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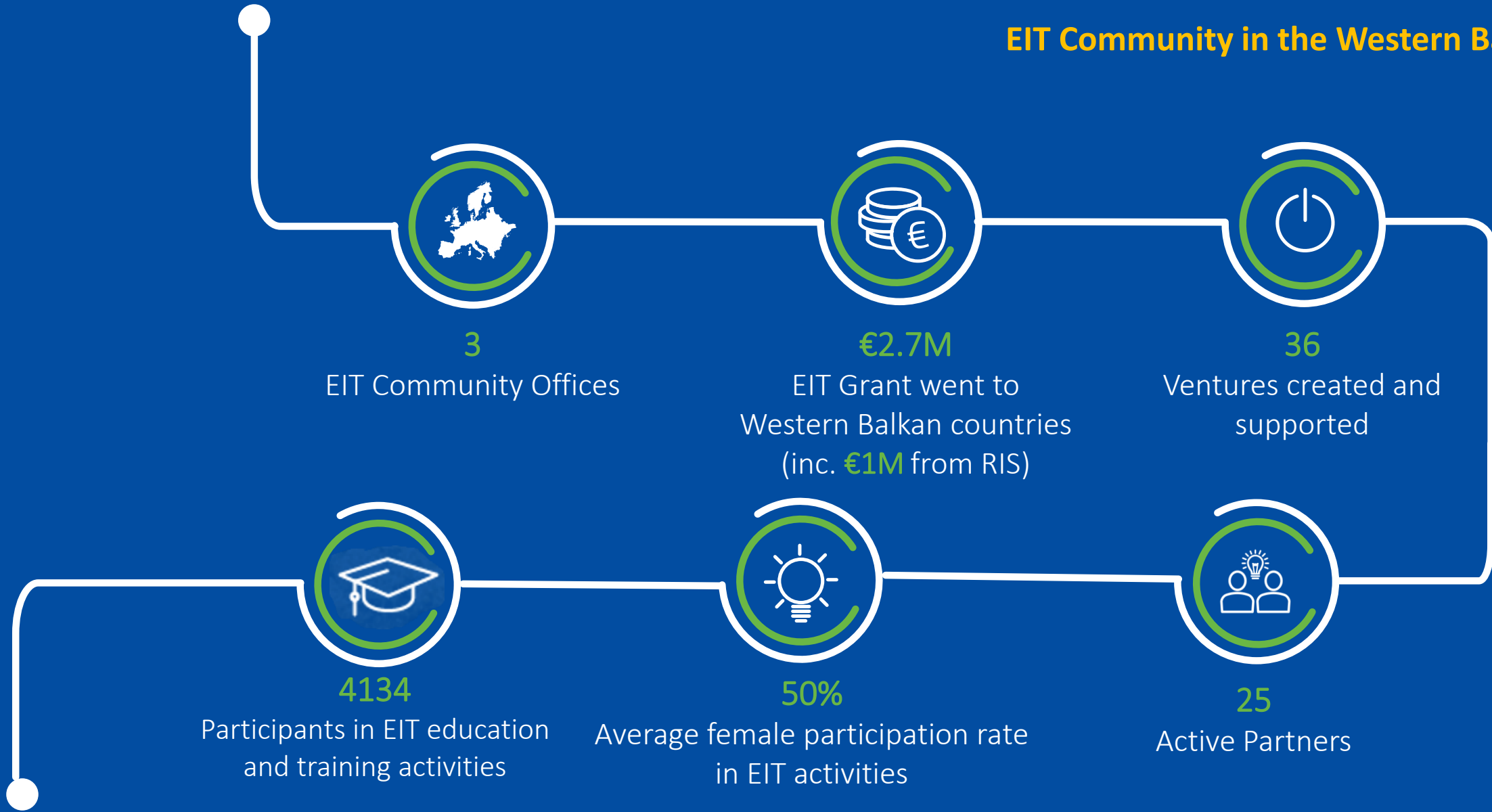
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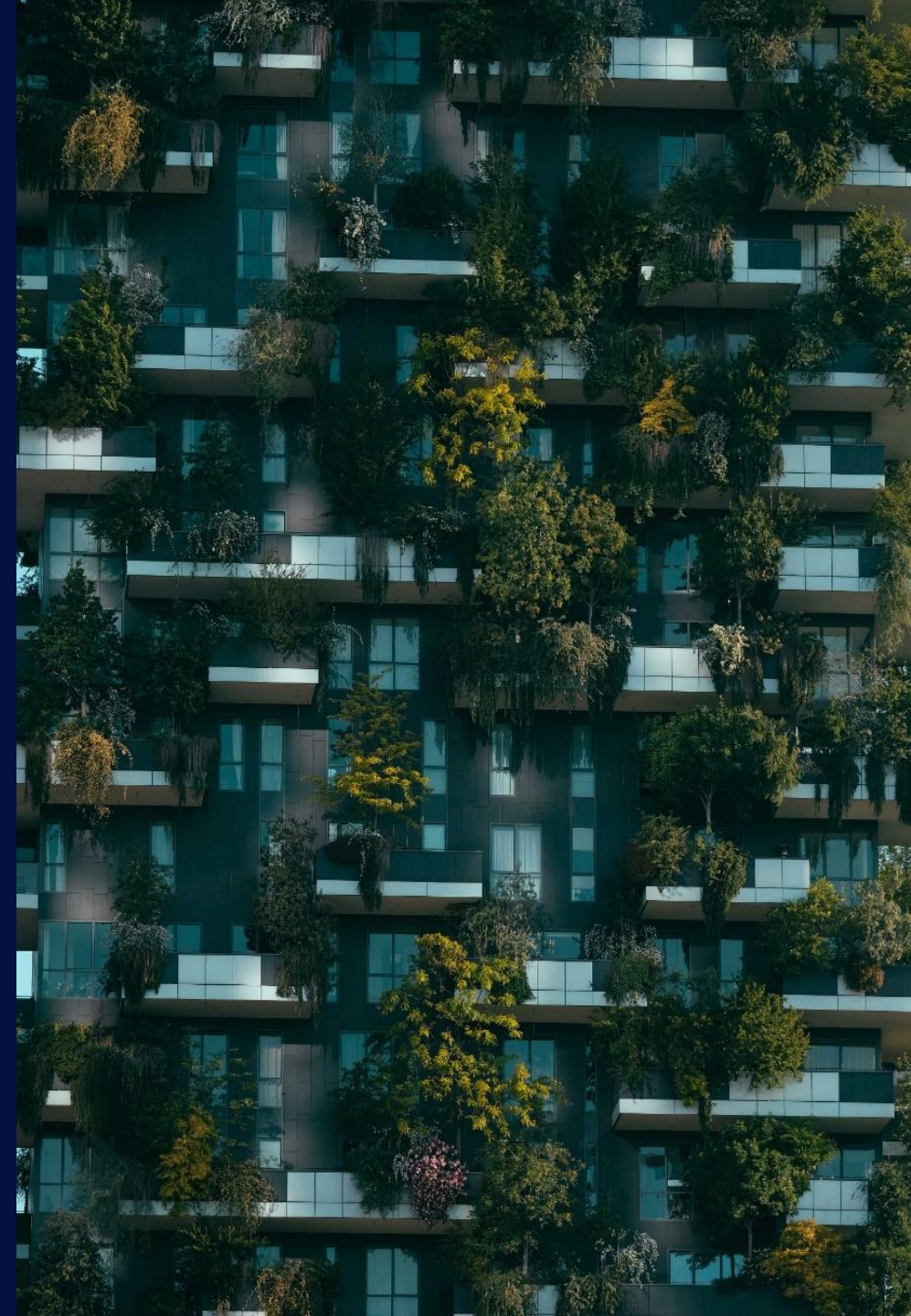
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EIT Community in the Western Balkans (2021)



