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Support for Deeptech Innovators and Researchers

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Europe's most ambitious innovation programme

- Budget of over **€10 billion** (21-27) as part of Horizon Europe

- Focus on **Deep Tech & Scale Up** in line with the New European Innovation Agenda

- **Full cycle from research** (EIC Pathfinder) to **spinout** (EIC Transition) to **startup and scaleup** (Accelerator);

Pathfinder

- For **consortia**
- Early stage research on breakthrough technologies (TRL 1-4)
- Grants up to 3/4 million EUR

Transition

- For **consortia** and **single researchers/companies**
- Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation (TRL 3-6)
- Grants up to 2.5 million EUR

Accelerator

- For **individual companies**
- Development & scale up of deep-tech/disruptive innovations by startups/SMEs (TRL 6-9)
- Blended finance (grants up to 2.5 million EUR; equity investment up to 15 million EUR)

Main EIC Instruments
From lab to market

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EIC Pathfinder

European Innovation Council

- Funds **research** to develop the **scientific basis** to underpin breakthrough technologies:

  - in any field of science or technology In portfolios of projects to achieve specific objectives

- Aims to build on new, **cutting-edge directions in science and technology** to disrupt a field and a market or create new opportunities.
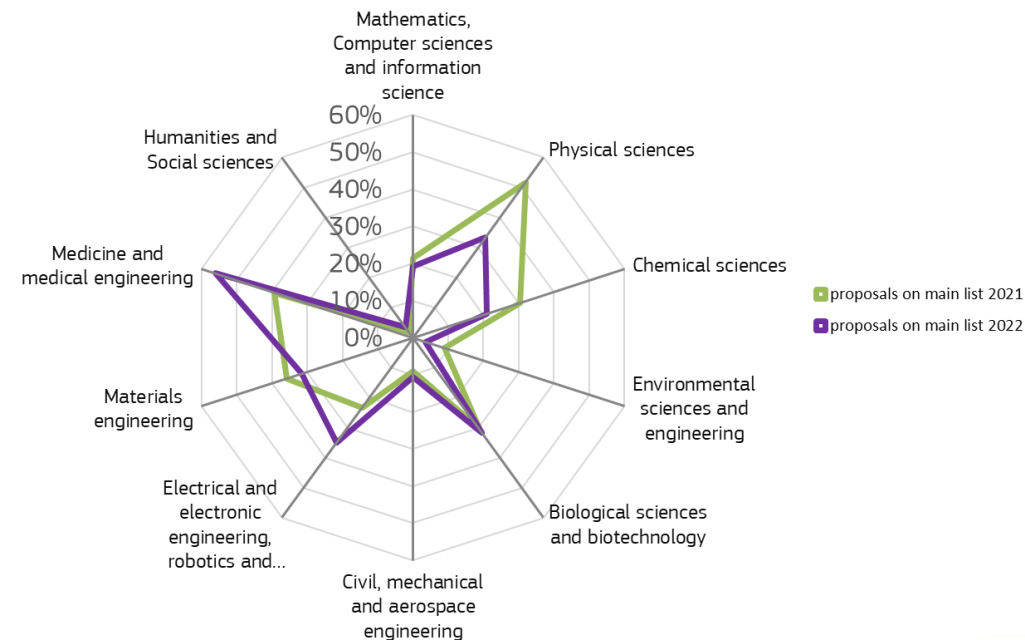
Budget for 2023: €343 million
Call deadlines: 7 March (Open); 25 October (Challenges)

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EIC Transition

- **Funding to support:**
  - **Maturation of the technology** (to test/ validate in real world environment)
  - **Development of business case** (for a specific market/ application)
- **Follow up to a result** achieved in an EIC Pathfinder, ERC Proof of Concept; or - for Transition Challenges – any Horizon result
- For **single entities** (startups, spin outs, SMEs, research teams) or **small collaborations** (max 5 partners)

