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| Women TechEU is a European Union project - funded by the Horizon Europe programme - to support deep-tech start-ups led by women. Women TechEU provides first-rate coaching and mentorship to female founders, as well as targeted funding to help them and their businesses to grow.Among the benefits of this initiative - from a financial perspective - are:* Financial assistance to the enterprise in the form of a EUR 75,000 individual grant to help the business’ early steps in the innovation process and growth,
* Participation in specific activities organized by InvestEU and Enterprise Europe Network

Who can apply? The applicant must first:* Be a woman,
* Be the founder or co-founder of an early stage deep-tech start-up that has been registered and operating in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country for at least six months at the time of submission,
* Hold a top management position in the enterprise (CEO, CTO, or equivalent)

The Women TechEU pilot scheme started and ended in 2021 with funding from 50 selected enterprises. The second edition of the Women TechEU call revealed a growing demand for investment for female-led deep-tech start-ups. The European Commission received 467 applications from 35 Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries on October 4, 2022.Other editions will follow. For more information on the terms and modalities of this funding and support initiative, please visit the reference link below. |
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