

## Vinnovate Regional Instrument Portrait 2024 – Wales

<u>Category</u>	<u>Answers</u>
<b>Name</b>	SMART Flexible Innovation Support
<b>Source of Funding</b>  <i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument is based on ERDF or Regional or National resources. Indicate the extent to which the instrument is activable (by regional actors) only in the context of Vinnovate outside the scope of Vinnovate or not.</i>	Regional/National: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  ERDF: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO  Dedicated/reserved for Vinnovate: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support/what-smart-fis">https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support/what-smart-fis</a>
<b>Geographical Scope</b> (NUTS 2, NUTS 3 or others)	Wales
<b>Amount potentially activable in 2024 for Vinnovate</b>	200.000€
<b>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</b>  <i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument has a thematic focus or not (incl. any specific policy objectives to be pursued). In less than 100 words.</i>	SMART FIS is a unique Welsh Government Scheme with the single aim of helping Welsh organisations achieve “Innovation Excellence”. SMART FIS focuses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research, development and exploitation of new innovation;</li> <li>- Product, process and service innovation;</li> <li>- Embedded culture of skills, growth, citizen benefit.</li> </ul> It also thematically includes decarbonisation and the circular economy.
<b>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</b>  <i>Mention the type of eligible (for funding) applicants. Please explicitly refer to SMEs, Large Companies, Universities, Facility/Research centres and others, if necessary.</i>	SMEs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Large Companies: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Universities: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Research/Facility centres: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

	<b>Others / other comments:</b> Third and public sector.
<p><b>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</b></p> <p><i>Can two (or more) organisations located in the region apply together in a cooperation project? I.e. a situation where the two organisations located in the region would apply jointly, together with organisation(s) from outside the region and country, which would in their case apply in their own region?</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES, two organisations can apply jointly.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO, each needs to submit a distinct proposal.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, max. one organisation from the region is eligible per project.</p>
<p><b>Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Conditions for 'international' partners – Type</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate any specific conditions associated to the partners (outside of the region) which can be part of the project (not financially supported/not eligible for funding in most of the case, unless answered 'YES' to the previous question.</i></p>	<p>No specific condition.</p>
<p><b>Funding rates</b></p> <p><i>If different funding rates according to different types of funded partners, please indicate.</i></p>	<p>The funding rates depend on the organisation applying and the type of project. An example for businesses: typical value of funding is £100.000.</p> <p>The intervention (funding) rate is in line with UK Subsidy rules (typically approx. 50%).</p>
<p><b>TRLs covered</b></p> <p><i>Indicate the extent to which the following TRLs are covered or not: TRL6 (yes/no), TRL7 (yes/no) and TRL8 (yes/no).</i></p>	<p><b>TRL 6:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>TRL 7:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>TRL 8:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Max./Min. project duration</b></p> <p><i>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) project duration (in months).</i></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>Max./Min. amount grant/project cost</b></p> <p><i>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) total project costs and/or grant amount.</i></p>	<p>No minimum or maximum grant.</p> <p>A total of 200.000€ has been allocated for the pilots in 2024/2025. Further funding may be available for projects which represent exceptional potential.</p>



<p><b>Covered transitions (potentially!)</b></p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of VInnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions to one or several of the targeted transitions: 1) a smarter and/or 2) a more sustainable and/or 3) a more autonomous/less dependent industry.</i></p>	<p>Smarter industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>More sustainable industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>More autonomous/less dependent industry:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Covered VI Pilots (potentially)</b></p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of VInnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions/projects in the following fields (i.e. the scope of the VI pilots): 1) New Nano-Enabled Products; 2) Bio-Economy; 3) Efficient Sustainable Manufacturing; 4) High-Performance Production through 3D Printing; 5) Advanced Manufacturing for Energy-related Applications in Harsh Environments; 6) Smart Health ; 7) Artificial Intelligence; 8) Hydrogen.</i></p>	<p>Nano: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Bio-economy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ESM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3DP: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ADMA Ener: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Smart Health: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>AI: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Hydrogen: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Covered activities</b></p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of VInnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the following activities are eligible for funding: 1) Personnel costs (demonstration/R&amp;D), 2) Personnel costs (coordination), 3) Subcontracting costs, 4) Purchase costs – Travel, 5) Purchase costs – Equipment.</i></p>	<p>Personnel costs (demonstration/R&amp;D):  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Personnel costs (coordination): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – travel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – equipment: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – other goods, works and services:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Indirect costs/overheads: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Specific comments, if any:</p>

	In line with eligible costs criteria for instrument SFIS.
<b>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</b>	See website for more detail.
<b>Regional Application</b>	
<p><b>Timeline for ‘regional’ proposals</b></p> <p><i>Beyond the ‘standard’ Vinnovate timeline (i.e. submission regional proposals theoretically possible between 20.05.2024 and 30.10.2024), is there any possible additional restriction to be taken into account? E.g. submission regional proposals only possible from e.g. 01.07.2024 onward?</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If Yes, please specify here:</p>
<p><b>Description of requirements for ‘regional proposals’</b></p> <p><i>Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at ‘regional proposal’ stage?</i></p>	<p>Please indicate here the website where such information is described:</p> <p><a href="https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support">https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support</a></p>
<p><b>Contact person for ‘regional instrument’ questions</b></p> <p><i>Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of ‘regional-instrument’ specific questions?</i></p>	<p>Please indicate here an email address:</p> <p><a href="mailto:gavin.george@gov.wales">gavin.george@gov.wales</a></p>
<p><b>Interregional dimension-coverage in ‘regional proposal’</b></p> <p><i>When submitting the information requested at regional level (i.e. ‘regional proposal’) regional applicants will be asked to describe the entire ‘interregional’ project, including general description of activities from the partners from outside of the region. In addition, specific requirements will focus on the activities of the ‘regional actors’ exclusively.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><i>Comment, if needed:</i></p>