

Deep Tech Talent
Initiative:
Expression of interests
– Experts (alternatively
Rapporteurs)

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EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative

The Deep Tech Talent Initiative is a pioneering programme led by the European Institute of Technology and Innovation (EIT) that will skill one million people within deep tech fields over the next three years. Deep tech innovations – cutting-edge technological solutions combining fields of science and engineering in the physical, biological and digital spheres – are indispensable in addressing the most pressing global challenges.

EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative is launching an Open Call for **Experts** (alternatively **Rapporteurs**) for updating our database of independent **Expert** evaluators (alternatively **Rapporteur**) that are involved in the peer review evaluations of activity proposals submitted in the context of our Calls for Proposals and Prizes.

We are looking for highly qualified **Experts** (alternatively **Rapporteurs**) to support EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative in selecting the proposals with the highest potential to support the objectives of the Deep Tech Talent Initiative.

Your role

As an **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**), you are expected to be highly skilled & experienced at least one of the Deep Tech Talent Areas.

As of August 2023:

Our Deep Tech Definitions guide us in which fifteen deep tech areas we will train one million people:

1. Advanced Computing / Quantum Computing
2. Advanced Manufacturing
3. Advanced Materials
4. Aerospace, Automotive and Remote Sensing
5. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, including Big Data
6. Biotechnology and Life Sciences
7. Communications and Networks, including 5G
8. Cybersecurity and Data Protection
9. Electronics and Photonics
10. Internet of Things, W3C, Semantic Web
11. Robotics
12. Semiconductors (microchips)
13. Sustainable Energy and Clean Technologies
14. Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Metaverse
15. Web 3.0, including Blockchain, Distributed Ledgers, NFTs

If selected to support EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative in the context of a Call for Proposals, you will oversee review and assess proposals submitted by consortia of Horizon Europe organizations.

Following your application:

- Our teams will review the profile submitted (please make sure you are exhaustive in the information provided);

- If you are selected, you will be invited to participate as an **Expert** evaluator (alternatively **Rapporteur**) in the context of the specific Call for Proposals or Prize, together with further details on the context and timing of the evaluation process.
- If you accept the invitation, you will be requested to sign a cooperation agreement, including confidentiality and conflict of interest declaration.
- If you are selected as an **Expert evaluator**, then you shall be acquainted with the relevant background document (all call/prize-related documents and guidelines) and attend the online briefing training. Expert evaluators will receive the assigned proposals and shall qualitatively evaluate them according to the pre-defined evaluation criteria. Expert evaluators must appraise each criterion (and each related question) with a score accompanied by a clear qualitative statement in English, strongly justifying the given score as well as providing evaluation conclusions per criterion. If applicable, suggested recommendations/conditions should be included. Expert evaluators are expected to be available to discuss their individual evaluation reports (IER) in consensus meetings with other evaluators, chaired by a rapporteur. Expert evaluators will receive the final minutes to be approved and signed for the final ranking of the reviewed proposals.
- If you are selected as **Rapporteur**, then you shall be acquainted with the relevant background document (all call-related documents and guidelines) and attend the online briefing training. Rapporteurs will receive the individual evaluation reports (IER) and shall collate the convergent or divergent opinions of experts into a single Summary Evaluation Report v0.1 per proposal. Rapporteurs shall create a list of relevant open issues to resolve from the IERs. Rapporteurs shall attend and chair the Consensus Meeting, take minutes of the discussion and scoring agreements and write up the final version of the Summary Evaluation Report based on the meeting minutes. Rapporteurs sign all Summary Evaluation Reports.

The tasks will be performed 100% remotely and fully in English.

To make sure you are the **Expert** we are looking for you should have:

- An advanced university degree attested by a diploma (engineering degree preferably).
- A prior participation in the evaluation of EU-funded programs is a plus.
- A strong experience in a Deep Tech Area.
- A proven experience in, at least, one of the thematic areas/topics/segments.
- Fluent in English (written and spoken).
- Academic, researcher, business, and investor profiles are eligible.
- A minimum of 5-10 years of professional activities.

