

EIT cross-KIC

Boosting Green, Circular Economy in the Western Balkans

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EIT Climate-KIC Regional Innovation Scheme

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HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



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What is the EIT?

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) drives innovation in Europe by supporting entrepreneurs, innovators and students across Europe to turn their best ideas into reality.

How does the EIT work?



Trains a new generation of entrepreneurs



Develops innovative products and services



Power start-ups & scale-ups

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Climate-KIC



Digital



Urban Mobility



Health



Manufacturing



InnoEnergy



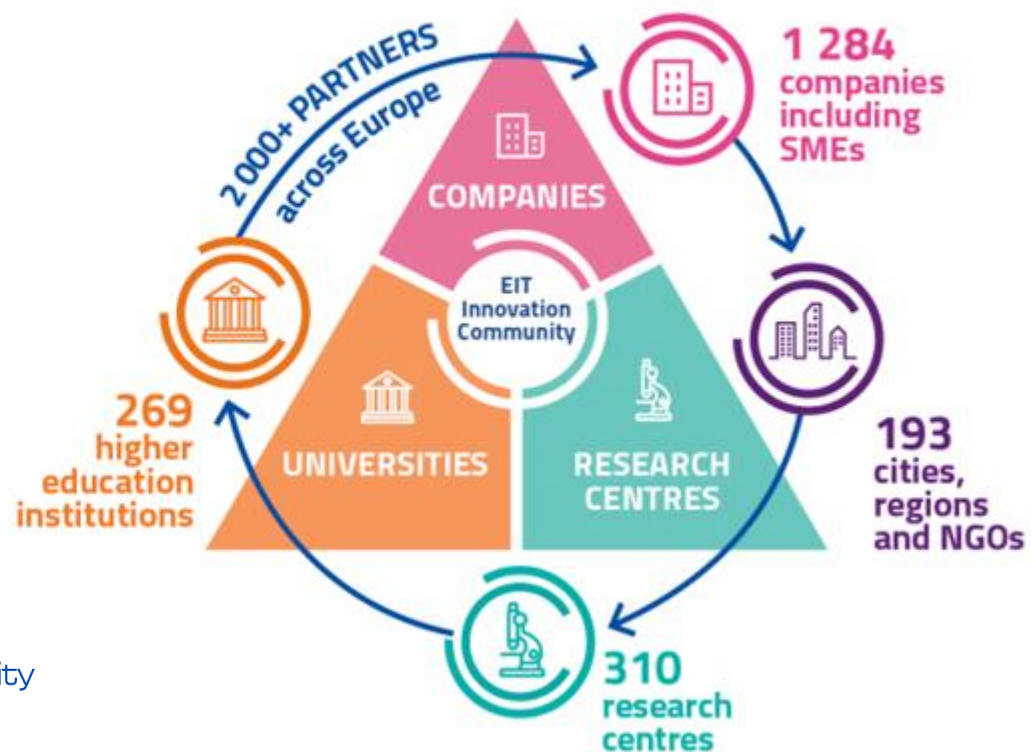
Food



RawMaterials

Connecting makers

Europe's largest innovation community



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EIT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

- In the past years, the EIT has been steadily **expanding its cooperation** with the Western Balkans and bolstering its engagement with the region will be a **top priority in 2021-2027**.
- **Four different EIT Hubs** are currently established in the region: EIT Climate-KIC, EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Food have opened hubs in Serbia, while EIT RawMaterials has opened one in Croatia with outreach to the entire Western Balkans.
- Between 2014 and 2019, and the EIT Community channelled **over €800,000** to the Western Balkan countries during the same period.

CROSS-KIC WESTERN BALKANS INITIATIVE IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY



SUPPORT MANAGING
AUTHORITIES IN
SYSTEM MAPPING
AND STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT FOR
POLICY CO-DESIGN



