



European Innovation Council Pilot: How to succeed in the EIC Pathfinder and Accelerator 2020 calls

Technology Centre CAS in partnership with the Access2EIC project and the European Commission organizes a workshop dedicated to the European Innovation Council Pilot 2020 calls for proposals. Several novelties have been introduced into the EIC Pilot Work Programme which reflect the new European Commission leadership priorities. The objective of the event is to provide up-to-date information on the content of the last Pathfinder and Accelerator calls under Horizon 2020 to potential applicants as well as information on support to the applicants available at the national and European levels. Useful tips and experience with the schemes will be presented by expert evaluators as well as successful applicants.

The European Innovation Council Pilot aims at bringing together the cutting-edge research and innovation communities with innovative small and medium companies that are able to transform emerging technologies into products and services. The aim of the event is to build on the existing experience in order to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

Date: March 26, 2020

Venue: Technology Centre CAS, Ve Struhách 27, Praha 6

Working language: English (no interpretation will be provided)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: *With regard to the current situation of the Coronavirus outbreak across Europe, please be aware that the organizers may be obliged to change the set-up of the workshop and switch it into a partly or fully on-line event. We will follow the situation closely and inform the participants on any changes in due time.*

The event is organized under Access2EIC project funded by the Horizon 2020 framework programme of the EU. Participation to the workshop is free of charge. [Registration](#) is open till March 23, 2020.

PROGRAMME MORNING SESSION (EIC Pathfinder)

09:30 – 10:00 *Registration, welcome coffee*

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome address**

Petr Pracna, NCP FET (Technology Centre CAS)

10:10 – 10:50 **Elements of the EIC Pathfinder programme and relation to the EIC Accelerator**

Viorel Peca, Head of Unit EIC Pathfinder FET (European Commission)

10:50 – 11:20 **Reflections from the FET projects evaluations**

Jiří Pflieger, FET evaluator (Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry CAS)

11:20 – 11:40 **Experience from FET Open project preparation and implementation**

Tomáš Čížmár (Institute of Scientific Instruments CAS)

11:40 – 11:55 **Recommendations and tools for the project preparation**

Petr Pracna, NCP FET (Technology Centre CAS)

11:55 – 12:15 **Q&A**

12:15 – 13:15 *Lunch break and networking*

PROGRAMME AFTERNOON SESSION (EIC Accelerator)

13:15 – 13:25 **Welcome address**

Michaela Vlková, NCP Innovation in SMEs (Technology Centre CAS)

13:25 – 14:05 **Accelerator programme under the EIC Pilot and evolution towards Horizon Europe**

Stéphane Ouaki, Head of Unit Financial Instruments (European Commission)

14:05 – 14:25 **How to succeed in Accelerator: RAIKA project (SME Instrument Phase 2)**

Aylin Sali, co-founder of the company Runecast (TBC)

14:25 – 14:45 **How to pitch your idea to the investment experts jury?**

Martin Zdražil, member of the evaluation jury panels (Tescan Orsay holding)

14:45 – 15:00 **Tools and support to the Accelerator project proposers**

Michaela Vlková, NCP Innovation in SMEs (Technology Centre CAS)

15:00 – 15:20 **Q&A**