



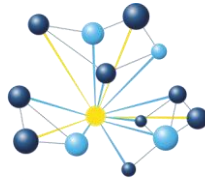
## Vinnovate Call 2025 – Regional Instrument Description : Wales

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>  |
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| <b>Name Funding Instrument</b>  | SMART Flexible Innovation Support   |
| <b>Website</b>  | <a href="https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support/what-smart-fis">https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support/what-smart-fis</a> |
| <b>Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level)</b>   | Wales   |
| <b>Grant amount <u>potentially</u> activable for Vinnovate Call 2025</b><br><br><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><br><br><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 €  |
| <b>Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region</b>  | /   |



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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><b>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</b></p>                                   | <p>SMART FIS is a unique Welsh Government Scheme with the single aim of helping Welsh organisations achieve “Innovation Excellence”. SMART FIS focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research, development and exploitation of new innovation;</li> <li>- Product, process and service innovation;</li> <li>- Embedded culture of skills, growth, citizen benefit.</li> </ul> <p>Alignment to the Innovation Strategy for Wales and its themes is encouraged.</p>   |
| <p><b>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</b></p>   | <p><b>SMEs:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>Large Companies:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES, but only when cooperating with an SME located in the region;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>Universities:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES;</p> <p><input 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><b>Specific consortium-related conditions applying (eventually) at regional level, beyond VInnovate Call 2025 main conditions</b></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><b>Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?</b></p>   | <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>  |
| <p><b>Conditions for 'international' partners – Type</b></p>   | <p>No specific condition.</p>   |



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| <b>Funding rates</b>  | <p>The funding rates depend on the organisation applying and the type of project. An example for businesses: typical value of funding is €117,500 (Approximately £100,000) (Interest Rate 30/04/2025)</p> <p>The intervention (funding) rate is in line with UK Subsidy rules (typically approx. 50%).</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>Research organisations and higher education institutions can be supported at higher intervention rates. (Up to 100%)</p> |
| <b>TRLs covered</b>   | <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><b>Note:</b> <i>Projects with elements at TRL 5 may be considered if more than 50% of the project's resource is spent once its TRL exceeds 5.</i></p>   |
| <b>Max./Min. project duration (beyond the VInnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any</b> |  |
| <b>Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any</b>   | <p>No specific additional restrictions compared to VInnovate Call 2025 general characteristics.</p>  |



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| <b>Covered transitions (potentially!)</b> | <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> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>  |
| <b>Covered VI Pilots (potentially)</b>    | <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> |
| <b>Covered activities</b>                 | <p>Personnel costs (demonstration/R&amp;D): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Personnel costs (coordination): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>  |



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|   | <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>A flat rate of 45% of the direct staff gross salary costs can be used to calculate a figure for general overheads.</p> <p><b>Specific comments, if any:</b></p> <p>In line with eligible costs criteria for instrument SFIS.</p> |
| <p><b>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Regional Application</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>Timeline for ‘regional’ proposals</b></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><b>Description of requirements for ‘regional proposals’</b></p> <p><i>Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at ‘regional proposal’ stage?</i></p> | <p><a href="https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support">https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/support-and-funding/flexible-innovation-support</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Contact person for ‘regional instrument’ questions</b></p>  |   |



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| <p>Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of 'regional-instrument' specific questions?</p> | <p><a href="mailto:Ben.Leijokari-Olosunde@gov.wales">Ben.Leijokari-Olosunde@gov.wales</a></p> |
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| <p><b>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</b></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><b>Interregional dimension-coverage in 'regional proposal'</b></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><b>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 ?</b></p>   | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>  |