

SPIN: Rise 2025

Application Review Process

Step 1: Application Submission

Applicants fill out the online form, selecting their preferred programme track and providing background info, project summary, and motivation. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis between 9 July 2025 and 15 September 2025.

Step 2: EIT Digital Review

Applications are reviewed for eligibility, completeness, motivation shown and alignment with SPIN: Rise objectives. Applications are shared, alongside EIT Digital scoring and comments, with the relevant programme delivery partners for input.

Each application is reviewed by EIT Digital in four steps:

➤ Eligibility Check

Must be affiliated with a University or Research Organisation in the European Union, or in a Horizon Europe associated country.

➤ Qualitative Assessment

1. **Project Potential:** Is the research showing commercialisation potential?
 - High: Clearly addresses a societal or industry need, with strong potential for impact.
 - Medium: Potential is visible but needs refinement.
 - Low: Vague or lacks clear relevance beyond academia.
2. **Applicant Motivation:** Is there a strong, specific drive to engage with the programme?
 - High: Demonstrates strong motivation, curiosity, and alignment with programme goals.
 - Medium: Motivation is present but lacks clarity or depth.
 - Low: Generic or unclear reasons for applying.
3. **Fit with Programme Theme:** Is the research relevant to the chosen track?

- High: Strong thematic fit with the chosen track.
- Medium: Reasonable fit, some relevance.
- Low: Misaligned with the track's focus.

4. **Readiness & Commitment:** Is the applicant at the right stage and able to participate fully in the programme?

- High: At the right stage to benefit from the programme; strong availability.
- Medium: Interest is there, but availability or timing may be limited.
- Low: Not yet ready or unclear commitment.

➤ **Reserved Places Check**

In line with the ongoing collaboration between EIT Digital and EIC, up to 5 places (out of 25 total places) per thematic track are reserved for EIC Pathfinder and EIC Transition beneficiaries.

➤ **Final Recommendation** to Accept/Reject

Step 3: Programme Host Feedback & Selection

Each programme host reviews applications relevant to their thematic track and confirms or comments on proposed selections. Final selection decisions are taken by EIT Digital, in consultation with programme hosts.

Step 4: Notification to Applicants

All applicants are notified by EIT Digital within approximately three weeks of application form submission.

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