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VInnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : Basque Country

Beyond the information provided in the present document, applicants are **required to consult the dedicated regional documents/webpages, and to contact regional representatives** in case of doubts.

Category	Answers
Name Funding Instrument	Fast Track Innobideak
Website	https://www.spri.eus/es/ayudas/fast-track-innobideak/
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)	Basque Country (Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Araba)
Grant amount potentially activable for VInnovate Call 2025 *N.B.1: This amount represents the amount available for the VInnovate Call 2025 in total, i.e. for all possible projects/actors from the region.* *N.B.2.: The amount mentioned is not a commitment from the region to actually use that entire amount in the context of the Call 2025. It is only an indication regarding the amount potentially activable.*	250.000€
Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region	/

Targeted number (or range) of projects the regions is expected to select for funding. This is an indication only, to guide strategic decisions of actors.	
Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?	Fast Track Innobideak is the financial support program to accelerate SME innovation. Its objective is to accelerate the development of innovation projects that promote the competitiveness, specialization, and diversification of Basque industrial SMEs and industry-related services. This program seeks for technologies and business models that respond to the priorities and transitions outlined in the RIS3 Euskadi framework. It also contributes to the innovation systematization process. The Fast Track Innobideak innovation program adds distinctive features to its formula that offer comprehensive support to SME innovation activities to achieve new or improved products, services, processes, or business models.
Conditions for funded applicants – Type *The type of eligible (for funding) applicants.*	SMEs: ☒ YES ☐ NO Large Companies: ☐ YES; ☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region; ☒ NO Universities: ☐ YES; ☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;

	☒ NO Research/Technology/Facility centres: ☐ YES; ☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region; ☒ NO Others / other comments:
Specific consortium-related conditions applying (eventually) at regional level, beyond VInnovate Call 2025 main conditions	Min. number of partners located in the region per consortium ? ☐ YES ☒ NO - *If "yes", indicate how many partners min. required*: here Max. number of partners located in the region per consortium ? ☐ YES ☒ NO - *If yes, indicate how many partners max.*: here Additional budget-related rules in terms of min./max. proportion of budget per partner or min./max. proportion of budget from the actors of the region in the total international project budget ? ☐ YES ☒ NO - *Subcontracting cost (university, research/technology/facility services) can not be more than 75% of the project budget*
Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?	☐ YES ☒ NO
Conditions for 'international' partners – Type	

Funding rates	Up to 50% of the budget for the SME
TRLs covered	TRL 6: ☐ YES ☒ NO TRL 7: ☒ YES ☐ NO TRL 8: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Max./Min. project duration (beyond the VInnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any	Maximum 12 months
Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any	Minimum project cost: 50.000€ Maximum project cost: there is no maximum Maximum grant amount: up to 50% of the project budget, maximum 250.000€/per SME / per YEAR Minimum grant amount: there is no minimum
Covered transitions (potentially!)	Smarter industry: ☒ YES ☐ NO More sustainable industry: ☒ YES ☐ NO

	More autonomous/less dependent industry: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Covered VI Pilots (potentially)	Nano: ☒ YES ☐ NO Bio-Economy: ☒ YES ☐ NO ESM: ☒ YES ☐ NO 3DP: ☒ YES ☐ NO ADMA Ener: ☒ YES ☐ NO Smart Health: ☒ YES ☐ NO AI: ☒ YES ☐ NO Hydrogen: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Covered activities	Personnel costs (demonstration/R&D): ☒ YES ☐ NO Personnel costs (coordination): ☒ YES ☐ NO Subcontracting costs: ☒ YES ☐ NO Purchase costs – travel: ☒ YES ☐ NO Purchase costs – equipment: ☒ YES ☐ NO – ONLY AMORTIZATION COSTS DURING THE PROJECT

	Purchase costs – other goods, works and services: ☒ YES ☐ NO Indirect costs/overheads: ☒ YES ☐ NO - If possible, please indicate here the % applied for indirect costs: 15% of personnel costs Specific comments, if any:
Other specific restrictions/conditions?	
Regional Application	
Timeline for 'regional' proposals *Additional specific timing-related provisions at regional level?*	☐ YES ☒ NO
Description of requirements for 'regional proposals' *Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at 'regional proposal' stage?*	https://www.spri.eus/es/ayudas/fast-track-innobideak/
Contact person for 'regional instrument' questions *Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of 'regional-instrument' specific questions?*	Cristina Ugarte (Innovation department technician) Aitzpea Armendariz (Innovation department technician)
'Internal cooperation' vs single application 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,	☐ YES, two organisations can apply jointly. ☒ NO, each needs to submit a distinct proposal. ☐ NO, max. one organisation from the region is eligible per project.

together with organisation(s) from outside the region and country, which would in their case apply in their own region?	
Interregional dimension-coverage in 'regional proposal' *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.*	☒ YES ☐ NO