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The Next
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Innovation
Talents' Initiative

European
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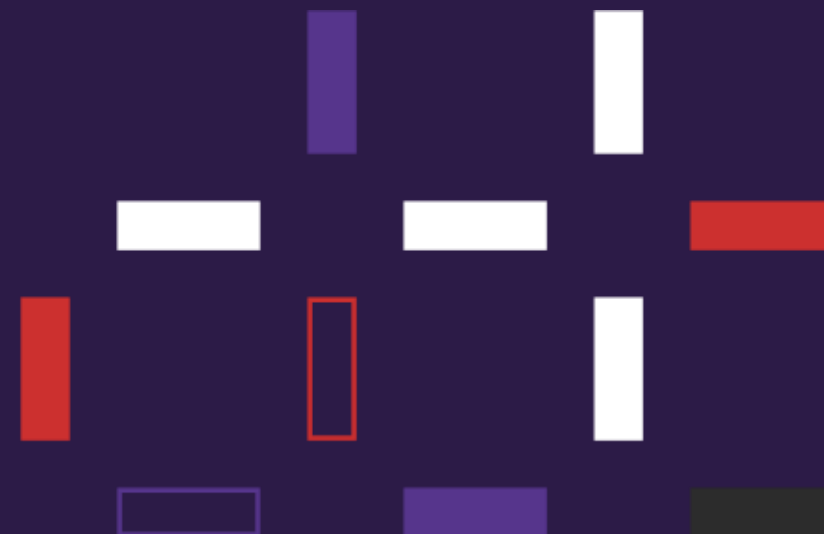
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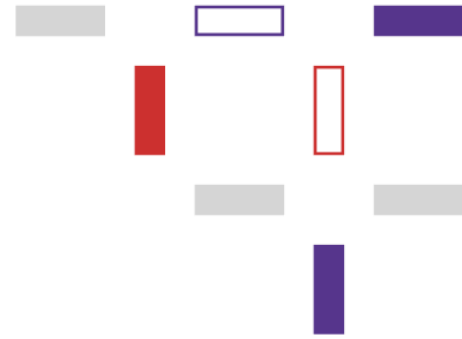


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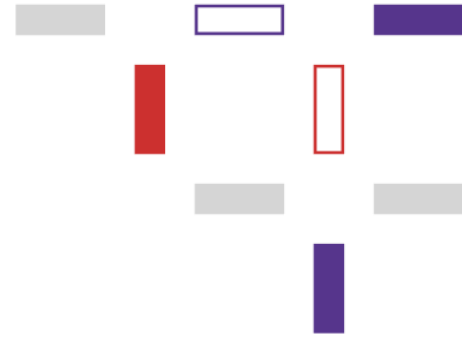
General Presentation

An initiative of the EIC Business Acceleration Services





About InnoNext



What is InnoNext?

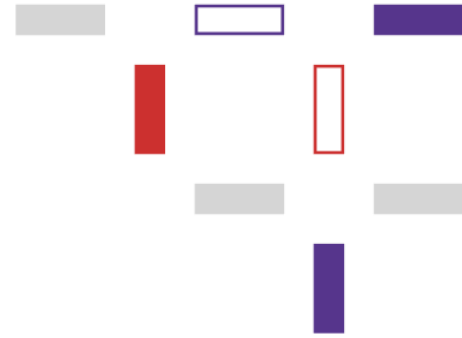
InnoNext connects talents with innovative SMEs through a matchmaking platform

InnoNext works through the activation of **Innovation Internships**

In collaboration with
EIC, EIT, ERC, MSCA, RI



What is an Innovation Internship?



Transformative collaboration between high-level talents and visionary start-ups and SMEs.

Fresh perspectives

Support in addressing specific challenges

Mutual Growth

Why joining InnoNext?

Companies >

Boost innovation by hosting a
highly skilled Visiting Talent

Benefit from **fully-funded
internships** valued at up to
EUR 30,000

Access to fresh
expertise

Receive Expert
Mentoring

Receive guidance on the onboarding
and administrative process

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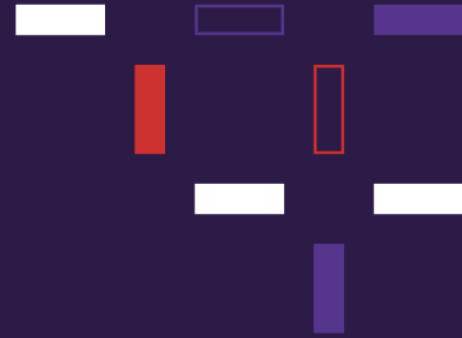
**Put in practice your knowhow /
research in an entrepreneurial
context**

**Apply your academic skills
in an innovative company**

See how a company
works from the inside

Widen the European
innovation network

Receive Expert
Mentoring



Which Opportunities?

