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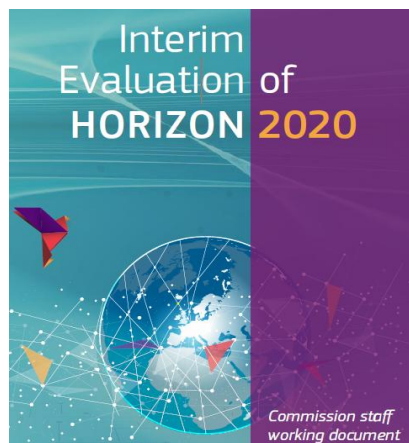
European Innovation Council Pilot 2018-2020

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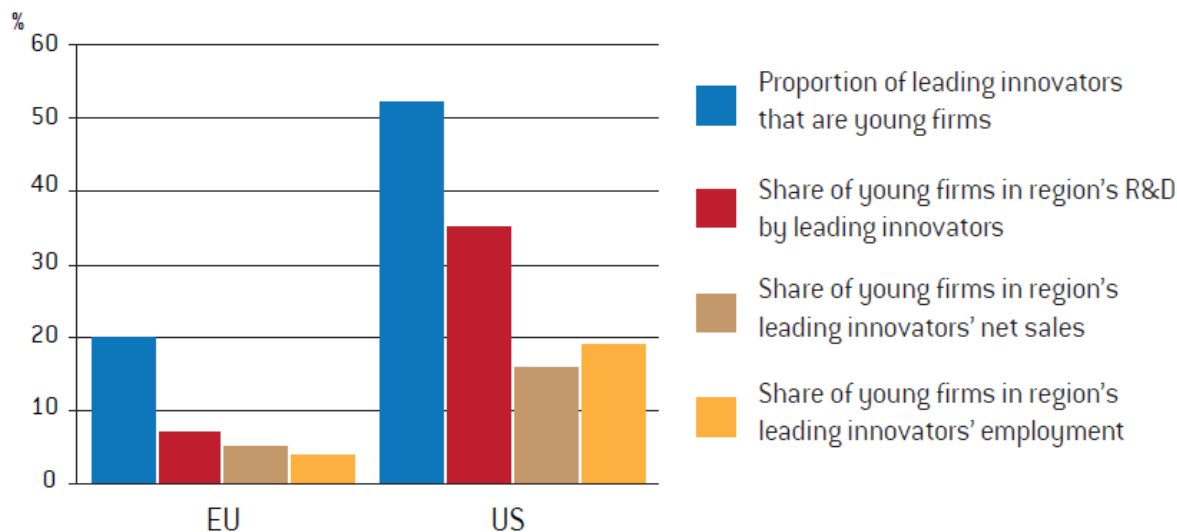


A distinct challenge...



