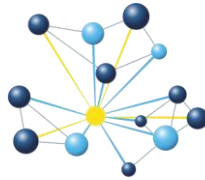# VInnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : Lower Austria

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	Research & Technology Development Quality (financed by Lower Austrian Economic and Tourism Funds)
Website	https://www.noe.gv.at/noe/Wirtschaft-Tourismus-Technologie/PROGRAMMDOKUMENT_F-E_Q_Unternehmen_V01.08.pdf
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)	NUTS 2: AT12 Niederösterreich (Lower Austria)
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.*	400.000 EUR
Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region	/

Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?	Only projects that are in line with the strategies of the Province of Lower Austria for the development of the business location are eligible for funding. Relevant Strategies: The Economic Strategy Lower Austria 2025 prioritizes the topics - Intelligent, innovative, high-quality products, materials & production - Developments related to climate, the environment, and resources - Digitalization, Big Data, and new business models - High-quality, internationally prominent locations and regional centres These topics are further specified in the 'Zukunft.Wirtschaft.Niederösterreich' roadmap as follows: - Digital economy: Digitalisation of processes, distribution channels and supply chains, management processes and automation, cyber security and artificial intelligence. - Resources 2.0: Renewable energies, energy management, bio-economy and circular economy with a wide range of topics from resource efficiency, e-fuels, storage technologies, hydrogen applications, more efficient construction to recycling in the plastics and textiles sector. - Smart vitality: Innovations in the field of intelligent, digitally supported services, medical technology, healthcare programmes and the use of data volumes for research and health care.
Conditions for funded applicants – Type *The type of eligible (for funding) applicants.*	SMEs: ☒ YES ☐ NO Large Companies: ☒ YES;

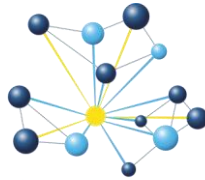|	
	☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;
	☐ NO
	Universities:
	☒ YES;
	☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;
	☐ NO
	Research/Technology/Facility centres:
	☒ YES;
	☐ YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;
	☐ NO
	Others / 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*

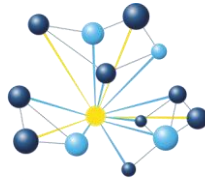|	Additional budget-related rules in terms of min./max. proportion of budget per partner or min./max. proportion of budget from the actors of the region in the total international project budget ? ☐ YES ☐ NO - *If yes, specify those rules : here*
Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?	☐ YES ☒ NO
Conditions for 'international' partners – Type	/
Funding rates	Experimental Development: Small enterprises max. 40 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus" (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects) Medium-sized enterprises max. 30 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus" (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects) Large enterprises: max. 20 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus" (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects) Feasibility Studies: Max 50%

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	Max. 3 years
Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any .	Minimum project cost: € 50,000 Maximum project cost: Maximum grant amount: Minimum grant amount:
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 (depreciation) Purchase costs – other goods, works and services: ☐ YES ☒ NO Indirect costs/overheads: ☒ YES ☐ NO - If possible, please indicate here the % applied for indirect costs:

	20 % of the eligible personnel costs and eligible costs for the use of equipment for instruments and equipment that must be purchased to implement the project Specific comments, if any:
Other specific restrictions/conditions?	
Regional Application	
Timeline for 'regional' proposals *Additional specific timing-related provisions at regional level?*	☐ YES ☒ NO Continuous application possible
Description of requirements for 'regional proposals' *Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at 'regional proposal' stage?*	[Forschung & Technologieentwicklung - Qualität - Land Niederösterreich](#)
Contact person for 'regional instrument' questions *Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of 'regional-instrument' specific questions?*	Philipp Hechl philipp.hechl@noel.gv.at
'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, together with organisation(s) from outside the region and country, which would in their case apply in their own region?	☒ 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.

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
***For VInnovate Call 2024 participating regions only* – Are beneficiaries selected for funding in the framework of the VInnovate Call 2024 eligible for the Call 2025 ?**	☒ YES ☐ NO