For students and graduates

For PhD, postdoctoral researchers and Alumni

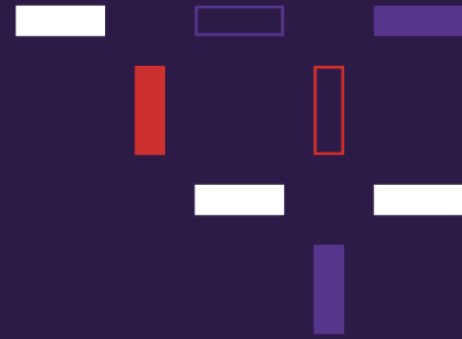
Deep Tech Talents

- Research-focused experiences
- Technical innovation projects

Aspiring Innovators

- Business-focused experiences
- Entrepreneurship skills development

About InnoNext



Your journey in a nutshell

For students and graduates

For PhD and postdoctoral researchers

ONBOARDING



Discover the project
via the website

MATCHMAKING



Find your best
match

INTERNSHIP



Prepare the
agreement

MENTORING



Join formative
sessions (live and
streaming)

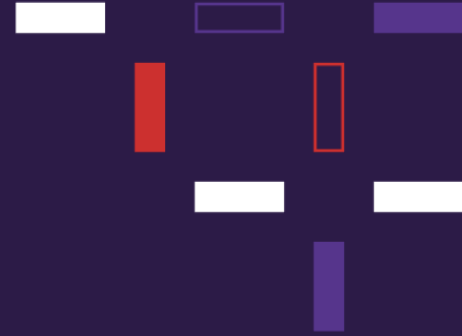
SELF-ASSESSMENT



Self-assess your
entrepreneurial
growth with the
ENTRECOMP tool

Support

Before, during and after the Innovation internship
(email, 1to1 meeting)



Timeline & Key Dates

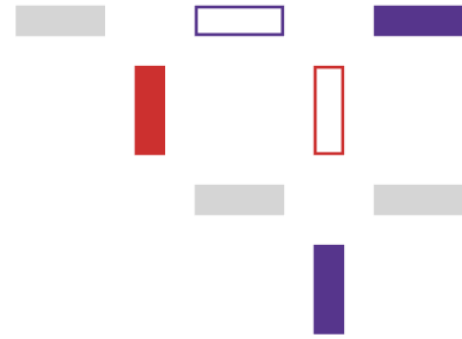
InnoNext Duration:

Internship must be terminated by July 2027

Applications: Rolling basis

Innovation Internship Duration: 3-6 months

Start Dates: Flexible



Beneficiaries

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Who can apply as a Visiting Talent?

EIC Talents

(European Innovation Council)

Pathfinder PhD/Postdoc

Transition Researchers

Assistant professors or researchers with several years of professional or postdoctoral experience, up to tenure track positions (probationary period)

EIC Alumni Talents*

EIT Talents

(European Institute of Innovation & Technology)

Students or graduates from **EIT Label Master's or Doctoral programmes**

EIT Alumni members

Researchers from other postdoctoral training programmes **funded by the EIT Community**
Other KICs education programmes

MSCA Talents

(Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions)

Postdoc Fellows

Doctoral Networks

COFUND

Assistant professors or researchers with several years of professional or postdoctoral experience, up to tenure track positions (probationary period)

MSCA Alumni Talents*

ERC Talents

(European Research Council)

PhD/Postdoc researchers

Assistant professors or researchers with several years of professional or postdoctoral experience, up to tenure track positions (probationary period)

ERC Alumni Talents*

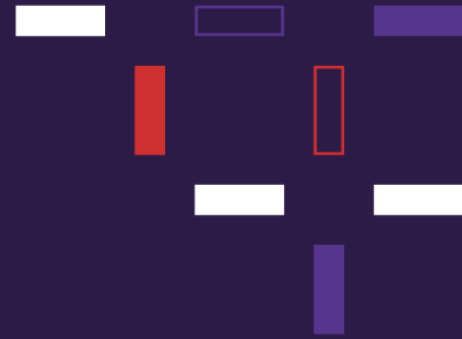
RI Talents

(Research Infrastructures)

PhD/Postdoc

Assistant professors or researchers with several years of professional or postdoctoral experience, up to tenure track positions (probationary period)

RI Alumni Talents*



Who Are Alumni Talents?

Alumni from EIC, ERC, MSCA, RI

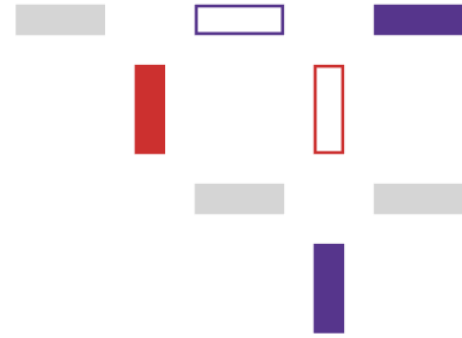
Talents **who have previously participated in projects funded by one of the eligible EU programmes**, namely EIC, ERC, MSCA or Research Infrastructures.

Alumni may participate in InnoNext provided that their eligibility can be duly verified.

EIT Alumni

Talents who have previously participated in an eligible EIT programme and are able to provide a **Certificate, Letter of Engagement, or equivalent document** confirming their previous relationship with the programme.

Beneficiaries



Who can apply as a Hosting Company?

