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Sent by email only

Ref: 1/2021

Subject: Your access to information request from 1/3/2021 (Funding information - Western Europe)

Dear Ms. Blagovesta Vodenicharova,

We refer to your email dated 1 March 2021, our acknowledgement of receipt dated 8 March 2021 and our letter dated 23 March 2021 concerning the extension of the deadline.

In your application Ref. 01/2021, you request access to the following information:

“list of all funds granted in the last 5 years in Western European countries (Ireland, United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and Austria) in the In-vitro Dx Assay development and Biotech sectors.”

In accordance with your request, *“the funding data should include details on:*

- Who receives the funding*
- Where the beneficiary is located*
- Amount of funding*
- When was the funding granted and when it will expire*
- Program name*
- Reasons for funding: project name and details the beneficiary gets funds for”*

Although the title of your request mentions access to documents, in substance, you are asking for a list of specifically collected information and not for documents held by the EIT. Therefore, your request is being handled as an access to information request, as indicated in our acknowledgement of receipt.

The sectors referred to in your request relate to the activities of the Knowledge and Innovation Community EIT Health. Having carefully examined your request, the EIT herewith provides you with the following lists per sector:

- Types of KIC Added-value Activities (KAVAs);
- Names of KIC Added-value Activities (KAVAs) funded by the EIT in the relevant sectors;
- Relevant countries involved;¹
- Beneficiary types;

¹ The lists provided focus on the specific countries identified in the request (see above).

- Amount of funding: range of total EIT grant contribution for the relevant countries.

The lists contain information on all KAVAs broadly related to the Biotech sector, as well as on activities involving assay development.

As regards the duration of the funding, please note that Business Creation and Education Activities are generally funded by the EIT for 1 year, and Innovation Projects for up to 3 years.

Any requested information not included in our response is considered commercially sensitive to the KIC and the KIC partners for the following reasons:

The combination of such specific activity details/geographical/location/beneficiary name and corresponding budget may disclose specific information, such as product ideas or specific market demand. This information may threaten to reduce the commercial value of the products/services/and or ideas generated by the KIC community while giving unfair advantage to commercial competitors.

Therefore, it is not possible to share the requested data combination in full. At the same time, please note that additional information on the KAVAs including individual partners, current and past research and project details/findings can be found on the website of the EIT Health (<https://eithealth.eu/>).

We truly hope that the document (an excel file consisting of two sheets) attached to this response and containing relevant information will be helpful for you.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Head of EIT Innovation Communities Unit