Budget for 2023: €128 million
Call deadlines: 12 April; 27 September
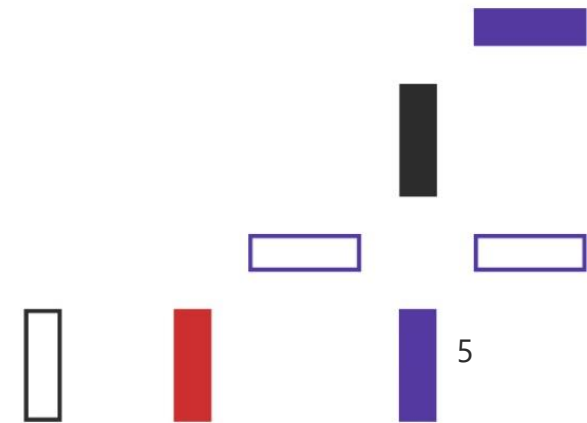
EIC Accelerator

Supports:

- **start-ups and SMEs** seeking to **scale up** high impact innovations with the potential to **create new markets** or disrupt existing ones;

- Innovations building on scientific or technological breakthrough **(deep tech);**

- Where **significant funding** is needed over **a long timeframe** and are **too risky** for private investors alone

Budget for 2023: €1.13 billion
Apply any time (short applications)
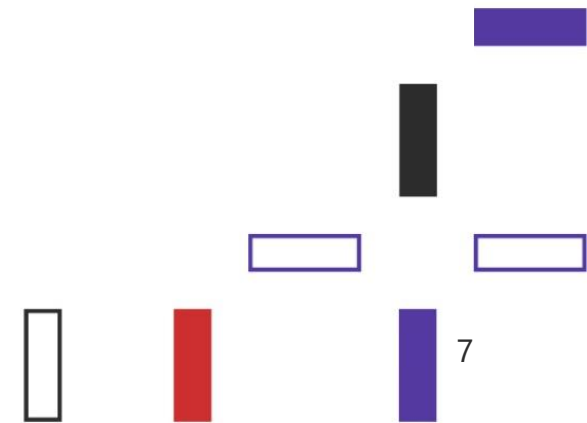**Cut-offs** for full applications**:** 11 January, 22 March, 7 June, 19 October

Funding schemes

- **EIC Open**

✓ to support projects in any field of science, technology or application without predefined thematic priorities ('bottom-up')

- **EIC Challenges**

✓ to support projects within predefined thematic areas with the aim to achieve specific objectives for each Challenge

The application and selection process

- The **evaluation process** is composed of **three phases**:

  ✓ **Screening of short proposals:** performed by remote evaluators, which leads to a GO or NO-GO to the next evaluation stage,

  ✓ **Evaluation of full proposals,** performed by remote evaluators, which leads to a GO or NO-GO to the next evaluation stage,