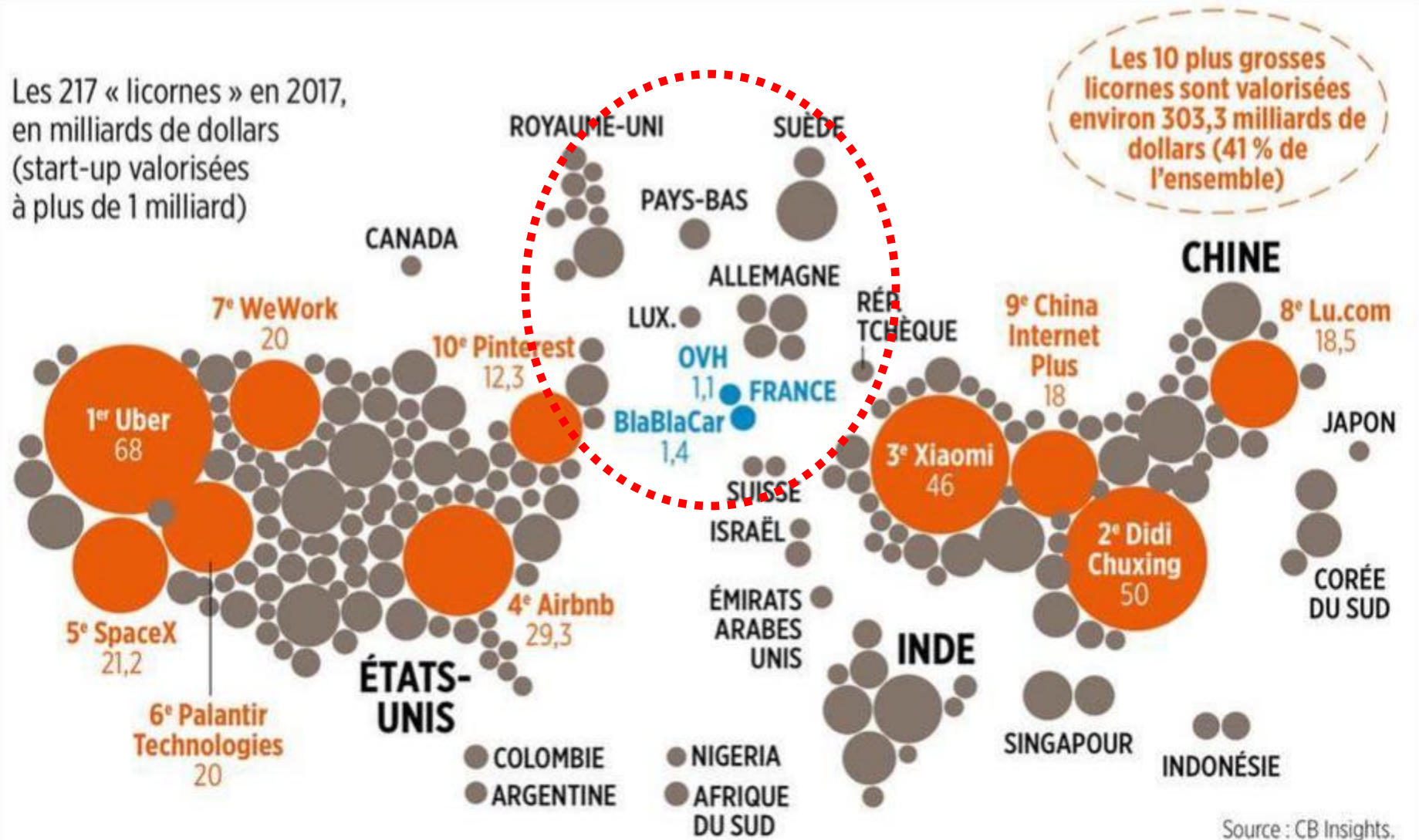
'Horizon 2020 has potential in terms of **generating breakthrough, market-creating innovation**, although such support can be strengthened substantially'.

Share of young leading R&D firms ("yollies", started in 1975 or later) – **Europe lags behind!**



But unicorns in the US and Asia are bigger ... and more

Les 217 « licornes » en 2017,
en milliards de dollars
(start-up valorisées
à plus de 1 milliard)

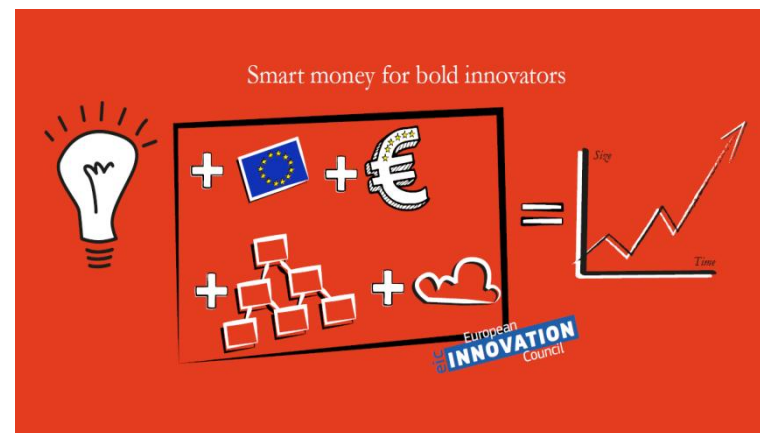


Source : CB Insights.

