

# European BICs Network

*EBN*

*The home of Entrepreneurial Innovation and Incubation in  
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# What do we do

## ... *The EBN Network: an innovation, entrepreneurship & incubation leader*

- **EBN** is the leading non-governmental European Network, incorporating more than 250 *Business & Innovation Centres* (BICs), Innovation-based Incubators (IBIs), Innovation Centres, Entrepreneurship Centres, Business Accelerators and similar.
- EBN was created 28 years ago (in 1984!) as a pilot initiative of the **European Commission** and by Industry & Knowledge leaders, with the purpose to stimulate the emergence and growth of new innovative enterprises, to help modernizing existing firms, and to boost the endogenous economic potential of European regions.
- The network is powered by the **Business & innovation Centres**, the **BICs**, whose core mission is to accelerate innovative entrepreneurship at territorial levels, **EBN Full Members** are branded and accredited as BICs, an EC owned **label** licensed to EBN. The EBN ecosystem also welcome **Associate Members**, being influential economic players and relevant business & innovation support organizations acting across the BIC's supply chain.



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# What do we offer

**EBN is a Brussels-based team delivering a full range of services**, which includes a comprehensive set of accreditation & networking services to the BICs, as well as the deployment and coordination of EC-projects in relevant areas. EBN membership services are available upon the payment of an annual membership fee, and are classified in 5 categories:

- Policy support & EU representation: policy watch, tender watch, position papers, public sector visibility, participation to consultations & working groups
- Quality and technical assistance services: accreditation, benchmarking & statistics, case-studies, feasibility studies & on-site consultancy, study tours
- Networking activities and events: annual congress, conferences, workshops, newsletters, thematic working groups/sub-networks, strategic partnerships
- Projects and thematic networking development: partner search, bid writing, contract/project coordination, EC-projects dissemination, guidance & training
- Promotion activities: websites, newsletters, flash-news, publications, PR and media support, conferences

This expertise is recognized as unique by both public and private sectors, at international (EC, ESA, EIB, WB, ...), national, regional and local levels.



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# What do we look for

We are **interested in** this call because EBN is the leading European Network of innovation-based **Incubators** and the EBN core-competence is precisely the understanding of incubation processes, methodologies and practices.

Moreover, EBN's engagement is to generate **social & economic stimulus** & added value to territories, through the creation of new innovation-based companies and the generation of new innovation-based projects by existing firms.

**We are looking for** other stakeholders who could share their best practices and resources, identifying new models and ways of accelerating smart & sustainable incubation, **in order to put projects and technologies developed by incubators at the service of social improvement.**



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