



Vinnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : Nord-East Romania

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	North-East Regional Programme 2021-2027
Website	https://regionordest.ro/prioritatea-1/vinnovate/
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)	Regional/NUTS 2 level
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>	1.350.000 euro
Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region	9 projects



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<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>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</p>	<p>The main purpose of this instrument is to develop and strengthen the innovation capacity of companies in the North-East region. It aims to stimulate the creation of new products, services, and technologies within the region's S3 domains by facilitating interregional collaboration for the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and resources. The instrument has a clear thematic focus on specific objective 1.1, ERDF.</p>
<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 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> <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>Research/Technology/Facility centres:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES;</p>



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	<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>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>International partners must sign a Partnership Agreement before the beneficiary from the region can start the activities.</p>
<p>Funding rates</p>	<p>Aid intensity according to de minimis rules, maximum 90%</p>



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TRLs covered	TRL 6: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO TRL 7: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO TRL 8: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Max./Min. project duration (beyond the VInnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any	maximum December 31, 2029
Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any	Minimum project cost: 110.000 euro Maximum project cost: no limit Maximum grant amount: 200.000 euro Minimum grant amount: 100.000 euro
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



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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (indirect costs) <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – travel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (indirect costs) <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: maximum 7%</p> <p>Specific comments, if any: <i>Personnel costs (coordination) and Purchase costs – travel are included in indirect costs.</i></p>



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Other specific restrictions/conditions?

To be eligible for this call for projects, the funding applicant must:

- be classified in the SME category following the EC definition;
- be established as an enterprise according to Romanian Law 31/1990;
- be registered in the North-East region (at the latest at the time of the first payment of aid);
- be active for a period corresponding to at least one full fiscal year, did not have the activity temporarily suspended at any time in the current year of submitting the financing request and in the previous fiscal year, and recorded operating profit (>0 lei) in the fiscal year preceding the submission of the financing request;
- have a NACE code from division 72 (Research-Development) authorised;
- have a NACE code associated with a North-East RIS3 domain authorised;
- have at least 1 registered employee in the last fiscal year;
- not to be excluded by de minimis aid regulation.

To be eligible for this call for projects, the project must:

- have an approved Project Fit Form in the Vinnovate call 2025;
- target at least one of the smart specialization domains of the North-East Region;
- target specific activities of TRL 6-TRL 8 stages for the development of a product or process;
- not include activities in sectors excluded from the scope of de minimis aid regulation;
- be implemented in the North-East region;
- respect the DNSH principle.

Please note that these are the minimum requirements. More conditions could be added before the regional call is approved.



Regional Application	
<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>https://regionordest.ro/prioritatea-1/vinnovate/</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>Sandu Lucian</p> <p>info@adrnordest.ro</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 type="checkbox"/> YES, two organisations can apply jointly.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, each needs to submit a distinct proposal.</p> <p><input checked="" 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</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>



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<p><i>region. In addition, specific requirements will focus on the activities of the 'regional actors' exclusively.</i></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>