EIC: more breakthrough innovations and high-growth companies

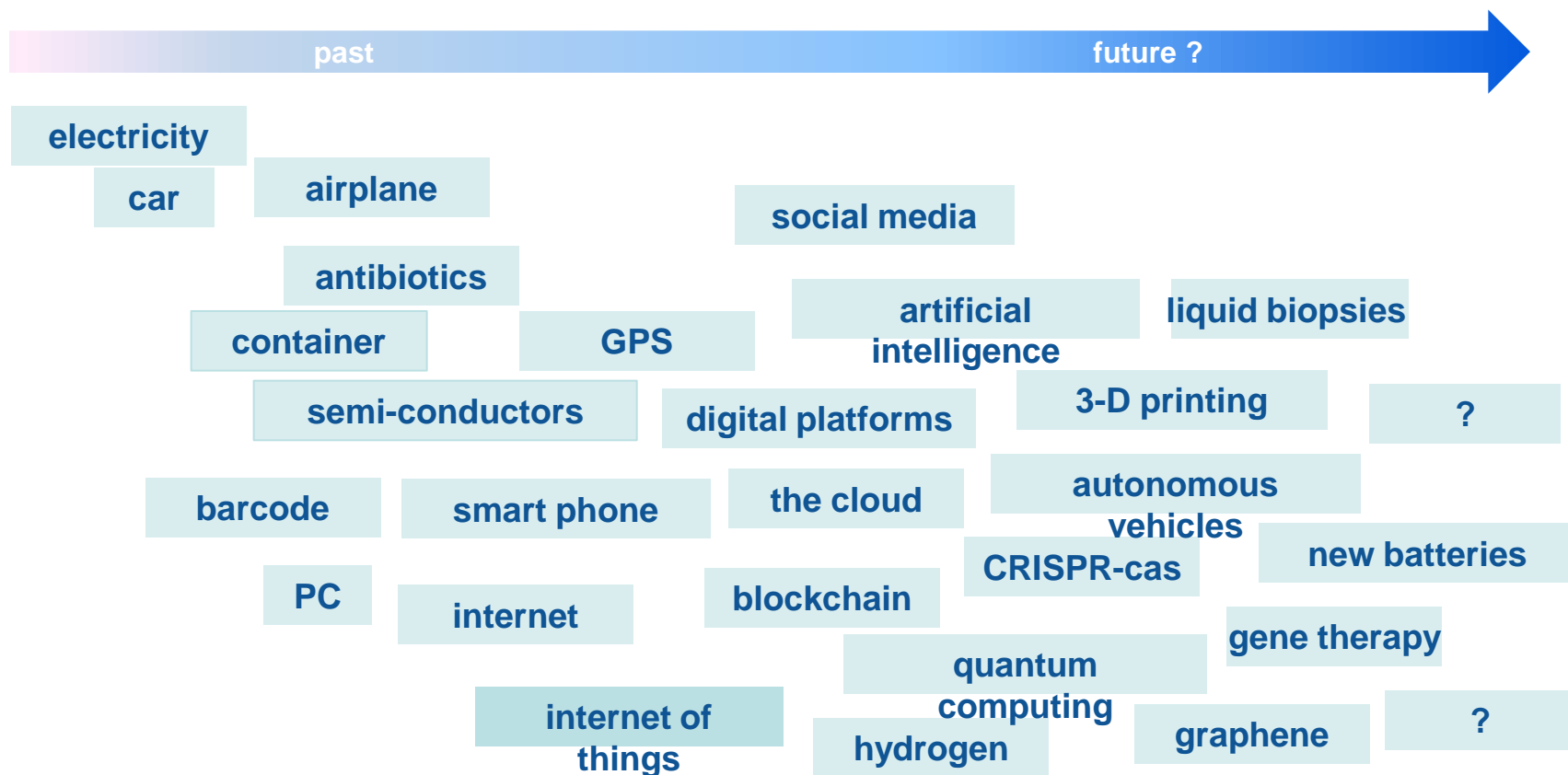
Focus on people and companies with ideas for :

- **Radically new**, breakthrough products, services, processes or business models
- That **open up new markets** with the potential for rapid **European and global-scale growth** (high risk, need for significant investment)
- Take shape at the **intersection** between different technologies, industry sectors and scientific disciplines



Market-creating innovations?

