**EIT InfraBooster Practitioner application form**

*Please convert the completed form into PDF file and send by email to:* ***infrabooster@wz.uw.edu.pl****with the email title: APPLICATION.*

*Before starting,* ***PLEASE NOTE:***

* *Applicant teams should consist of 3 or 4 members, including at least one member who has already graduated from EIT InfraBooster Foundation in 2023 or 2024.*
* *All applicant teams should designate a corresponding person/representative who will submit the team application on behalf of the team and handle all communication with the InfraBooster team at the University of Warsaw throughout the EIT InfraBooster Practitioner training.*
* *Applicants are encouraged to ensure a diverse background of teams, including researchers and support personnel (such as technology transfer, marketing specialists, financial or administration officers, technicians).*
* *Members of shortlisted team applications who have not yet graduated from EIT InfraBooster Foundation will be obliged to attend the July intake of EIT InfraBooster Foundation training and graduate from the training, as a pre-condition for the teams acceptance for EIT InfraBooster Practitioner training.*
* *Please describe* ***ONLY*** *one research infrastructure in one application. The same institution can submit more than one application (no upper limit), but each application should list a different team of applicants.*
* ***All fields*** *of the application need to be completed, including signatures of all team members and letter of support signed by the rector, dean or institute director.*

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| **Research Infrastructure** |
| Name of university or research institute |  |
| Name of unit (faculty, department, or centre) |  |
| Country |  |
| Address |  |
| Name of research infrastructure | [Please provide the full name of **one** specific research infrastructure owned by your scientific organization that has the highest potential for commercially oriented science-industry collaboration. This may be an official name of the equipment or an informal name linked to the name of your research unit (i.e. faculty, institute, department, laboratory or centre).  |
| Link to website describing the infrastructure (if available) |  |
| Focus area of the research infrastructure | [ ]  Agri-food [ ]  Climate/environment [ ]  Health [ ]  Manufacturing |
| Description of the research infrastructure | [Max 250 words - please describe the selected research infrastructure by focusing on the following aspects:* **background** (how the research infrastructure was funded (name of funding agency and the scheme/programme, if applicable), years of operation, number of staff and the scientific expertise of the research team working with the research infrastructure),
* **technical description** (list of key pieces of equipment or instruments that form the infrastructure),
* examples of projects implemented based on the infrastructure and areas of **collaborations with industry** (if any - existing and planned ones),
* important **industrial clients** (if any),
* brief info on **commercialization activities** of research infrastructure (if any - patent applications/patents, knowledge transfer deals, etc.)
* **importance** of selected research infrastructure **for regional or national economy**.]
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| Target customers/industries benefiting from research infrastructure  | [Max 250 words – please provide a list of existing (if any) and potential target customers/industries that/or can benefit from selected case of research infrastructure owned by your scientific organization. For **EACH listed target customer/industry**, you need to **highlight**: the **specific types of product(s)** being targeted, the **industrial operation(s)** being focused on, the **method(s)** your team possesses expertise, and briefly **justify** your selection.**Please note** that other scientific organizations, scientists/researchers, end consumers or students are not considered target customers/industry for the commercial use of research infrastructure unless they pay for using your service. Payment refer to money transfers based on invoices that compensate for the utilization of the equipment/facilities.] |
| Sources of uniqueness of the research infrastructure | [Max 250 words – clearly outline what makes your selected research infrastructure **competitive and better** than **similar research infrastructures** (if any) available at **other scientific organizations** or **industrial companies** in a specific discipline by focusing on the following aspects that are relevant to your infrastructure: **Specialized and commercially relevant equipment:** refers to infrastructure with specialized and commercially relevant equipment/facilities attractive for companies, used for cutting-edge research and development activities (linked to specific needs of companies: specific type of products and industrial process) that is not possible using more common tools, and not readily/hardly available at other institutions or industrial companies in the region.**Skills and knowledge of research teams:** refers to the situation when scientists/technicians working at infrastructure possess specific scientific and technical expertise consistent with modern tendencies and demand of target sectors and are not readily/hardly available at other institutions or industrial companies in the region.**Strong track record of collaboration with industry**: refers to already established and verified credibility of research infrastructure through existing or planned collaborative projects with companies. Please remember it is not necessary to have a history of collaboration with industry if your selected research infrastructure is newly established or has not been previously offered to private sector companies.**Accredited infrastructure**: accreditations required by companies to prepare for regulatory submissions (testing, calibration, or measurement needs with accurate and reliable results to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements).**Proprietary research infrastructure**: refers to infrastructure that uses scientific methods and protocols protected and backed by intellectual property consistent with modern tendencies and demand of target sectors.**Please note** that NOT all research infrastructure at your specific organization are competitive and suitable for the R&D efforts of private sector companies.] |
| Possible ways of generating revenue from the research infrastructure | [Max 250 words – please briefly explain existing (if any) and planned activities/possible scenarios for making money from selected case of research infrastructure by focusing on the following options that are relevant to your infrastructure: * **Contract R&D**: refers to the scenario when scientists carry out R&D projects that are outsourced by the company. In this scenario, company is a client: defines, orders and pays for sponsored R&D - also: innovation vouchers (company orders, payment by government agency).
* **Analytical services**: refer to the scenario when scientists working at research infrastructure offer data collection, analysis, testing or professional training services to companies. In this scenario, company is a client: defines, orders and pays for services - also: innovation vouchers (company orders, payment by government agency).
* **Access to infrastructure**: refers to the scenario when company temporarily rents the infrastructure and worktime of scientists. In this scenario, the company pays rental fees (e.g. per hour/ day/ instance of the process used).
* **Collaborative R&D**: refers to the scenario when scientists and company work together on a joint R&D project. In this scenario, the joint R&D sponsored by company or funded by a public grant.

