



# A NEW EUROPEAN **INNOVATION AGENDA**

**Fostering connected regional innovation valleys across the EU**

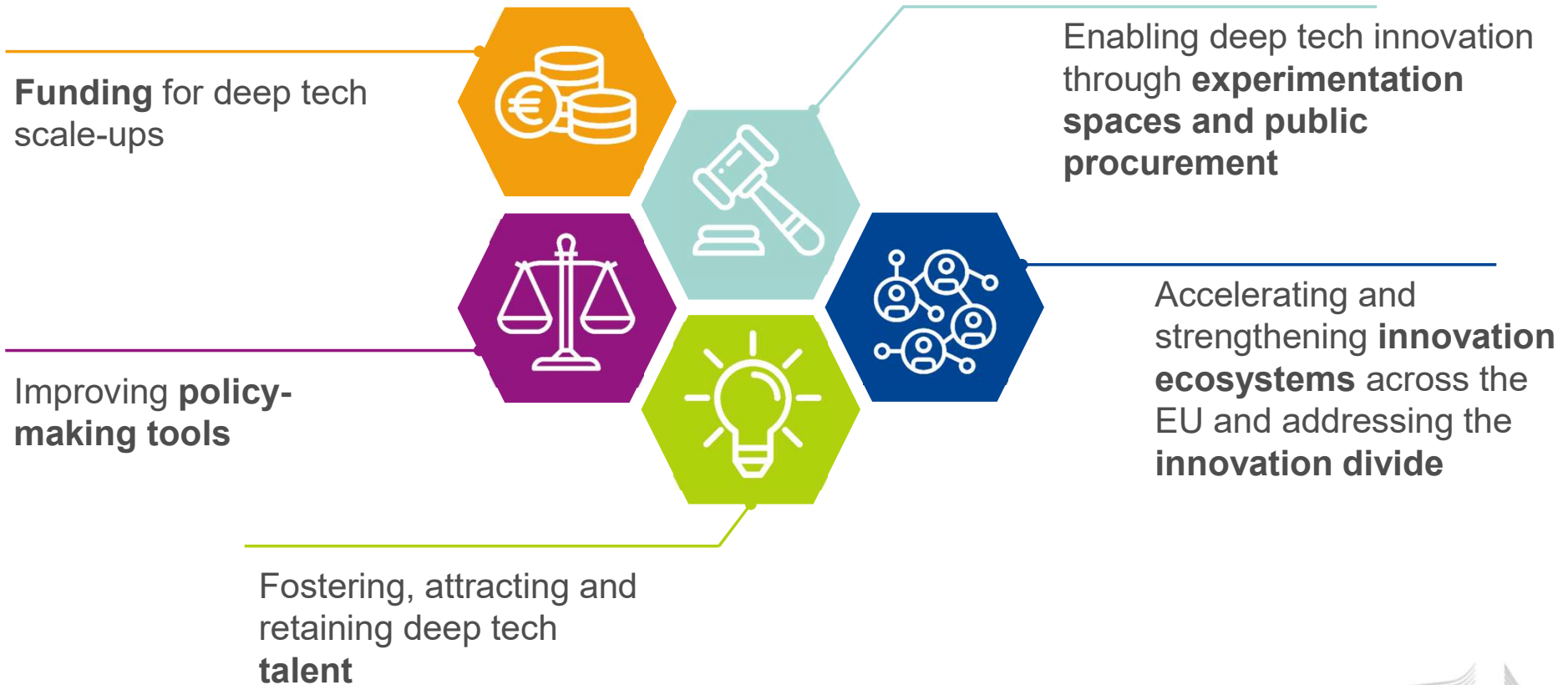
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# The five flagship areas of the NEIA





Flagship on accelerating & strengthening innovation in European Innovation Ecosystems across the EU and addressing the innovation divide

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Accelerate innovation & unlock excellence across the EU through various tools

Develop strong innovation ecosystems across the EU, which will complement each other in order to address the most burning challenges facing the EU



# Connected regional innovation valleys



## Objective

Emergence of connected regional innovation valleys across the EU, notably involving regions with a lower innovation performance, by building on strategic areas of regional strength and specialisation, in support of key EU priorities

Up to 100 regions committed to enhance coordination and directionality of their R&I investment & policies





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## Funding

EUR 100 million from Horizon Europe

EUR 70 million from the Interregional  
Innovation Investments (I3)

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- European Innovation Ecosystems call opened on 17 May & will close on 17 September 2023
  - Budget for 2024 will be EUR 60 million
  - 50% co-fund



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## How the project will look like

### Coordination & Support Part

Create Interconnected Ecosystems

- Access to cross border infrastructure and expertise
- Exchange of staff, training and skills development
- Developing standards and regulations through sandboxes and test beds

### Innovation Action

3-4 Interregional Innovation projects on specific thematic/technological area

- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels
- Increase global food security
- Master the digital transformation (including cybersecurity)
- Improve healthcare
- Achieve circularity



What is the minimum requirement for the consortium in the Horizon Europe call?

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At least five (5) national or regional authorities, from at least five (5) different Member States or Associated Countries, of which at least two (2) are representing a 'moderate' or 'emerging' innovator region and at least one (1) is representing a 'strong' or 'innovation leader' innovator region.



Is this action only for the national and regional authorities?

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- Provision of Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) to implement the projects
- Participation of private actors, either for the joint implementation of proposed activities, and/or their possible co-funding





# Thank you

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