

General	Partner Search
Program / Call for proposals	Horizon Europe - HORIZON-EIE-2026-02-CONNECT-01
Project Title	Make our European hubs efficient unicorns' factories
Partner interested to join a consortium	<p>Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole, through its public incubator and accelerator BIC Montpellier, is interested in joining as a partner a proposal for the HORIZON-EIE-2026-02-CONNECT-01 call.</p> <p>With more than 35 years of experience, BIC Montpellier supports startups and scaleups in close cooperation with research, academic, business, and public stakeholders. It is an active member of EBN and plays a central role in the Montpellier innovation ecosystem, which is ready to structure a local hub within a broader European network.</p> <p>Throughout the years, BIC Montpellier has supported tech champions which operate in the fields of enterprise software, cybersecurity, environment and agronomics, health (medical devices and biotech), video games, and renewable energies. These tech champions represent today more than 10,000 direct jobs.</p> <p>The objective is to gather around 9 other complementary European hubs to create a high-impact consortium supporting startups from creation to scale-up, and accelerating the emergence of future European unicorns.</p>
Partners soughts	<p>Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole is looking for European hubs and organisations that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative, internationally open, with proven success in supporting startups and scaleups • Experienced in European projects and Horizon Europe processes • Willing to take an active role in the consortium (including a coordinator), including the co-design and implementation of a European scale-up programme • Ready to contribute financial and human resources
Outline of the project	<p>Expected actions and programmes may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting startups to scale at a European level • Creating a European VC and investor network • Developing a fast-track pathway to the EIC Accelerator • Setting up a grants fund for startups and scaleups • Additional innovative actions to accelerate scale-up trajectories at EU level
Activities	
Budget	EU contribution : 20 M€ (COFUND – 50 %)

Deadline	10th March 2026	
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