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How can Horizon Europe help research being converted into Innovation





European Innovation Ecosystems

Rationale:

"To **fully harness the potential of innovation** involving researchers, entrepreneurs, industry and society at large, the EU must improve the environment within which innovation can flourish at all levels. This will mean contributing to the environment of an effective innovation ecosystem at EU level, and encouraging **cooperation, networking, and the exchange of ideas, funding and skills** among national and local innovation ecosystems."





Connectedness



Capital



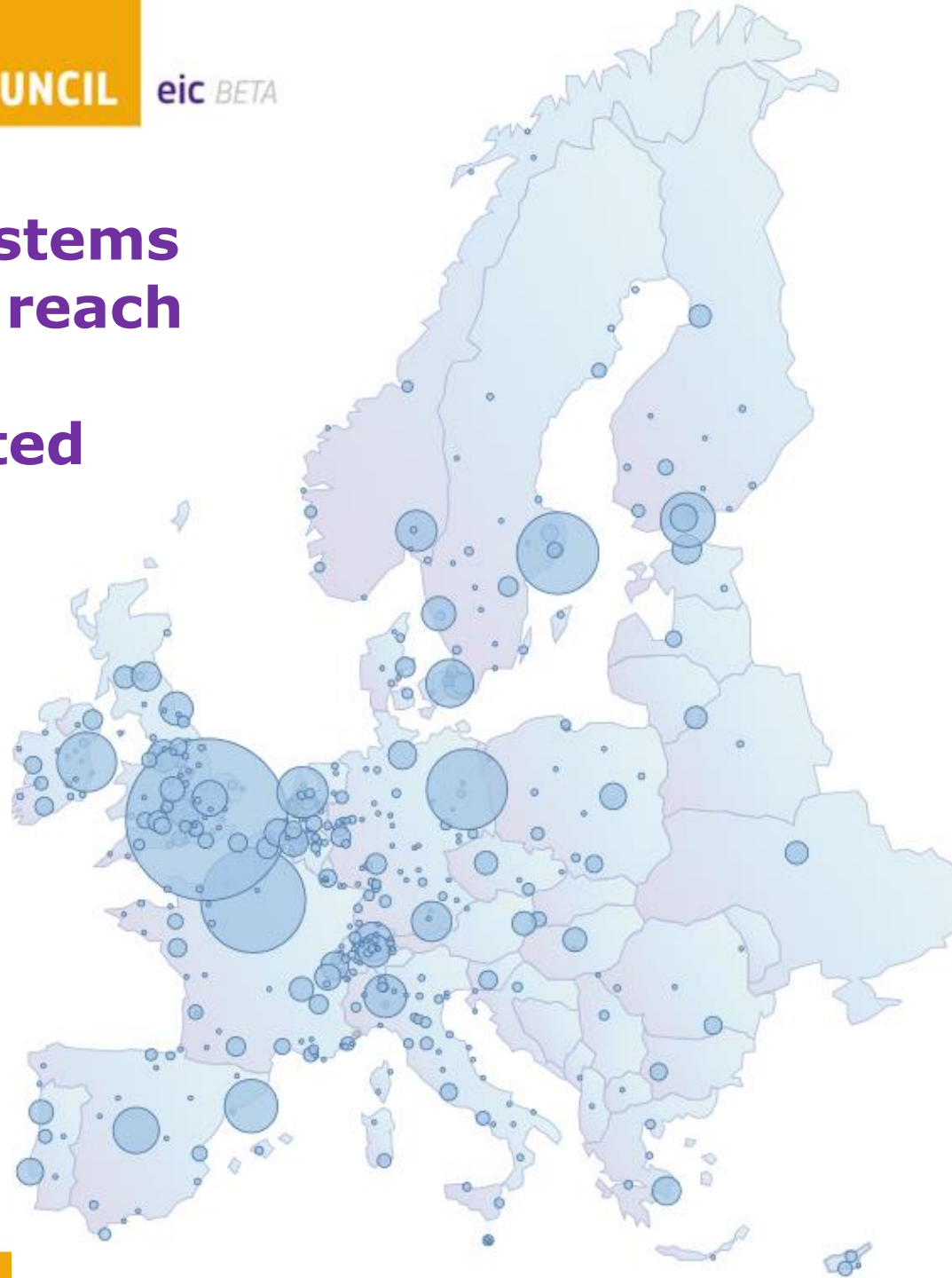
Competence



Connectedness

collaborating with the wider ecosystem

European tech ecosystems are rich but can only reach their full potential if better interconnected



