

VInnovate 2025 Regional Instruments – A transversal overview of some regional specificities

N.B.: The present document does not provide a comprehensive compilation of instrument specificities but highlights some main characteristics. For a complete overview regarding regional instruments characteristics, please consult each regional instrument portrait [here](#).

1. Type of actors eligible per region – General Overview

Type of organisations eligible for funding, per region

SMEs

- East NL (Gelderland and Overijssel provinces)
- Noord Brabant
- Basque Country
- North East Romania
- Norte
- Lower Austria
- Emilia-Romagna
- Lower Saxony
- Galicia
- Wales
- Lombardy

Large companies

- East NL (Gelderland and Overijssel provinces)*
- Noord Brabant*
- Lower Austria
- Galicia*
- Wales
- Lower Saxony*

Universities

- East NL (Gelderland and Overijssel provinces)*
- Noord Brabant*
- Norte*
- Emilia-Romagna
- Lower Saxony*
- Galicia*
- Wales
- Lower Austria
- Lombardy*

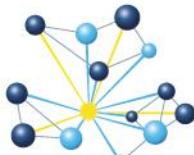
Research / facility centers

- East NL (Gelderland and Overijssel provinces)*
- Noord Brabant*
- Norte*
- Emilia-Romagna
- Lower Saxony*
- Galicia*
- Wales
- Lower Austria
- Lombardy*

* In cooperation with at least one SME from the region

2. Amount potentially activable in 2025 for VInnovate (in total, for all projects !)

	Amount <u>potentially</u> activable for VInnovate in 2025 (all projects !)	<u>Indication</u> of number of projects expected to be funded
Galicia	1.000.000 €	4 or 5
North-East Romania	1.350.000 €	9 projects
East Netherlands	750.000 €	4-6
Basque Country	250.000 €	/
Noord Brabant	250.000 €	Between 2 and 5 projects
Lower Saxony	Min. 250.000 €	/
Lombardy	250.000 €	4 to 7



Norte	250.000 €	/
Wales	Min 250.000 €	/
Lower Austria	400.000 €	/
Emilia Romagna	500.000 €	5 to 10

3. Funding rates for eligible applicants

	SMEs	Large companies	Universities/Academia	Research/facility centres
Lower Saxony	45% for Small Enterprises (SE) 35% for Medium sized Enterprises (ME)	25%	Universities/Academia and Research/facility centres: Max. 100%	Universities/Academia and Research/facility centres: Max. 100%
East Netherlands	Max 60%	Max 40%	Max 60%	Max 60%
Emilia Romagna	Max 70%	/	Max 70%	Max 70
Lombardy	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Galicia¹	From 50% to 60% (Small company) From 40% to 50% (medium)	From 30% to 40%	60%	60% (RTOs)
Lower Austria	Depends on the type of projects (experimental development or feasibility studies: please consult regional instrument description)			
North-East Romania	Aid intensity according to de minimis rules, maximum 90%	/	/	/
Noord Brabant	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Wales	The intervention (funding) rate is in line with UK Subsidy rules (typically approx. 50%).	The intervention (funding) rate is in line with UK Subsidy rules (typically approx. 50%).	Research organisations and higher education institutions can be supported at higher intervention rates. (Up to 100%)	Research organisations and higher education institutions can be supported at higher intervention rates. (Up to 100%)
Basque Country	Up to 50%	/	/	/
Norte	For companies, 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.	/	For research partners, funding rate is 85%.	For research partners, funding rate is 85%.

¹ Funding rates depend on the project's predominant category.

4. Max./Min. project duration

	Maximum duration
Galicia	Max. Until 30 September 2028
Emilia Romagna	Final report by 31 December 2028 !
Lombardy	36 months
East Netherlands	36 months
Lower Austria	Max. 36 months
Lower Saxony	Max 36 months
North-East Romania	Maximum December 31, 2029
Noord Brabant	36 months
Basque Country	Max 12 months !
Wales	36 months
Norte	36 months

5. Covered transitions (potentially !)

	Smarter industry	More sustainable industry	More autonomous/less dependent industry
Lower Saxony	YES	YES	YES
East Netherlands	YES	YES	YES
Emilia Romagna	YES	YES	YES
Lombardy	YES	YES	YES
Galicia	YES	YES	YES
Lower Austria	YES	YES	YES
North-East Romania	YES	YES	YES
Noord Brabant	YES	YES	YES
Wales	YES	YES	YES
Basque Country	YES	YES	YES

Norte	YES	YES	YES
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6. Covered VI pilots (potentially !)

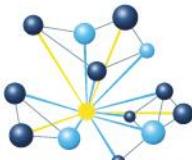
	Nano	Bio-economy	ESM	3DP	ADMA Ener	Smart Health	AI	Hydrogen
Lower Saxony	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
East Netherlands	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Emilia Romagna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lombardy	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Galicia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lower Austria	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
North-East Romania	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Noord Brabant	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wales	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Basque Country	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Norte	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

6. TRLs

	(TRL5)	TRL6	TRL7	TRL8
Lower Saxony	YES, if 1) VInnovate rule is complied with at international level ² and 2) at regional level, more than 50% of the costs falling within TRL 6 to 8.	YES	YES	YES
East Netherlands	YES, if 1) VInnovate rule is complied with at international level ³ and 2) at regional level, more than 50% of the costs falling within TRL 6 to 8.	YES	YES	YES

² „Activities at TRL5 can be potentially eligible for funding in a VInnovate project if a substantial part of the project activities (more than 50% of the project costs) are associated to activities at higher (post TRL6) TRL levels“.

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	(TRL5)	TRL6	TRL7	TRL8
Emilia Romagna	NO	YES	YES	YES
Lombardy	NO	YES	YES	YES
Galicia	YES, if 1) VInnovate rule complied with at international level ⁴ and 2) at regional level, a "substantial part of the project activities (more than the 50% of the project costs) are associated with activities at higher TRL levels"	YES	YES	YES
Lower Austria	NO	YES	YES	YES
North-East Romania	NO	YES	YES	YES
Noord Brabant	NO	YES	YES	YES
Wales	YES, if 1) VInnovate rule is complied with at international level ⁵ and 2) at regional level, 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	YES	YES	YES
Basque Country	NO	NO	YES	YES
Norte	YES, exceptionally and in a complementary way some TRL 5 tasks (but they have to be a minor component) can be supported. At international level, the VInnovate rule must be complied with ⁶	YES	YES	YES

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