Occasionally, some research infrastructure might also generate revenue in the following ways:* **Consultancy services**: refer to the scenario when scientists offer expertise and experience in a specific field relevant to research infrastructure. In this scenario, the company pays consultancy fees (e.g. per hour/ day/ project).
* **"One-stop shop"**: refers to the scenario when scientists offer a complete package of services for start-ups and small companies, ranging from professional training for staff to support in new product ideation/formulation/design and development, feasibility studies for scale-up, and toll manufacturing.

**Please note** that typical research collaboration with other scientific organizations funded by European or national grants that do not involve private sector companies is NOT a way of making money from research infrastructure as it primarily focuses on research rather than enhancing the innovativeness and competitiveness of regional private sector companies.] |
| How can EIT InfraBooster help increase the commercial uses of your research infrastructure? | [Max 250 words – present your expectations from EIT InfraBooster Practitioner training and explain the motivation of your team to attend the training] |

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| **Team member 1 (will also act as the corresponding person/representative for your team application)** |
| **Personal Details**  |
| Given name | [Please write your name exactly as shown in your ID card/ passport] |
| Family name | [Please write your name exactly as shown in your ID card/ passport] |
| Gender | [ ]  Male [ ]  Female [ ]  Other  |
| Scientific degree or title | [M.Sc. / PhD / Prof. etc.] |
| Name of employment position |  |
| Relation to research infrastructure | [ ]  Research [ ]  Support (tech transfer/marketing/finance etc.) |
| Nationality |  |
| Country of residence |  |
| **Contact Details** |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone | [Work or mobile - please include the country code, e.g. +372 12345678] |
| **Eligibility** |
| Command of English | [ ]  I confirm that I am fluent in English and able to participate in professional education and work in this language |
| Graduated from EIT InfraBooster Foundation training | [ ]  2023 [ ]  2024 [ ]  not graduated yet but will attend the July edition  |
| Employment | [ ]  I confirm that I am employed by the university/research institute which submits this application |
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| Personal data | [ ]  I hereby give my consent to the processing of my personal data contained in this Application Form strictly for the purposes of my participation in the Activity. This consent is given in accordance with the 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). |
| Confirmation | [ ]  I hereby confirm that the information given in this form is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. |

Signature:…………………………

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| **Team member 2** |
| **Personal Details**  |
| Given name | [Please write your name exactly as shown in your ID card/ passport] |
| Family name | [Please write your name exactly as shown in your ID card/ passport] |
| Gender | [ ]  Male [ ]  Female [ ]  Other  |
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| **Team member 3** |
| **Personal Details**  |
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| **Team member 4 (optional)** |
| **Personal Details**  |
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[Please copy the text and place on an official letter head of the institution; Letter of support to be signed by rector/dean/institute director of the applicant institution]

[University/Institute address and contact details]

[Date]

**Letter of Support for EIT InfraBooster Practitioner programme application**

I support the application of [university/Institute name], proposing the research infrastructure [name of the research infrastructure] to join EIT InfraBooster programme.

In particular, I confirm that our institution:

* owns the research infrastructure described in the EIT InfraBooster application;
* intends to leverage this research infrastructure for commercial purposes, including collaboration with industrial companies;
* employs all members of the team listed in the EIT InfraBooster application;
* commits to offer organizational support to the members of the team, enabling them to actively participate in all training sessions (July-November 2024, detailed dates and hours as specified in the EIT InfraBooster call) and prepare training assignments;
* expects that members of the team will be involved in the future sales and/or delivery of services for industrial companies, based on the research infrastructure.

I trust you will give this application due consideration and we welcome the opportunity to leverage our publicly-owned research infrastructure for the benefit of society and industry with the support offered by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

Yours sincerely,