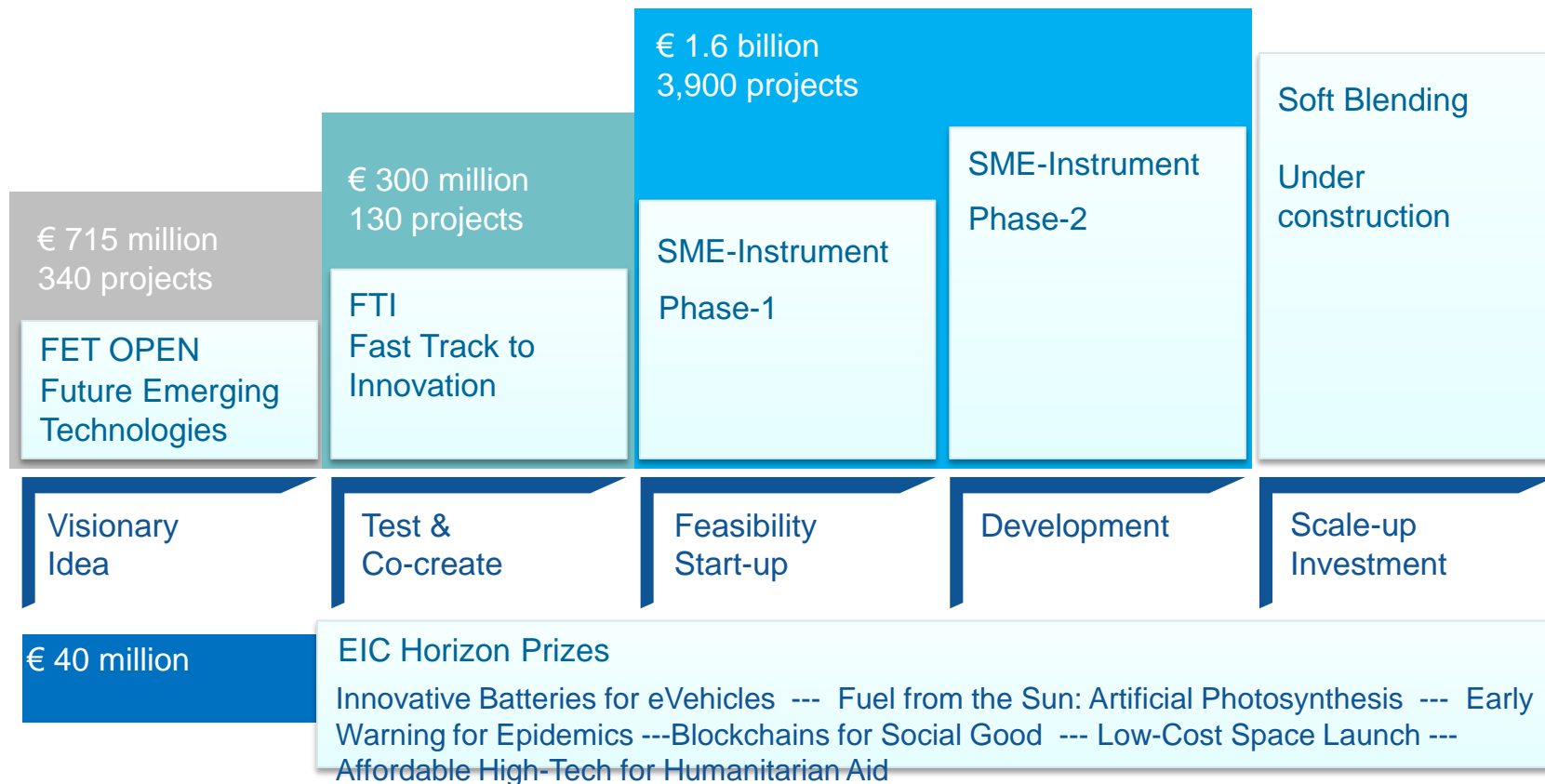
some eye-catchers based on WIPO, MIT, WEF, OECD, Harford, etc.