  ✓ **Interviews with participation of Jury Members** which leads to establishing the list of GO (funded) and NO-GO (non-funded) proposals
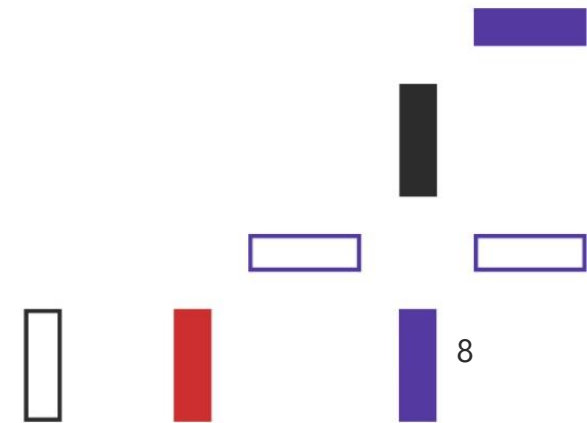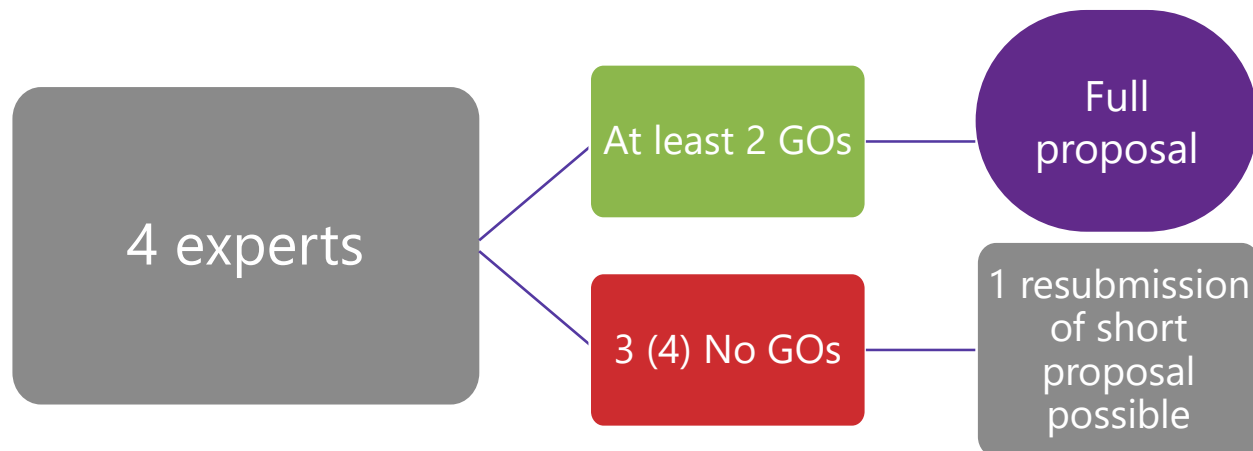
Short proposal: your idea

- Respond to a set of questions on the EIC AI-based IT platform

- Submit a **10 slides** presentation

- Submit a **3 minutes video pitch**

Continuously open, results within approx. 4 weeks!

4 experts

At least 2 GOs → Full proposal

3 (4) No GOs → 1 resubmission of short proposal possible

Artificial Intelligence Platform

Prepare the business plan (full proposal)

12 months within receiving outcome
of short proposal evaluation

**Artificial Intelligence Platform
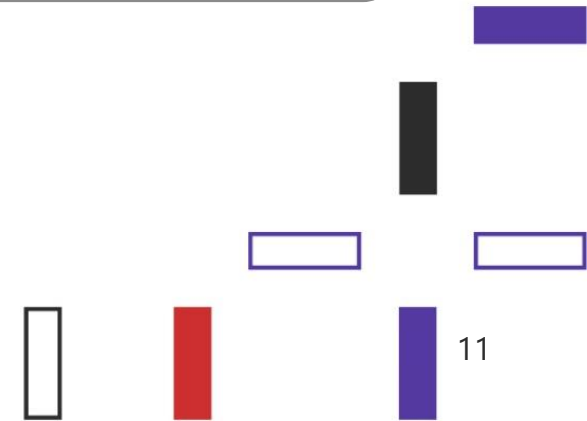&
Free coaching**

- Prepare a business plan supported by the EIC AI-based platform and with the help of an EIC business coach (not mandatory)

