

EIT HEI INITIATIVE Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education

Higher Education Innovation Growth and
Training: Heightening Sustainable Innovation
in Our HEIs and Societies

HEIght



Participating partners

University of Central Lancashire
(Lead partner)

UNITED KINGDOM

Malta College of Arts, Science
and Technology

MALTA

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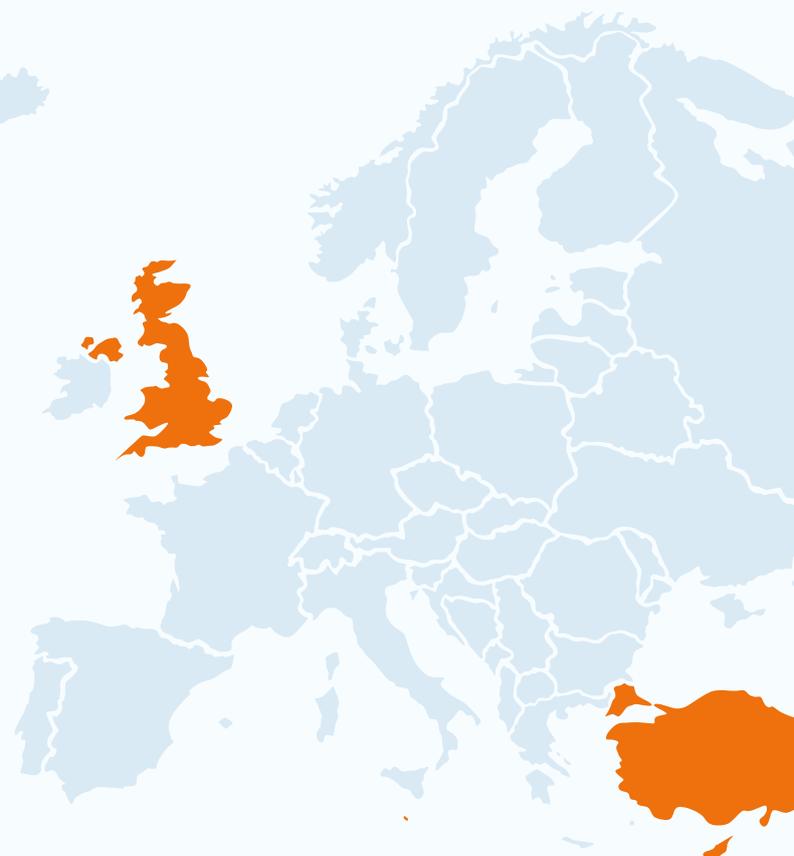
UNITED KINGDOM

Özyeğin University

TURKEY

University of Central Lancashire
Cyprus

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Max. funding Phase 1

€400,000

Max. funding Phase 2

€800,000

Project description

HEIght is an initiative of a pan-European consortium of four forward-thinking higher education institutions (HEIs) and one actor from another side of the knowledge triangle, united to cultivate a mutually beneficial and collaborative consortium. It leverages existing innovation and entrepreneurial knowledge of all partners and draws on the resources of HEInnovate to spur on growth of the sustainable innovation in our communities and in our institutions.

HEIght delivers on the consortium's shared vision of prosperous, inclusive and climate-resilient societies where food systems and other areas of human activity that are sustainable, trusted and healthy contribute to net-zero carbon emission economies through a structured programme of work packages. Through training, designed and tailored to develop innovation and enterprise, these activities support the development of academic and non-academic staff and students. Across two phases, HEIght achieves key performance indicators of delivering training (including mentoring) to 645 students, 66 academics and 66 non-academics in order to build innovation

and entrepreneurial capacity within HEIs across the consortium, EIT HEIs, the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, and into society. Sustainability is achieved through enabling lifelong learning, particularly through the development of communities of practice which can grow from the consortium to EU Member States.

Through open resources, stakeholders are enabled with tools for transformative change beyond the life of the project. HEIs will develop capacity in innovation and enterprise. In addition, a 'train the trainer' method will ensure exponential growth of academic and non-academic expertise and skills to support capacity building of innovative and entrepreneurial staff and students to effect great societal innovation.

Pilot Call Timeline



About the EIT's HEI Initiative

The EIT's HEI Initiative: Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education was launched by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT) and is led by EIT RawMaterials – one of the EIT's Knowledge and Innovation Communities.

The initiative is part of the EIT's [2021–2027 EIT Strategy](#), and it aims to help higher education institutions to build the capacity to innovate and to teach innovation and entrepreneurship. More specifically, the initiative aims to encourage these institutions to look at their own practices and develop concrete actions to increase their impact on their ecosystems.

In March 2020, the HEI Initiative launched a Pilot Call for Proposals, inviting higher education institutions to design activities that will improve their entrepreneurial and innovation capacity. We are pleased to announce the results of this Pilot Call. To stay updated on the latest developments, visit the initiative website (<https://www.eit-hei.eu/>) and subscribe to our newsletter.