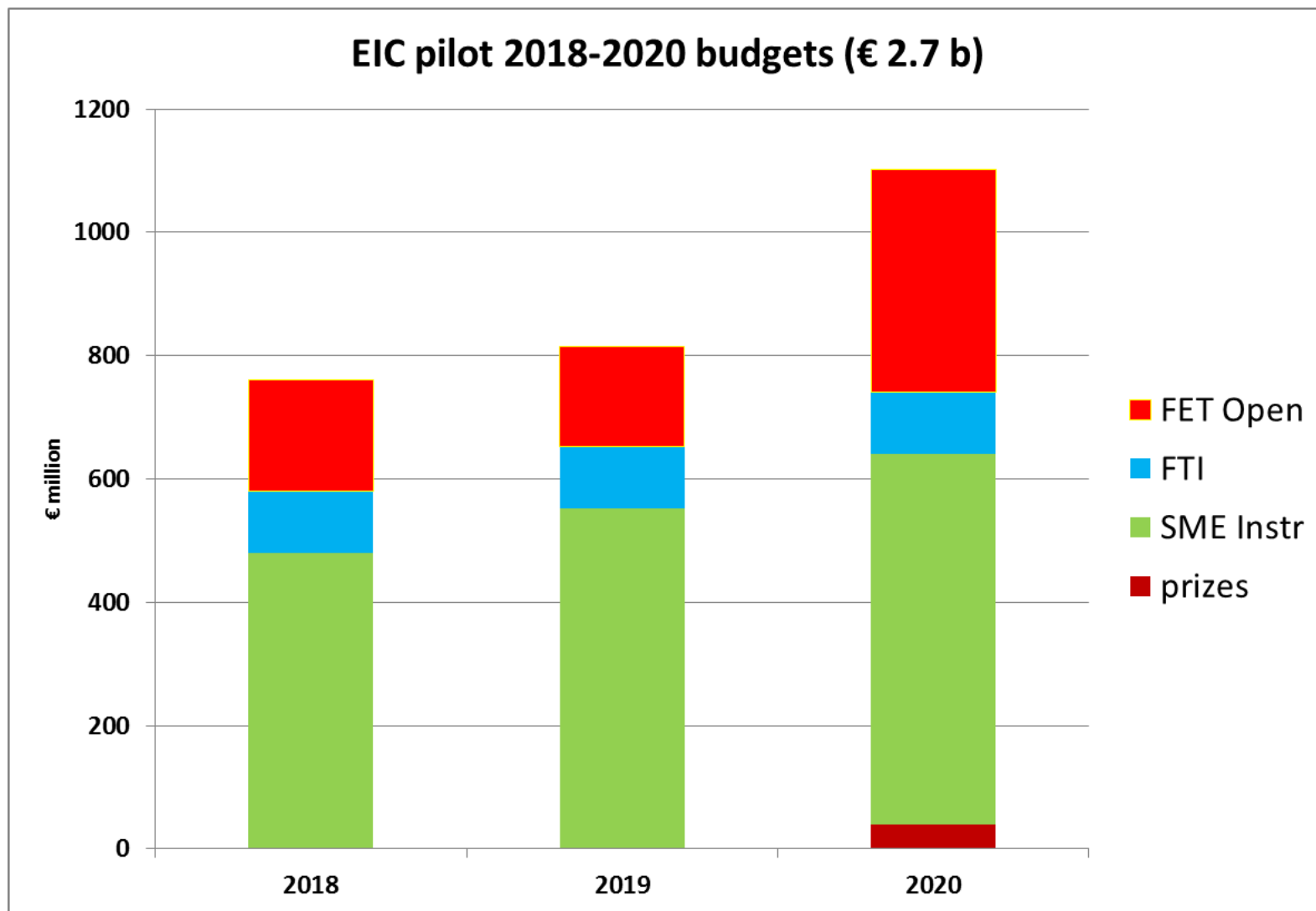


Comprehensive scheme

Ecosystem support

Coaching, mentoring and business acceleration services for all SMEs





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- ✓ Cleaner interface
- ✓ Wizard guides you to the calls on the PP
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European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot

The EIC pilot supports top-class innovators, entrepreneurs, small companies and scientists with bright ideas and the ambition to scale up internationally. It brings together the parts of Horizon 2020 that provide funding, advice and networking opportunities for those at cutting edge of innovation.

Funding

The EIC pilot brings together funding opportunities for innovators. Discover what is available.

Coaching

The EIC pilot offers coaching and mentoring services to SMEs. The right coaching can be the key to the growth of a business.

Networking

Networking services are available to SMEs through the EIC pilot. Find the right network to help your business grow.

Prizes

EIC Horizon Prizes offer money to those who can solve some of society's most difficult challenges. Details of open prizes can be found here.

Jury members

The EIC pilot needs entrepreneurs and innovators to help evaluate proposals that could develop the next game-changing innovation. Find out how to become a jury member.

About

What is the EIC pilot and who is it for?

