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EIC PLUGIN – THE AUSTRIAN PILOT

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EIC PLUGIN & EIC FASTTRACK (‘making synergies’)  

- **Plugin:** 'special pipeline‘ from preselected national programmes to EIC Accelerator  
  - project assessment to be organized nationally  
  - Austria: see next slides  

- **Fasttrack:** 'special pipeline‘ from pre-selected ‘Horizon-rooted‘-programmes to EIC Accelerator (project assessment organized through ‘Horizon-actors‘)  
  - from *EIC Pathfinder & EIC Transition* (‘Pipeline within EIC‘)  
  - from *EIT Innovation Calls*  
  - from *Eurostars-3* (starting in 2023/24)  

- Plugin & Fasttrack recommend projects for EIC Accelerator  
  - as a consequence, these projects can **directly** make **full application for EIC Accelerator**  
    (=jump over short proposal phase)
EIC PLUG-IN: FASTLANE EVALUATION

- National selection process with external review board organised by aws and FFG
- Projects are directly moved forward to Step 2 of the evaluation process
  - 3 days with international coach
  - special support programme (by FFG and aws) for the preparation of the application
- Austria was (with BE and NL) the first country to finalize a PlugIn pilot call, according to EISMEA first timeline, in order to allow company to apply to CoD from January 23 on.
# PLUG-IN PROCESS

## Submission to EISMEA

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PLUG-IN RESULTS

Results of the Pilot Call 2022
Sep. ‘22: 20 Applications, 19 eligible
Oct. ‘22: 16 Go after aws/FFG Pre-screening
7 accepted by External Review Board

Dec. ‘22: Communication Process by EISMEA

Feb. ‘23: EISMEA open the platform for Step2

March ‘23 CoD:
- 1 Project invited to the interview
  (the only one in EU via PlugIn so far)
- 3 NO- GOs
- 3 did not apply by this CoD

• There was no EISMEA process in place by
  the time we had the selected companies
• There is no functionality on the AI-Tool to
  allow a proper skip of Step1 for Plugin
  company („manual“ authorisation from
  background)

Next steps:
• Check EU-wide stats
• Exchange with other MS
• Wait for improvement of the
  submission platform
• Next round planned for Sep. 2023
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