WORK WITH
UNIVERSITIES TO
ENHANCE THEIR
MULTI-SECTORAL
INNOVATION OFFER
AND BE MORE
ENTREPRENEURIAL



IDENTIFY AND
UPSKILL REGIONAL
TALENTS FOR NEW
BUSINESS CREATION

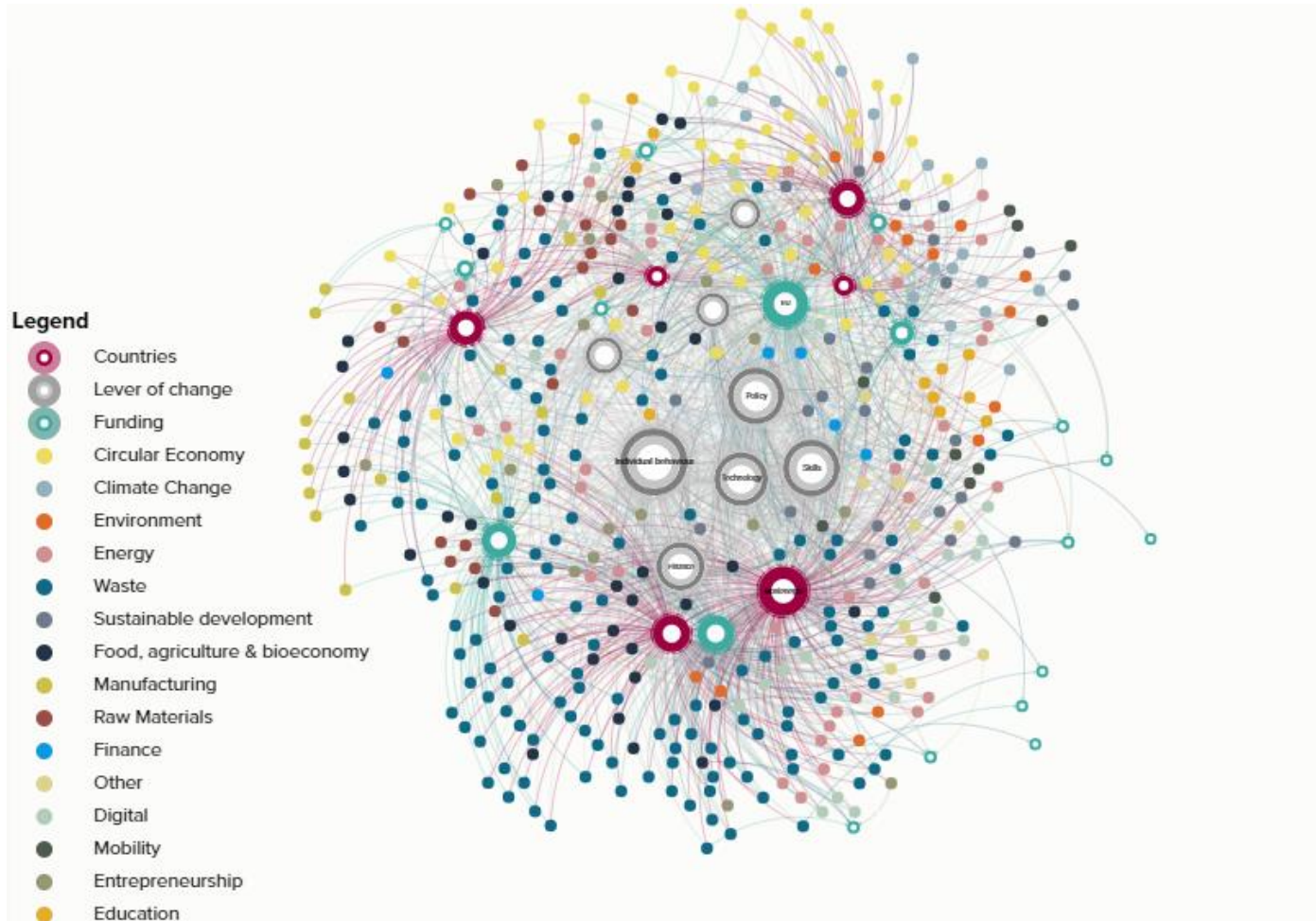


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ACCESS TO FINANCE, EXPERTISE AND NETWORKS
FROM THE KICs ACROSS EUROPE, STREAMLINING COMMUNICATION,
EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTISES AND OPPORTUNITIES

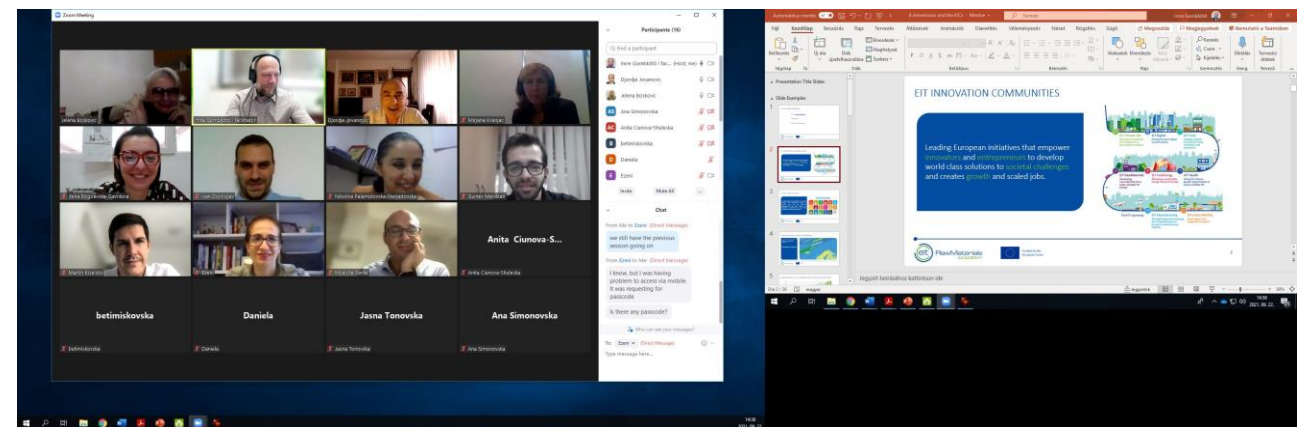
System and policy co-creation



- Mapping finalized, 6 partners/subcontractors from each WB6 economy
- 712 actors mapped in 473 projects
- Some actors were involved in multiple projects, the total number of actor participations is 1417
- Policy co-creation workshops completed in 6 countries by local organizations trained to run them (with 13 local facilitators, based on methodology developed with JRC), with 129 regional stakeholders participating

