



Vinnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : NORTE

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.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Answers</u>
Name Funding Instrument	Programa Regional do Norte 2021-27 / Norte Regional Programme 2021-27 (NORTE 2030)
Website	The application website with info is still not entirely defined. Will be provided as soon as possible.
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)	NUTS II
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>	250,000€



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<p>Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region</p> <p><i>The 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.</i></p>	<p>/</p>
<p>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</p>	<p>The projects must comply with the Norte 2030 strategy, namely to be framed within the Smart Specialization Strategy of Norte region, S3Norte. Compliance with the specific domains of S3Norte is a compulsory requirement.</p> <p>In terms of Policy objectives, this instrument will fall under OE1.1 of the Norte2030 strategy.</p> <p>This call will be under the “demonstrator projects” type of funding mechanism, allowing co-promotion efforts (multiple partners, with 1 leading partner).</p>
<p>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</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 type="checkbox"/> YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Universities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES;</p>



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	<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>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: Aside from SMEs, “small mid caps” are also eligible. Among Norte partners, the application must be led by a company (SME or “small mid cap”), and can then have universities / R&D centers as copromotors.</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>



Conditions for 'international' partners – Type	
Funding rates	<p>For companies, base funding rate is 25%, which can be increased by 20% for SMEs, and by an additional 15% for projects in collaboration between SMEs and academic/R&D partners.</p> <p>For research partners, funding rate is 85%.</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> <p>N.B.: Exceptionally and in a complementary way, some TLR 5 tasks (but they have to be a minor component) can be supported. At international level, the VInnovate rule must be complied with¹.</p>
Max./Min. project duration (beyond the VInnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any	0-36 months
Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any	<p>No limits.</p> <p>Minimum project cost:</p> <p>Maximum project cost:</p> <p>Maximum grant amount:</p>

¹ Activities at TRL5 can be potentially eligible for funding in a VInnovate project if a substantial part of the project activities (more that 50% of the project costs) are associated to activities at higher (post TRL6) TRL levels”.



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	Minimum grant amount:
Covered transitions (potentially!)	Smarter industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO More sustainable industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO More autonomous/less dependent industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Covered VI Pilots (potentially)	Nano: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Bio-Economy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ESM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 3DP: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ADMA Ener: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Smart Health: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO AI: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Hydrogen: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Covered activities	Personnel costs (demonstration/R&D): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Personnel costs (coordination): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



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	<p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input 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>- If possible, please indicate here the % applied for indirect costs:</p> <p>Specific comments, if any: For equipment only amortization can be supported.</p> <p>Regarding personnel costs for coordination/management, this can be only residual costs.</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>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>To be defined...</p>
<p>Contact person for ‘regional instrument’ questions</p>	<p>Ricardo Simões, Head of Innovation</p>



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<p><i>Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of 'regional-instrument' specific questions?</i></p>	<p>innovation@ccdr-n.pt</p>
<p>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</p> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, two organisations can apply jointly.</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> <p>Note: Nothing against this in our regional program regulation, however, we would accept if the majority of the consortium feels this should not be allowed (but it should be refused by the central Vinnovate secretariat, and not after a formal application to the regional program, since we cannot refuse them afterwards).</p>