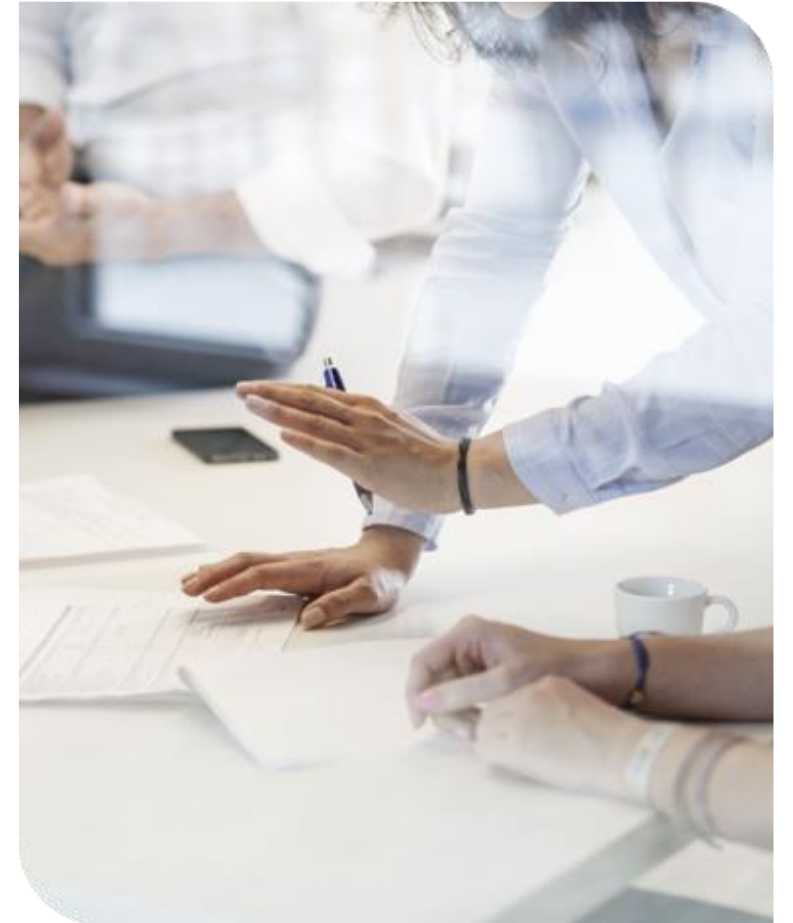


INNOVATION VISION ACTION PLAN (IVAP)

Applying HEIs are required to prepare a vision for 2030 with a clear, step-by-step action plan leading to lasting impact

- **Vision** – end goals HEIs want to achieve by 2030
- **Action plan** – concrete, clear and detailed (deliverables, milestones, stakeholders, budget, tracking of results, and risk management)
- **Impact** – deep-rooted and tangible institutional changes

The IVAP is the heart of the application and the project itself.



THE IVAP – DOMAINS AND ACTIONS

Domain 1: Fostering institutional engagement and change

- Secure and maintain institutional engagement
- Student engagement activities
- Infrastructure development
- Multi-disciplinary support structures
- Set up or improve organisational units

Domain 2: Strengthening partnerships (knowledge triangle integration)

- New collaborations
- Exchange good practices
- Collaborate with the EIT KICs

Domain 3: Contribution to developing innovations and businesses

- Structures for creating start-ups
- Structures for innovation-driven research
- Testbeds & platforms

Domain 4: Enhancing the quality of innovation and entrepreneurial education

- Innovation and entrepreneurial curricula
- Assessment of teaching and learning practices
- Training programmes and mentoring schemes
- Internships in businesses



PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Increasing innovation by focusing on the opportunities of Big Data
- Strengthening partnerships between Tech Transfer Offices and regional manufacturing businesses
- Developing innovation and business support services to expand local SME networks to European-wide ones using digital technologies
- Creating and disseminating innovation knowledge
- Enhancing the quality of entrepreneurial education through Just-In-Time learning principles in mentoring programmes

2ND CALL – INFO SESSIONS

December 7, 14:00 – 15:15 CET => <https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/heidec7>

December 8, 10:00 – 11:15 CET => <https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/heidec8>

December 10, 13:30 – 14:45 CET => <https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/heidec10>

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