Education and capacity-building pilots

- ✓ 2 HEInnovate workshops completed in September
- ✓ 5 universities were represented, with a total of 43 participants
- ✓ 2 Universities selected to run Circular Economy Meet Meet Ups in November



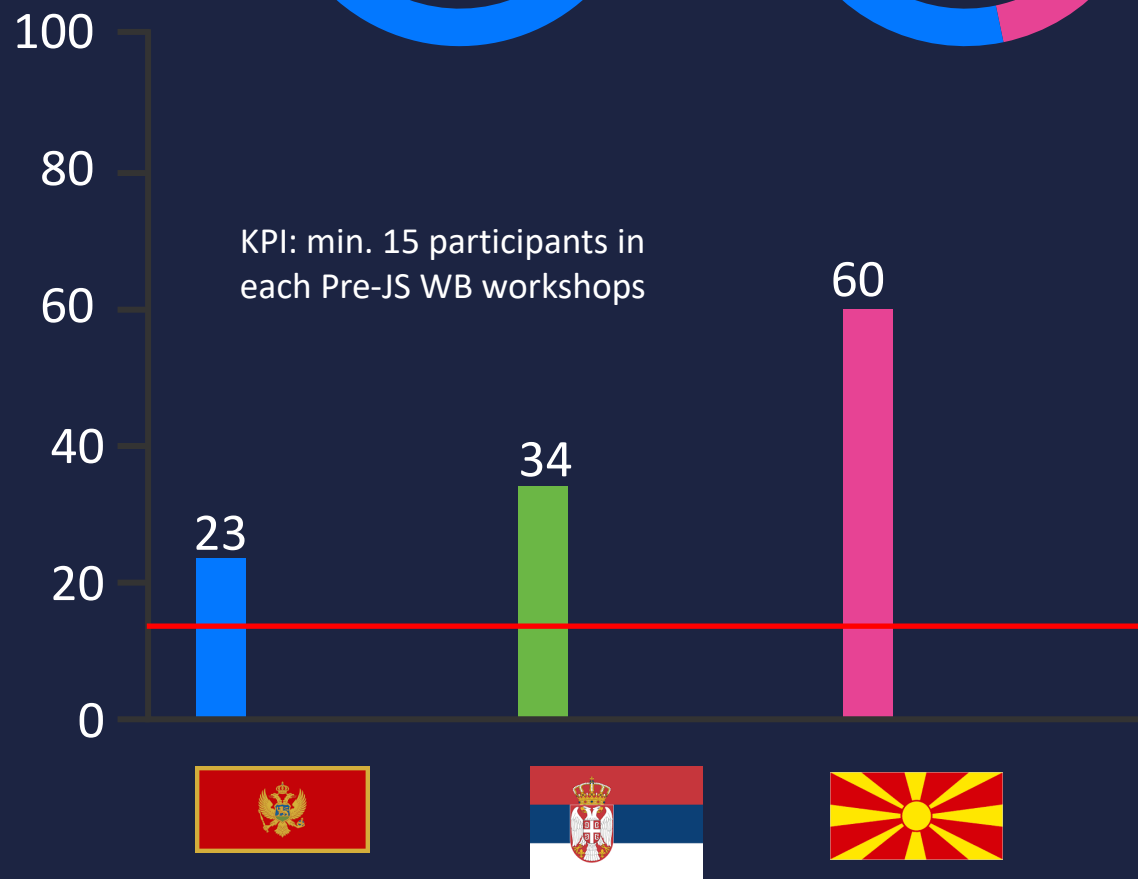
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UBC Practices and its use in Universities

Mentimeter



KPI



JUMPSTARTER

Results – number of participants



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Communication, dissemination and outreach to citizens

Thorough several awareness raising and engagement actions:

A/ Consumer engagement labs

The Labs are co-creation sessions carried out by a relatively coherent group of consumers in a joint, physical place and limited in time, focused on ideation/development of new product concepts. The sessions will be adapted to the challenges of circular economy in Western Balkans (e.g new packaging concepts).

B/ Information campaigns on circular economy relevant topics co-created by local stakeholders.

Cross sectoral competition for local opinion leaders (NGOs representatives, researchers, doctoral and master students) on citizen engagement activities promoting circular economy issues.

Save the date

29th October 2021

Cross-KIC Western Balkans Regional Workshop

Join us and explore networking opportunities with KICs and the whole EIT partner community!

Engage in matchmaking sessions aimed to identify synergies with the EIT KICs and a broad community of actors working in the Western Balkans



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Engage with EIT KICs communities coming into the region!



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Global challenges



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