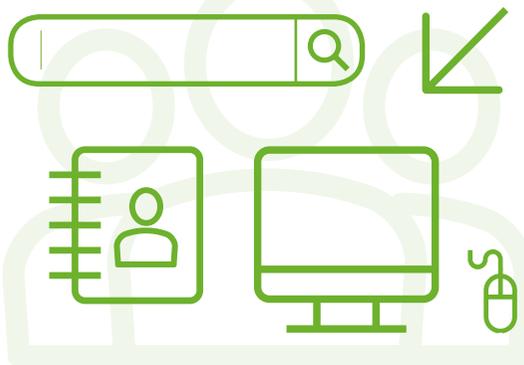


## Want to find out more?

- Join us for the Information Day – EIT 2016 Call for KIC Proposals to be held in Brussels on 18 February!

We'll present the process, our expectations and answer any questions you may have.



- Find the key documents for the EIT 2016 Call for KIC Proposals:  
[eit.europa.eu/kics/2016-call-for-kics](http://eit.europa.eu/kics/2016-call-for-kics)
- Check out the FAQ section on the Call webpage:  
[eit.europa.eu/kics/2016-call-for-kics](http://eit.europa.eu/kics/2016-call-for-kics)

We'll post answers to all questions, including those from the Information Day, so don't forget to take a look at these from time to time.

- Haven't found the answer you're looking for? Send in your question via the contact page:  
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## The EIT 2016 Call for KIC Proposals

The EIT, with a budget of €2.4 billion from 2014 to 2020, aims to create sustainable growth and jobs by boosting innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe. To this end, we've pioneered dynamic, cross-border partnerships that bring together leading universities, research centres and companies. We call these unique partnerships - Knowledge and Innovation Communities – or KICs.

Our existing KICs have been developing innovative products and services, generating new companies and training a new generation of entrepreneurs for over five years.

As an integral part of Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, we're continuing to expand our activities in 2016 by launching a call for two new KICs:

- **EIT Food:** ensuring a climate-resilient and sustainable global food value chain
- **EIT Manufacturing:** strengthening and increasing the competitiveness of Europe's manufacturing industry

## Key dates

October 2015:  
Publication of the  
Evaluation Criteria

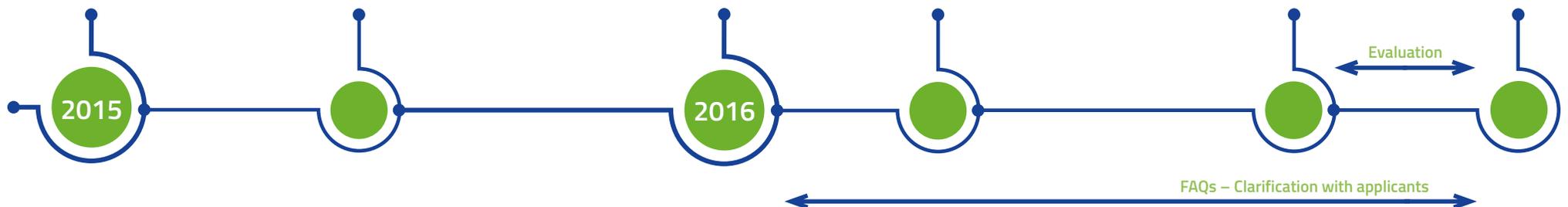
November 2015:  
Publication of the  
Framework of Guidance

14 January 2016:  
Launch of the EIT 2016  
Call for KIC Proposals

18 February 2016:  
Information Day in  
Brussels

14 July 2016:  
Closure of the 2016 Call  
for KIC Proposals

16 - 17 November 2016:  
Designation of the two  
new KICs "EIT Food" and  
"EIT Manufacturing"



## How KICs are created

### KICs innovate through partnerships:

A KIC must be born from a strong desire to do things differently, with like-minded people and organisations ready to experiment and to operate at the boundaries of innovation. It must pioneer new solutions to society's biggest challenges. And it must innovate. To do this, each KIC sets its own strategy, objectives, business plan and structure, using EIT funding as seed-money to attract other investors.

### KICs deliver results:

The first three KICs, set up in 2010, have had almost 500 graduates from EIT-labelled education programmes, created more than 180 start-ups, and developed a wide range of new products and services. They have forged productive partnerships among hundreds of companies, universities and research organisations (the knowledge triangle), and mobilised European capital for innovation on a large scale.



### A successful KIC must innovate and have:

- integrated the knowledge triangle of business, education and research
- impact – a KIC's overarching principle
- a long-term strategy
- a diverse, balanced and world-class partnership
- quality governance and lean management
- an integrated network of co-location centres
- a sustainable business model and financial plan
- a policy for intellectual property
- a plan for outreach and dissemination
- an eye for synergies