Map of the 476 European cities with at least one scale-up company, Startup Europe "Startup City Hubs in Europe" 2018 report



Capital

**access to funding and
support actions for innovation**



Competence

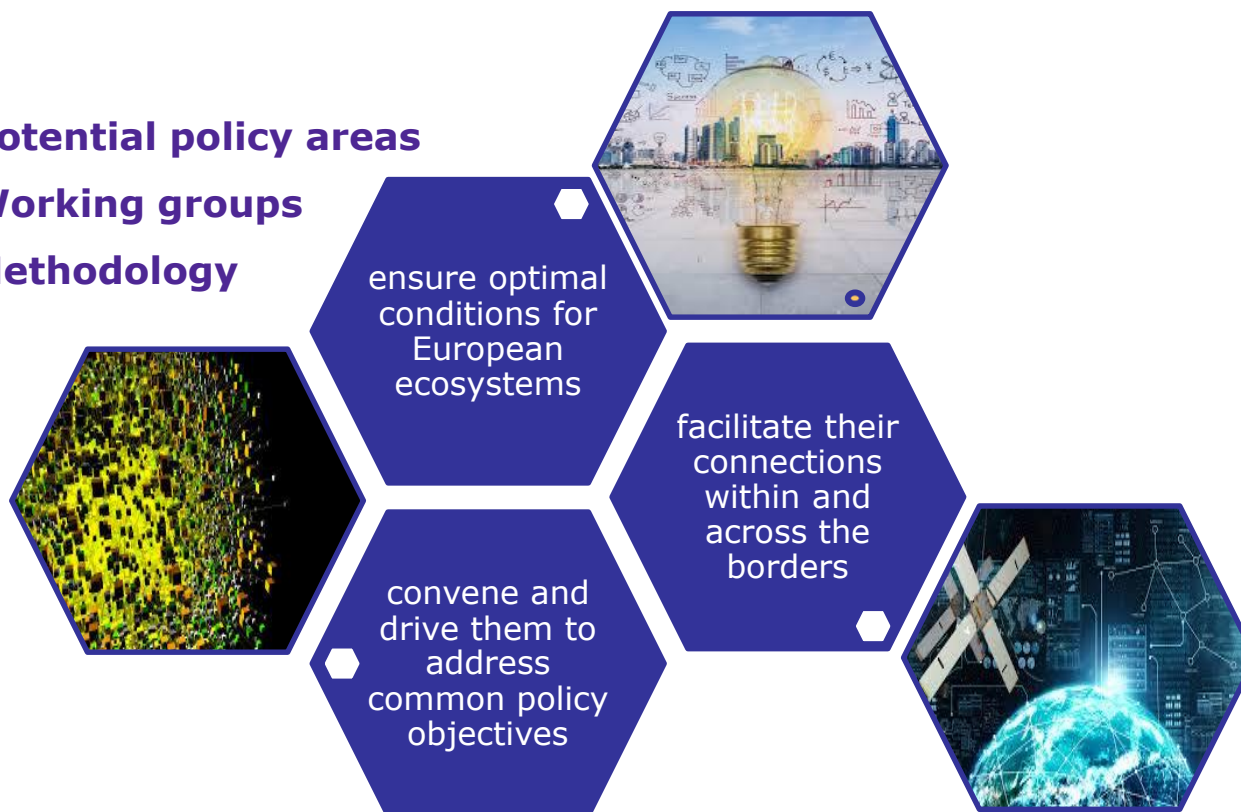
**fostering entrepreneurship and
innovation skills**

Supporting the transformation of universities & surrounding ecosystems by...

- ✓ Developing a common science agenda
- ✓ Sharing resources & infrastructures
- ✓ Strengthening human capital, enabling balanced brain circulation
- ✓ Mainstreaming Open Science practices
- ✓ Engaging citizens & society
- ✓ Reinforcing academia-business collaboration & knowledge transfer

EIC Forum: connecting and developing innovation ecosystems

- ⬡ Potential policy areas
- ⬡ Working groups
- ⬡ Methodology





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