EIT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

- The EIT will continue giving priority to its engagement with the Western Balkans, especially through:
 - the enhanced **EIT RIS**;
 - the **EIT Action to Support the Innovation Capacity of Higher Education Institutions**;
 - the **Cross-KIC action** supporting Strategic Regional Innovations, including a dedicated Western Balkans Work Package.
- At least **5** new EIT Offices will be established in the Western Balkans by 2025.
- Synergies with **IPA III & other organisations / initiatives** are in place or being sought.



EIT Cross-KIC Regional Strategic Innovations Cluster (2023-2025)

- A **dedicated Western Balkans Work Package** under the Cross-KIC Regional Strategic Innovations Cluster will kick-off in **2023**, containing three key elements:
 - The **INFRA-BOOSTER**, a new initiative aimed at supporting the Western Balkan HEIs and Research Centres to make best use of their available infrastructures in the delivery of innovations;
 - Scale-up the whole Western Balkan Region's involvement in the **EIT Jumpstarter** - read more on Western Balkan results [here](#);
 - Establish **EIT Community RIS Hubs** in all RIS-eligible (2021-2024) Western Balkan economies by end 2024 – these Hubs will serve as one-stop-shop for the whole EIT Community, including as a gateway to all EIT KICs, attracting and engaging an increasing number of Western Balkan participants into EIT Community activities.



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