Success stories



Powerful graphene batteries

An Estonian start-up has patented and commercialised ultracapacitors



Affordable solar power

Developing solar collectors cheaper than the current silicon-based panels



Feeling without touching

A unique technology enables users to receive tactile feedback touching anything



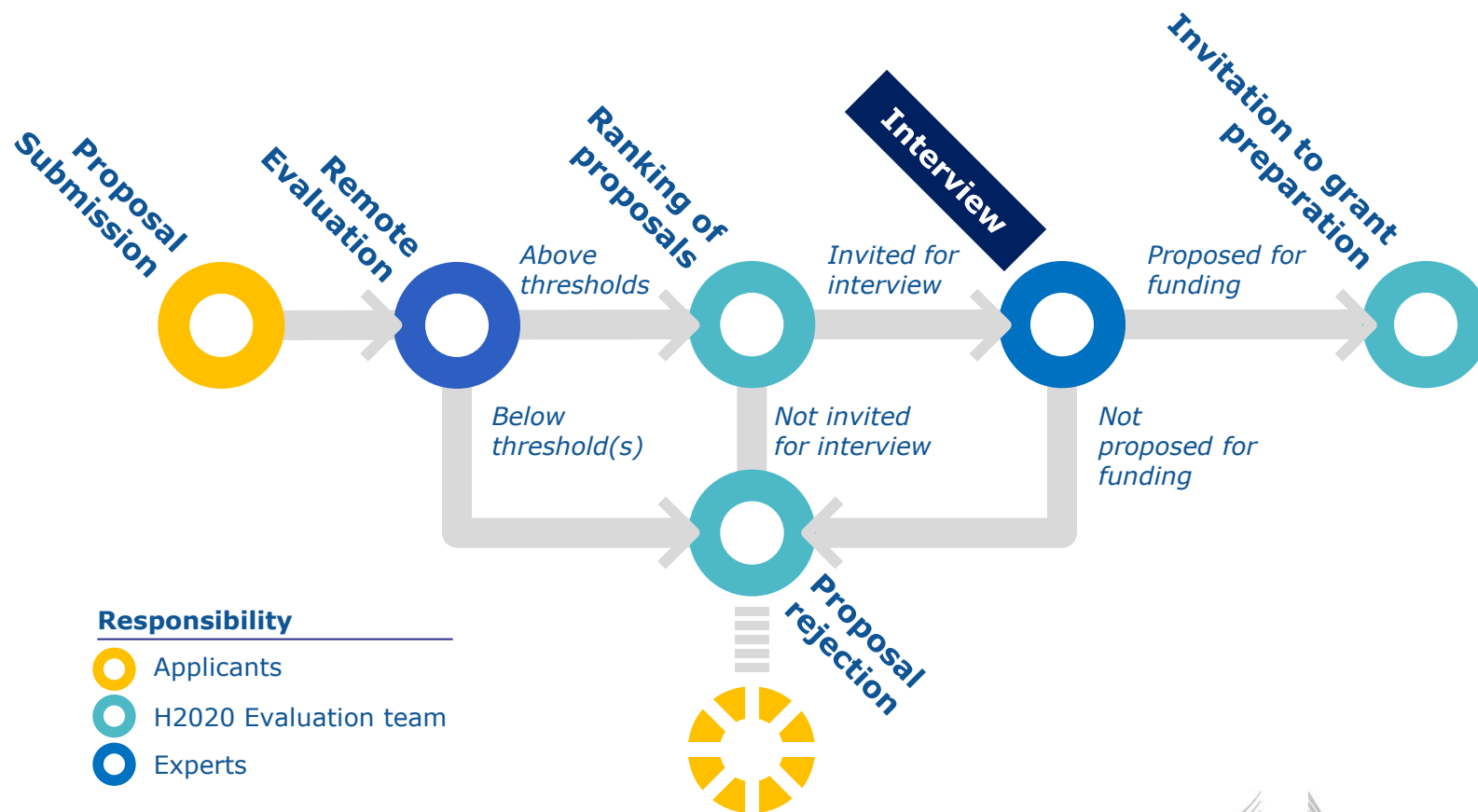


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SME instrument – EIC Novelties

- The submission forms speak (even more!) business language now
- A larger pool of evaluators with technology and financial/commercial background
- The evaluation criteria stress potential for market-creating innovation
- Fully bottom-up: no predefined topics
- Phase 2:
 - Quality threshold raised to 13
 - Interview by jury in second step
- Coaching and phase 3 extended to FET Open / FTI SME grant holders

SME instrument Phase 2 selection in two steps with interviews



Support services to SME grant holders extended

Coaching

- Business and organisational development, cooperation, **financing**
- Facilitated by the Enterprise Europe Network (**EEN**)

Mentoring

- Aims to develop **leadership skills** – resilience, tenacity and strategic insight
- Individual founders, CEOs and leaders are eligible
- **One-to-one meetings** with mentors (CEOs of scale ups)
- Initially mentors drawn from pool of SMEi Phase 2 clients

Business Acceleration Services

- Tailored made for companies' needs
- Investor's events, online matchmaking, overseas trade fairs, etc

Assessing the progress of the EIC projects

- In 2018-2020: 1,000 projects plus 3,000 feasibility studies
- These projects will be assessed on their progress and results
- EEN – the Key Account Managers will be invited to help with that
- The Innovation Radar will be used (a web-based questionnaire)

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