

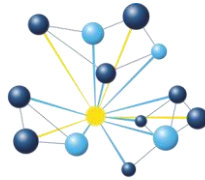


Vinnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : Lower Saxony

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.

[N.B: This version is a DRAFT version, which will be updated in the coming days.](#)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Answers</u>
Name Funding Instrument	Program for Research and Development in SMEs
Website	Innovationsförderprogramm für Forschung und Entwicklung in Unternehmen (IFP)
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)	Lower Saxony
Grant amount <u>potentially</u> activable for Vinnovate Call 2025 <i>N.B.1: This amount represents the amount available for the Vinnovate Call 2025 <u>in total</u>, i.e. for all possible projects/actors from the region.</i> <i>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.</i>	Min. 250.000 €; the amount is not fixed but open for Vinnovate projects <i>N.B.1 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.</i>
Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region	/



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<p>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants for industrial research and experimental development projects from SMEs in which a high proportion of development is carried out by own personnel in order to develop new or significantly improved, marketable products, production processes or services • Classical instrument for cooperational projects between SMEs and research institutes/universities, • Non-repayable grant of up to 500,000 euros for companies • At least one SME has to have a headquarters or place of business in Lower Saxony • All partners have to submit one proposal but individual financing and work plans • Project duration max. 36 month (3 years)
<p>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</p> <p><i>The type of eligible (for funding) applicants.</i></p>	<p>SMEs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Large Companies:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Universities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>



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	<p>Research/Technology/Facility centres:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Others / other comments:</p>
<p>Specific consortium-related conditions applying (eventually) at regional level, beyond Vinnovate Call 2025 main conditions</p>	<p>Min. number of partners located in the region per consortium ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>- <i>If "yes", indicate how many partners min. required: here</i></p> <p>Max. number of partners located in the region per consortium ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>- <i>If yes, indicate how many partners max.: here</i></p> <p>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 ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>- <i>If yes, specify those rules : here</i></p>
<p>Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>Conditions for 'international' partners – Type</p>	<p>/</p>
<p>Funding rates</p>	<p>45% for Small Enterprises (SE)</p>



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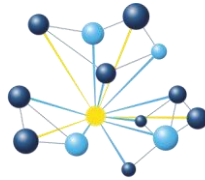
	<p>35% for Medium sized Enterprises (ME)</p> <p>25% for Non-SME, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region</p>
TRLs covered	<p>TRL 6: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>TRL 7: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>TRL 8: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
Max./Min. project duration (beyond the Vinnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any	<p>Max. 3 years</p>
Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any	<p>Minimum project cost:</p> <p>Maximum project cost:</p> <p>Maximum grant amount: Max. 500.000,00 € grant amount for SME</p> <p>Max. 300.000,00 € additional grant amount for research partners, but a SME needs to be the applicant</p> <p>Minimum grant amount:</p>
Covered transitions (potentially!)	<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:</p>



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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Covered VI Pilots (potentially)	<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 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>
Covered activities	<p>Personnel costs (demonstration/R&D): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Personnel costs (coordination): <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – travel: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – equipment*: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (depreciation)</p> <p>Purchase costs – other goods, works and services: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>



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	<p>Indirect costs/overheads: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>- If possible, please indicate here the % applied for indirect costs:</p> <p>Specific comments, if any:</p> <p>*For equipment lasting longer than the project duration, only proportional depreciation would apply.</p>
<p>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</p>	
<p>Regional Application</p>	
<p>Timeline for 'regional' proposals</p> <p><i>Additional specific timing-related provisions at regional level?</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Continuous application possible</p>
<p>Description of requirements for 'regional proposals'</p> <p><i>Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at 'regional proposal' stage?</i></p>	<p>https://www.nbank.de/Förderprogramme/Aktuelle-Förderprogramme/Innovationsförderprogramm-für-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-in-Unternehmen-(IFP).html#aufeinenblick</p>
<p>Contact person for 'regional instrument' questions</p> <p><i>Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of 'regional-instrument' specific questions?</i></p>	<p>Thomas Brinks: Thomas.Brinks@NBank.de; +49 511 300 31 362;</p> <p>Antje antje.overmeyer@mb.niedersachsen.de; +49 511 120 8433</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Overmeyer:</p>
<p>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, two organisations can apply jointly.</p>



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<p>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?</p>	<p><input 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>Interregional dimension-coverage in ‘regional proposal’</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>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 ?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>