To make sure you are the **Rapporteur** we are looking for you should have:

- An advanced university degree attested by a diploma (engineering degree preferably).
- A prior participation in the evaluation of EU-funded programs.
- Participation in evaluations as rapporteur (or similar role) is a plus.
- Relevant experience in preparing, organizing, and facilitating workshops or similar.
- A proven experience in, at least, one of the thematic areas/topics/segments is a plus.
- Fluent in English (written and spoken).
- Academic and researcher profiles are eligible.
- A minimum of 5-10 years of professional activities.

EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative values diversity and welcomes applications from all suitably qualified candidates regardless of age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or ethnic background.

Do you want to be part of it? Then submit your expression of [interest Here!](#)

Compensation

The financial compensation is predefined by the table below to cover the effort of the **Expert** alternatively **Rapporteur**).

Each **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) will have to provide prior to the payment for the service provided:

- A signed declaration of time, based on the table below.
- The evaluation of each proposal (alternatively a summary evaluation report);
- An invoice to EIT Manufacturing, 2 Boulevard Thomas Gobert, 91120, Palaiseau, France.
- A signature of the minutes for the consensus meeting.

Type of task	Description tasks	Fee
Briefing	Reading and assimilating briefing documents (including webcast briefings). <i>Meeting, preparation, reading documentation, context of the proposals and guidelines</i>	75
Evaluation Proposals - standard	Drafting of individual evaluation report. <i>Preparation of an evaluation report, including comments for each criterion of evaluation. Recommendations on improvement, identification of strengths and weaknesses.</i>	80
Evaluation Proposals - complex	Drafting of individual evaluation report. <i>Preparation of an evaluation report, including comments for each criterion of evaluation. Recommendations on improvement, identification of strengths and weaknesses.</i>	150
Consensus meeting – half a day	Active participation in the final meeting for the final review of the proposals. <i>Final decision for the ranking of the proposals, individual presentation of the findings per Expert and consensus on scoring.</i>	150
Consensus meeting – full day	Active participation in the final meeting for the final review of the proposals. <i>Final decision for the ranking of the proposals, individual presentation of the findings per Expert and consensus on scoring.</i>	300
Due Diligence (incl. Written report)	Review and analysis of the documents provided and preparation of a written report to qualify the opportunity. <i>Redaction of a written report, including analysis of the business, recommendations, strengths, weaknesses, risks on the market, new entrants etc.</i>	1 100

Jury evaluation	Participation as a juror in during an event (attendance of the event and evaluation report). Assessment of pitch/presentation, incl. Final review and final scoring for the winner(s).	300
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Confidentiality

Confidential Information means any data and information, such as but not limited to proposal / technical/financial and/or commercial information that EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative, its Affiliates or representatives may disclose directly or indirectly, whether in writing or any other form, to the **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) for the performance of the Services of evaluating submissions to Calls for proposals. Confidential information will not be considered any information that (i) was known publicly at the moment of the **Expert's** (alternatively **Rapporteur's**) appointment or (ii) becomes known publicly through no action or fault of the **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**).

The **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) will also treat as confidential and process any personal data contained in the information provided by EIT Manufacturing in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

During the period beginning on the Effective Date of the services contract signed by the **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) and the EIT Manufacturing and continuing for a period of five (5) years thereafter (the "Confidentiality Period"), The **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) agrees not to: (i) use EIT Manufacturing and EIT Deep Tech Talent's Confidential Information for any purpose other than for the Service; and (ii) disclose EIT Manufacturing' and EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative Confidential Information to any third party. The **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) also agrees to destroy or return any information received from EIT Manufacturing and EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative during the performance of the Services, unless and to the extent that is required by law.

Each **Expert** (alternatively **Rapporteur**) will have to sign the following declaration by entering into contractual relationship with EIT Manufacturing and the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative.

Exclusion

Persons who are subject to EU administrative sanctions or in one of the following exclusion situations that bar them from receiving EU funds can NOT work as experts¹:

- bankruptcy, winding up, court-ordered administration, arrangement with creditors, suspension of business activities or similar procedures
- in breach of social security or tax obligations – guilty of grave professional misconduct
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking

¹ See Article 136 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95
- have created an entity under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin.

Experts will also be refused if it turns out that²:

- during the contract award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information
- they are in a conflict of interest. For the latter, a specific declaration will be asked to be completed by the experts if selected.

Similarly, it is not possible for us to contract persons that are excluded from receiving EU funds on other legal grounds (e.g. entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU), etc).

Other conditions

² See Article 141 EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.