



Vinnovate Call 2026 – Regional Instrument Description : Lower Austria

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. Such information is made available below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Answers</u>
Name Funding Instrument	Research & Technology Development Quality (financed by Lower Austrian Economic and Tourism Funds)
Source of Funding <i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument is based on ERDF or Regional or National resources. Indicate the extent to which the instrument is activable (by regional actors) only in the context of Vinnovate or not (in that case the instrument can also be activated locally, outside of the Vinnovate Call 2025 framework)</i>	Regional/National: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ERDF: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Dedicated/reserved for Vinnovate Call 2025: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Website	https://www.noe.gv.at/noe/Wirtschaft-Tourismus-Technologie/PROGRAMMDOKUMENT_Forschung_und_Technologieentwicklung_Qualit.pdf
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level) <i>Name the region/provinces potentially covered by the instrument.</i>	NUTS 2: AT12 Niederösterreich (Lower Austria)
Grant amount <u>potentially</u> activable for Vinnovate Call 2026	400.000 EUR



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<p><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></p> <p><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></p>	<p><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></p>
<p>Indicative target regarding the number of projects expected to be funded/selected, per region</p> <p><i>If possible, please indicate here 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. Internal comment: if you are not in a position to provide such range, please leave blank.</i></p>	<p>Not indicated.</p>
<p>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</p> <p><i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument has a thematic focus or not (incl. any specific policy objectives to be pursued). In less than 100 words. E.g. indicate whether projects need to be aligned with e.g. the S3 priorities from the region.</i></p>	<p>The funding instrument “Research & Technology Development Quality” supports scientific projects that develop new innovative approaches, technologies, methods, products or processes.</p> <p>Projects need to be in line with the strategies of the Province of Lower Austria; more specifically with the Economic Strategy Lower Austria 2030+ aiming at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing competitiveness through productivity gains – particularly via digitalisation – and by reducing bureaucratic hurdles. • Strengthening the economic foundation with a special focus on the industrial core as well as the manufacturing and skilled trades sectors. • Expanding innovation and research by supporting excellent performance by companies and promoting close networking between science and industry



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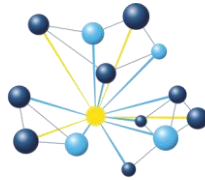
	<p>in key technologies.</p> <p>The Strategy mentions, but is not limited to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital economy,• Environment, resources and circular economy,• Health,• Materials and production technologies• Railway, air and space technology
<p>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</p> <p><i>Mention 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 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>Universities:</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>Research/Technology/Facility centres:</p> <p><input checked="" 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 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 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><i>Please indicate any specific conditions associated to the partners (outside of the region) which can be part of the project (not financially supported/not eligible for funding in most of the case, unless answered 'YES' to the previous question.</i></p>	



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<p>Funding rates</p> <p><i>If different funding rates according to different types of funded partners, please indicate.</i></p>	<p>Experimental Development:</p> <p>Small enterprises max. 40 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus” (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects)</p> <p>Medium-sized enterprises max. 30 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus” (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects)</p> <p>Large enterprises: max. 20 % (+ 5% „Ecology Bonus” (criteria of EU taxonomy regulation, +15 % top-up for collaborative projects)</p> <p>Feasibility Studies:</p> <p>Max 50%</p>
<p>TRLs covered</p> <p><i>Indicate the extent to which the following TRLs are covered or not: TRL6 (yes/no), TRL7 (yes/no) and TRL8 (yes/no).</i></p>	<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>Max./Min. project duration (beyond the Vinnovate Call rule of max. 36 Months project duration), if any</p> <p><i>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) project duration (in months),</i></p>	<p>Max. 3 years</p>
<p>Max./Min. amount of grant/project cost, if any</p>	<p>Minimum project cost: € 50,000</p>



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<p>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) total project costs and/or grant amount.</p>	<p>Maximum project cost:</p> <p>Maximum grant amount:</p> <p>Minimum grant amount:</p>
<p>Covered transitions (potentially!)</p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate call 2025, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions to one or several of the targeted transitions: 1) a smarter and/or 2) a more sustainable and/or 3) a more autonomous/less dependent industry.</i></p>	<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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>Covered VI Pilots (potentially)</p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate Call 2026, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions/projects in the following fields (i.e. the scope of the VI pilots): 1) New Nano-Enabled Products; 2) Bio-Economy; 3) Efficient Sustainable Manufacturing; 4) High-Performance Production through 3D Printing; 5) Advanced Manufacturing for Energy-related Applications in Harsh Environments; 6) Smart Health ; 7) Artificial Intelligence; 8) Hydrogen.</i></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>Hydrogen: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>Covered activities</p> <p><i>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate call 2025, indicate the extent to which the following activities are eligible for funding: 1) Personnel costs</i></p>	<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>



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<p><i>(demonstration/R&D), 2) Personnel costs (coordination), 3) Subcontracting costs, 4) Purchase costs – Travel, 5) Purchase costs – Equipment.</i></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> <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: 20 % of the eligible personnel costs and eligible costs for the use of equipment for instruments and equipment that must be purchased to implement the project</p> <p>Specific comments, if any:</p>
<p>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</p>	
<p>Regional Application</p>	
<p>Timeline for ‘regional’ proposals</p> <p><i>Beyond the ‘standard’ Vinnovate Call 2025 timeline, is there any possible additional restriction/timing to be taken into account?</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>Forschung & Technologieentwicklung - Qualität - Land Niederösterreich</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>Philipp Hechl philipp.hechl@noel.gv.at</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>Multiple applications</p> <p>Can one organisation from the region submit distinct proposals?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES, one organisation can be part of distinct consortia, and therefore submit several proposals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, max. one proposal per organisation from the region</p> <p>➔ Generally yes, so far never the case.</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>



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For Vinnovate Call 2025 participating regions only – Are beneficiaries selected for funding in the framework of the Vinnovate Call 2025 eligible for the Call 2026 ?

YES NO