

HEALTHGATEWAY.AUSTRIA

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INFOSHEET: Innovation Lab „HealthGateway.Austria“

HealthGateway.Austria is a hub for Austrian companies and research partners in the HEALTH sector and designed to actively connect them with the EU-wide innovation network of the EIT Health. It promotes the integration of Austrian companies in EIT Health activities and initiatives, so that the digitisation and sustainability of the healthcare system are strengthened in the long term.

HealthGateway.Austria thus provides access to a high-level European network for market-oriented, innovation and impact-oriented European collaborative research and innovation, so that product and service innovations reach the market faster and talents and professionals are trained and educated.

Through targeted accelerator programmes and strategic investor relationships, young companies can successfully complete the start-up of operational business activities.

By integrating existing infrastructures and regional life science networks and platforms, HealthGateway.Austria is an innovation ecosystem that brings together organisations from industry and business, start-ups, universities, the public sector and investors in the Austrian healthcare sector. It promotes cross-regional networking with EU members at EIT Health and creates highly competitive collaborations that increase the local innovation capacity and competitiveness. In addition, the transfer of know-how from best-practice examples, as well as further training measures, strengthen digital health competence in healthcare.

In this way, HealthGateway.Austria reinforces measures to strengthen the innovative capacity of Austrian companies and organisations in the field of life science & health, places the cross-regional cooperation activity on a broad basis and thus secures access to European know-how in the health sector.

The Innovation Lab is part of (and carried out by) EIT Health Austria:

In 2022, **EIT Health Austria** became the eight European Co-Location Centre (CLC), which concentrates on representing the interests of the Austrian members in the EIT Health, integrating local members and activities with the global network, and helping to shape the future strategic orientation and impact orientation through its own agendas and topics.


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About EIT Health



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The **European Institute of Innovation and Technology** (EIT) was established to strengthen Europe's innovation capacity in key infrastructure sectors: improved care, more effective health systems and increased competitiveness. The network consists of innovating organisations, entrepreneurs and SMEs, as well as educational institutions, working together to find new solutions to critical global challenges.

EIT Health was founded in 2015 and is one of the largest pan-European innovation networks in the field of healthcare with a headquarter in Munich. EIT Health focuses on the healthcare sector to create preventive, patient-centred and more sustainable healthcare systems in European Member States. It uniquely integrates business, applied research, science and education, and entrepreneurship in the following **fields of innovation**:

1. Ensure prevention and high-quality healthcare
2. Increase the innovation capacity and competitiveness of the European health sector
3. Transform towards sustainable healthcare systems.

Currently, the EIT Health is organised in eight Co-Location Centres (CLCs) spread across Europe in the EIT Health regions of Scandinavia, Spain, France, Belgium-Netherlands, Germany-Switzerland, the UK/Ireland, and Austria. A large region focusing on south-eastern countries from Poland to Portugal is grouped together as InnoStars.

EIT und EIT Health

Regulation (EC) No 294/2008 established the **European Institute of Innovation and Technology** (EIT) with the key objective of strengthening Europe's innovation capacity and performance by integrating the knowledge triangle of research, education and innovation, thus making a central contribution to addressing the major societal challenges. The EIT pursues this goal constructively, especially through its innovation networks¹. With the start of the new **Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Framework Programme** (HEU 2021-2027), the EIT is an integral part of Horizon

¹ <https://era.gv.at/horizon-europe/eit/regulation-of-the-european-parliament-and-the-council-establishing-the-eit>

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Europe and one of the components of the **Innovative Europe** pillar. Through the integration of business, research and educational institutions, market-oriented and impact-oriented solutions for crucial global challenges are collaboratively translated into products and services.

With around 2,000 organisations, the EIT is the largest innovation network in Europe. Since its foundation, eight EIT networks have already been established, which are dedicated to concrete global challenges such as health, climate change, digitalisation, energy, nutrition or production processes². To achieve the goals, activities of the entire innovation chain are carried out: Training and education programmes, support for research up to market launch, innovation projects with organisation from the local network and entrepreneurs as well as incubators and accelerators for SMEs. Austria is currently a member of five EIT networks: [EIT Health](#), [EIT Manufacturing](#), [EIT RawMaterials](#), [Climate KIC](#) und [EIT Culture & Creativity](#).

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More information can also be found on eithealth.eu.

² <https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/eit-community-across-europe>

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