



EIT Community activities are thriving in Poland with all Innovation Communities running activities across the country, including four EIT Innovation Hubs. There are **81 participating organisations** in the EIT Community from Poland. Over **33 percent of these are SMEs**, well above Horizon 2020's goal of 20 percent.



The EIT Community's partners include University of Warsaw, Maspex, AGH University of Science and Technology, Comarch, Medical University of Lodz, Institute of Non-Ferrous Metal, Raben group, Celon Pharma, Wroclaw University of Environment and Life Sciences and Czestochowa University of Technology.

In 2017, Polish organisations received a total of **€ 9 781 936** in grants from the EIT Community. From 2014 to 2017, Poland received over **€ 40 million in EIT grants**, making Poland the **9th largest beneficiary of EIT grants**. Among the EU13, Poland is the largest beneficiary of EIT grants. In 2017, Poland received **3.7 percent of total EIT grants**.



Poland is also part of the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS). The EIT RIS is the EIT Community's outreach scheme that enables the transfer of good practices and know-how from the EIT's unique approach to boosting innovation. The EIT RIS was introduced in 2014 to widen participation in our activities across Europe.



EIT Business Creation and Accelerator Services

There are several EIT activities focused on business creation and acceleration in Poland:

- Polish entrepreneurs are able to compete in **EIT Climate-KIC's Launchpad**, the world's largest green business ideas competition. Where they can win direct access to the EIT Climate-KIC accelerator, where great ideas grow into great businesses.
- Polish early-stage companies and SMEs have the opportunity to be trained in the **EIT Health InnoStars Award programme**. Moreover, a selected list of candidates will participate in the Final pitch event where they can win awards of up to EUR 25 000 to launch their product or service.
- In 2018 Polish start-ups in sustainable energy competed in the Country Final of **EIT InnoEnergy's PowerUp! Competition**, the largest competition for start-ups from the cleantech sector in Central Europe. Indoorway, the winner of the Country Final, competed in the Grand Final in Prague.



EIT Education

Three EIT-labelled master's degrees are offered in Poland:

- **EIT RawMaterials' Joint Master European Mining Course** at The Wrocław University of Science and Technology
- **EIT InnoEnergy's Master of Science in Clean Fossil and Alternative Fuels Energy** hosted by AGH University of Science and Technology and the Silesian University of Technology.
- **EIT InnoEnergy's Master of Science in Environmental Pathways for Sustainable Energy Systems** hosted by the AGH University of Science and Technology.

In addition to the EIT-labelled university degrees, the EIT Community offers Polish citizens a long list of other education activities: lifelong-learning, professional and executive trainings, short courses and summer schools and online courses. Furthermore, several of our Innovation Communities offer other education activities that are located in Poland:

- **EIT Climate-KIC Pioneers into Practice**: Pioneers into Practice operates in eight European locations and consists of a 4-6 week placement (domestic or international), bespoke transitions thinking & systems innovation mentoring delivered through a structured workshop programme and online training
- **EIT Food RIS Fellowships**: EIT Food's RIS Fellowship offers 30 students and graduates from RIS countries unique, paid three-month internships.
- **EIT Health StarShip**: EIT Health's StarShip is a one year programme where fellows work together in multidisciplinary teams and learn a proven, action-based approach to find solutions to health challenges in collaboration with key industrial players.





EIT InnoEnergy is represented with an Innovation Hub in Krakow. In 2017, Polish organisations received **€ 8 030 136** in EIT grants. EIT InnoEnergy gathers 45 organisations in Poland.

EIT InnoEnergy's Innovation Hub in Poland supports and invests in innovation at every stage of the journey, from the classroom to the end customer.

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EIT Health in Poland is represented by four Innovation Community partners from Lodz region, which in total received **€ 347 386** in EIT grants. In addition, the Medical University of Gdansk acts as EIT Health's Hub.

The Hub implements EIT Health's Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS), aiming to increase the innovation capacity in areas of Europe not directly covered by EIT Health's Innovation Hubs. In December 2018, EIT Health will organise their annual event EIT Health Summit in Lodz.

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EIT RawMaterials is represented with an Innovation Hub in Wrocław, which gathers 8 Polish organisations. They received a total of **€ 717 395** in EIT grants in 2017.

EIT RawMaterials Poland operates through three strategic pillars that address challenges in primary and secondary resources: deep intelligent mine, zero waste programme, and advance supplier's solutions.

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EIT Food is represented with an Innovation Hub in Warsaw, gathering partners from Central and Eastern Europe and the Nordic countries. They aim to transform the food ecosystem in the region by connecting consumers with businesses, researchers and students. EIT Food gathers 14 Polish organisations.

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EIT Climate-KIC's office in Poland is located in Wrocław. EIT Climate-KIC gathers 13 organisations in Poland. In 2017, these organisations received a total of **€ 687 019** in EIT grants.

EIT Climate-KIC's team in Poland supports pioneering activities in the climate change services market in Poland and Central and Eastern Europe.

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EIT Digital is represented in Poland through its ARISE Europe Cooperation Partner RebelsValley, located in Warsaw. EIT Digital's ARISE Europe programme, part of the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS), is designed to stimulate regional growth in EU countries where EIT Digital is not present with one of its Innovation Hubs.

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Poland's Innovation in Action



Bin-e (Dąbrowa, Poland) is supported by **EIT InnoEnergy Highway** and won the 2017 **PowerUp!** Audience Award.

Bin-e is an IoT-based waste management device, self-segregating, and automatically compressing, with a data collection function, and fill level control.

Piwik PRO (Wrocław, Poland) is supported by **EIT Digital's Accelerator**.

Piwik PRO optimises online marketing through better understanding of customer behaviour for data sensitive industries. Their customers include banks, telecom providers and government organisations that are unwilling to share data with large analytics vendors such as Adobe and Google.



Dr Poket (Gdańsk, Poland) are supported by **EIT Health InnoStars** and winner of the **EIT Health HeadStart** pitch competition in Digital Health in 2017, giving them a € 50 000 grant.

Dr Poket produces HealthPoint devices that dispense medications, vitamins and supplements without the package in a medicine cup for immediate use.

XTPL (Wrocław, Poland) is supported by **EIT Climate-KIC's Accelerator**.

XTPL develops a breakthrough method for the printing of nanomaterials with the highest possible precision. So far, they have demonstrated a potentially scalable and low-cost method of printing electrically conductive structures at a width of 100 times less than the human hair.