EIC Companies

Start-ups and SMEs supported by the EIC Accelerator (including H2020 SME instrument)

EIC awarded Seal of Excellence companies

SMEs/start-ups supported by EIC Transition

SMEs/start-ups supported by EIC Pathfinder

SMEs and Seal of Excellence holders who applied to the EIC UA tech innovators call and EIC Pre-Accelerator call

EIC Alumni Companies*

EIT Companies

- Startups and SMEs supported by the EIT Community and its business creation services
- Businesses founded with support from Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)
- Companies that have partnered with KICs for innovation activities
- Startups or scale-ups with at least one co-founder who is an EIT Alumni member

MSCA Companies

Companies that are part of a consortium that receives a MSCA grant

MSCA Alumni Companies*

**Discover who are Alumni Companies in the next slide*

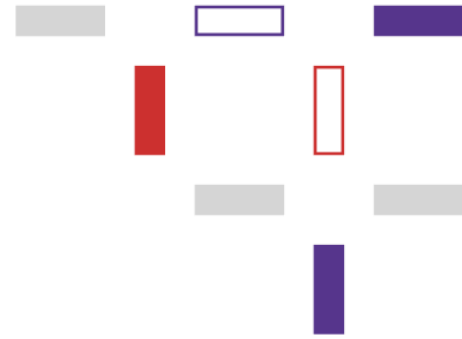
Who Are Alumni Companies?

Alumni from EIC and MSCA

Companies that **have previously received support under eligible EU programmes**, as listed on the InnoNext website, and are able to provide the required information to validate their eligibility.

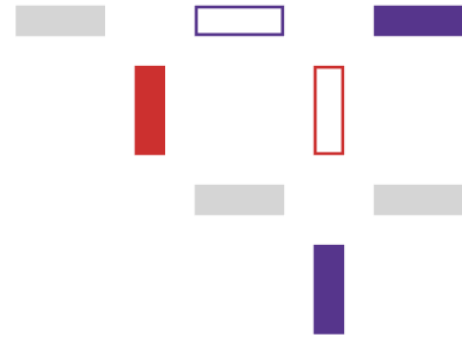
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754 Visiting Talents



excited to co-create with startups and SMEs

286 Hosting Companies



Ready to host top-tier talents

191 Opportunities

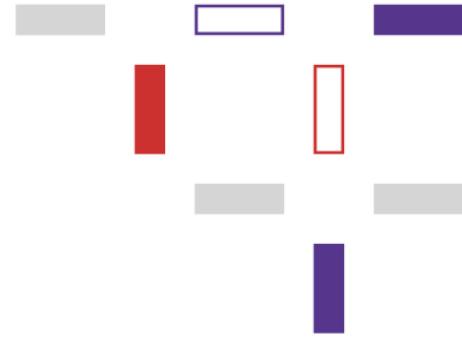


Open to activate new Innovation Internships

27 European countries engaged



Success Stories



Talent, PhD



InnoNext allows those finishing a PhD to explore startups outside academia, gain experience in a new city, and better understand the private sector.

Talent, PostDoc



I wanted a smooth transition between academia and industry, and the experience helped me develop many of the skills required to succeed in the industry. At the same time, it allowed me to maintain a research-oriented approach to cutting-edge technology.

Company

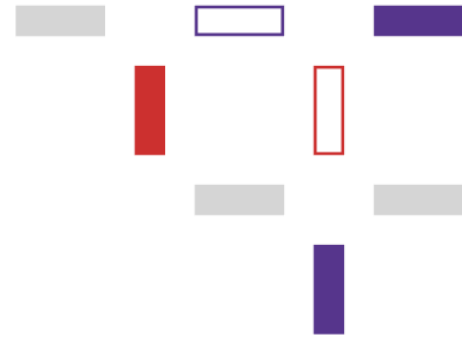


This programme is ideal for growing companies that need access to top-tier talent and the support to make it work.

Company



*We had the opportunity to connect with candidates truly aligned with our project goals.
The process was seamless, the communication fast, and the platform intuitive.*



Funding

Financial Support for Talents only

Funding varies by programme (see FAQ):

MSCA: Covered by grant

RI: Personnel costs covered by project

EIC Pathfinder: Flat monthly rate mobility allowance (>150 km)

ERC: Flat Monthly Rate Reimbursement

EIT: Currently on hold

Covered by InnoNext funding

Max 3 months

3 - 6 months

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EIC Pathfinder (including Alumni): 2.300 € gross/month

ERC: PhD students and Alumni: 4,300 € gross/month
Postdocs and PostDocs Alumni: 5,300 € gross/month

EIT: funding currently exhausted

Covered by InnoNext funding

Max 3 months

3 - 6 months

MSCA Grant

Can my Grant Agreement be amended to include an InnoNext internship as a secondment?

Yes. InnoNext internships can be integrated into the Grant Agreement **in place of the secondments originally foreseen**, depending on the needs of the project, the fellow, and the specific MSCA action and its rules.

Any changes **must be approved by the REA Project Officer** and reflected in an amendment, since the InnoNext Hosting Company must be added as an Associated Partner and the Description of Action (Annex I of the GA) needs to be updated accordingly.

See FAQ n.7.3

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Any questions?
Contact us at
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