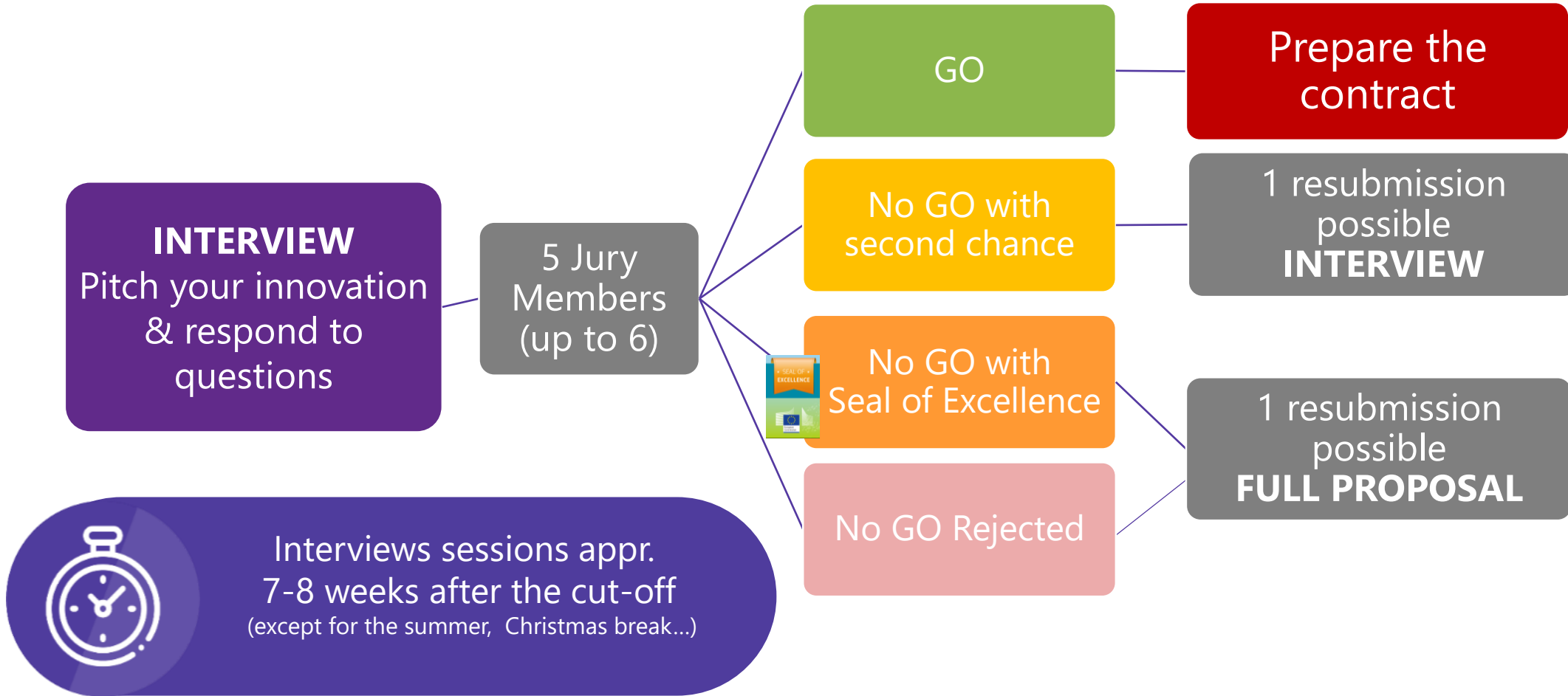- Submit your full proposal
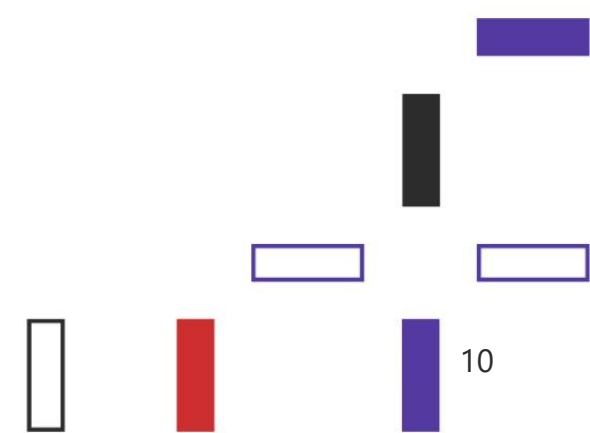
Full proposal: remote evaluation process- first submission

