Match & Start Programme

Open Call
for entrepreneurial
talents, teams and early
stage startups for the
Match & Start Programme
in Summer 2022

Topics
Mobility
Manufacturing
Food
Health
Circular Economy

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What is Start for Future?

IDEA

Start for Future is a co-developed programme initiated by European Universities, and reinforced by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and its KICs in Urban Mobility and Manufacturing.

The programme aims to connect young talents and start-ups with the assets of Start for Future and its broad network of industry partners, addressing UN SDGs and combining it with highly impactful, profitable and scalable business models. Throughout the 8 month period, July - March, with possibility to extend, teams, talents and early stage startups go through several phases (Match & Start, Develop & Co-create) to bring forth their business concepts, which will result in new, promising startups.

Supported by EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Manufacturing

EIT Urban Mobility is a knowledge and innovation community bringing together key mobility players across Europe to accelerate change towards a sustainable model of urban mobility and liveable urban spaces.

> eiturbanmobility.eu

EIT Manufacturing brings together manufacturing actors across Europe to integrate innovation and education for an entrepreneurial and sustainable Europe.

> eitmanufacturing.eu

What is the Match & Start Programme?

GROW

During the Match & Start programme, enlarged and newly formed international teams work on their concepts and develop prototypes, which could be further developed into real businesses. Input and various feedback sessions are provided by industry experts, business coaches as well as relevant startups and industry partners. Business concepts of international teams are matched with the most suitable incubators in the partner network for further support in development, incubation (virtual and physical) and market entry.
Why Apply?

Bring your idea to life and learn from the best

Work with international entrepreneurs on building a sustainable future

Exclusive access to EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility and Health, Food and Circular Economy experts in your field

Get in touch with startups, investors and industry partners

Access to the best incubators around the world

Get access to private and public funding

Final Pitching to Expert Jury

Watch the video
Check out the Start for Future Incubators
**Manufacturing**

With AI advancement and Industry 4.0, we are seeing an increase in the use of robots and digitalised value networks. Manufacturing can be transformed into a more waste-free system with the use of additive manufacturing and advanced technical skills.

**Mobility**

Mobility plays a fundamental role in achieving the 2030 agenda. Our current means of transportation must be improved to meet these sustainability goals. In this context, we focus on safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all.

**Circular Economy**

This topic focuses on rethinking our current linear economy and creating a circular one. How can we use our waste to build capital rather than to reduce it? By rethinking ownership, creating new and sustainable materials and rethinking our current operating systems, we can come steps closer to the goal.

**Food**

Food is part of our culture and our everyday lives. With an increasingly growing population, we must find ways to sustainably produce and supply healthy food to all. With the support of technology and collaboration with industry stakeholders, it is possible to achieve this goal.

**Health**

Understanding the means to improve the overall health status of everyday citizens is an essential aspect of the future. With recent events, it has become a topic we must face and analyze to better understand the increasing complexity of this field.

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**Start for Future 2022**
The Open Call for the Start for Future Match & Start Programme for Summer 2022 starts on May 16th, 2022 at 12:00AM CEST, and ends on June 19th, 2022 at 11:59 PM CEST.

This call is open to:
- A single individual
- A team of two (2) to five (5) individuals
- An early-stage startup of two (2) to five (5) individuals
- PhD Students and researchers looking to form a team and apply their innovation

To be eligible, the individual, teams or early-stage startups must meet one of the following criteria:
- You have a proof of concept related to a Start for Future 2022 topic
- You have a business plan with or without a prototype related to a Start for Future 2022 topic
- You come from a Start for Future Alliance partner Ecosystem or EIT Ecosystem:
  - hackathon
  - summer school
  - innovation format
- You are alumni of an affiliated university, EIT Urban Mobility and/or EIT Manufacturing

Additionally, teams or early-stage startups must also meet one of the following criteria:
- You have a proof of concept related to a Start for Future 2022 topic
- You have a business plan with or without a prototype related to a Start for Future 2022 topic

* at least one person in your team is a student, researcher or employee at a university participating in the program or affiliated with European Institute of Innovation and Technology (see Page 7 for Start for Future Partners)
How to enter

APPLICATION

Individual application
- Fill out the application form
- Attach CV
- Upload Motivation Letter describing:
  1) why you are applying?
  2) what topic(s) interest(s) you?
  3) what are you looking for in the Start for Future programme?
  4) why you?

Teams & early stage startups
- Fill out the application form
- Attach pitch deck of project idea aligned to topic from Start for Future 2022
- Upload Motivation Letter describing:
  1) why you are applying?
  2) what are you looking for in the Start for Future programme?
  3) why you?

Bring your idea to life.

Whether you’ve applied as an individual, team or early stage startup, your participation and application will be confirmed.

By 24th of June, shortlisted applicants will be confirmed and the most promising talents, teams and startups invited to an interview. Interviews will be held from June 27th to July 8th. By July, 2022, you will be notified of your acceptance into the program. This official program will start on July 16th, 2022, and conclude on September 22nd, 2022. Please block Saturday July 16th, 14:00-17:00 CEST in your agenda to participate in our virtual kick-off event.

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