Full proposal — 3 experts

3 GOs — Interview

At least 1 No **GO** — 1 full proposal resubmission possible
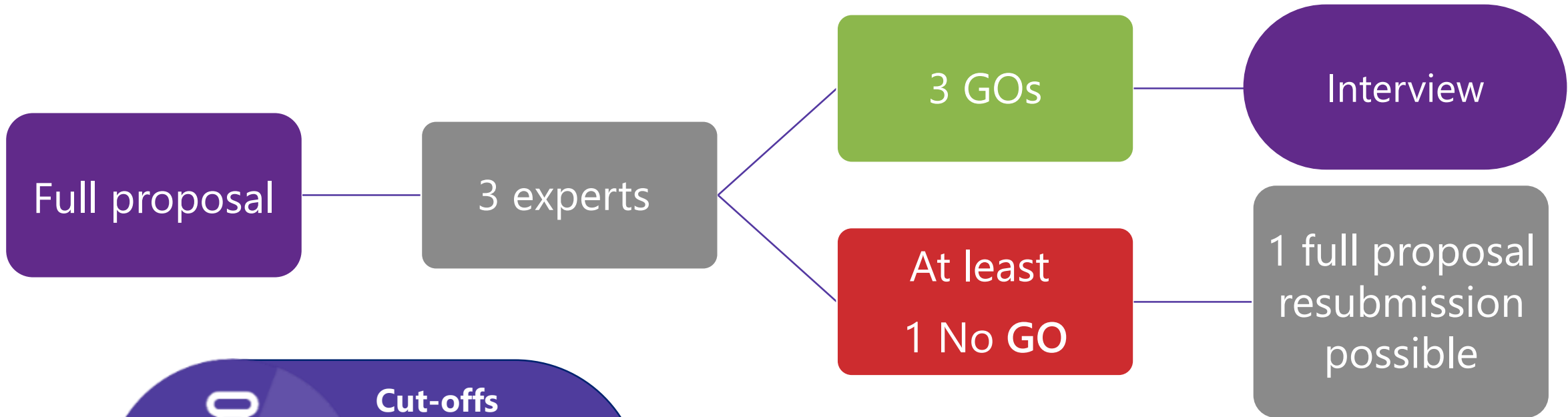
Cut-offs
11/01/2023
22/03/2023
07/06/2023
04/10/2023

Full proposal: interview

INTERVIEW
Pitch your innovation & respond to questions

5 Jury Members (up to 6)

GO → Prepare the contract

No GO with second chance → 1 resubmission possible **INTERVIEW**

No GO with Seal of Excellence

No GO Rejected → 1 resubmission possible **FULL PROPOSAL**

Interviews sessions appr. 7-8 weeks after the cut-off
(except for the summer, Christmas break…)

- **Pitch your innovation** to the EIC Jury Members composed of serial entrepreneurs, innovation specialists and senior investors
- Answer the questions from the EIC Jury Members
- If selected, you will sign the contract

Technology readiness level (TRL):

TRL1 - basic principles observed
TRL2 - technology concept formulated
TRL3 - experimental proof of concept
TRL4 - technology validated in lab
TRL5 - technology validated in relevant environment
TRL6 - technology demonstrated in relevant environment
TRL7 - system prototype demonstration in operational environment
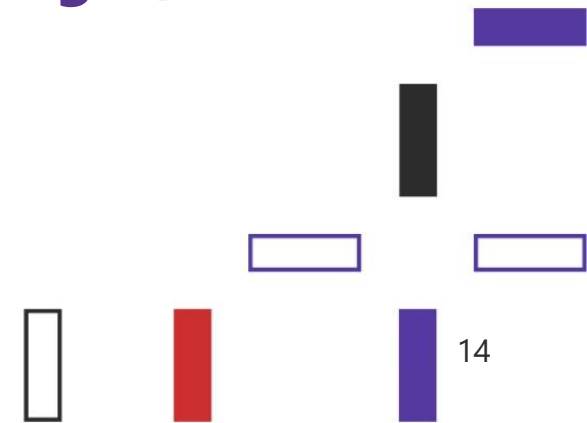TRL8 - system complete and qualified
TRL9 - actual system proven in operational environment

EIC Work Programme 2023

- **Budget: €1.66 billion;**

- **Strong continuity** for main calls (Pathfinder, Transition, Accelerator);

- **More frequent cut-offs (4)** and **improved resubmissions** for Accelerator

- More targeted **EIC challenges, especially for Accelerator challenges;**

Korisni linkovi:

EIC radni program 2023:
https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-2023-work-programme_en

https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/index_en

https://prizes.new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/

Prijave:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

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