



Vinnovate Call 2026 – Regional Instrument Description: North-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
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 2026 framework)</i>	Own regional/national funds: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - If yes, : Dedicated/reserved for Vinnovate Call 2026: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ERDF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Website	https://regionordest.ro/prioritatea-1/vinnovate/
Geographical Coverage (NUTS 2 or NUTS 3 level) <i>Name the region/provinces potentially covered by the instrument.</i>	NUTS 2: RO21 North-East Romania
Grant amount <u>potentially</u> activable for Vinnovate Call 2026	1.125.000 euro



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<p><i>N.B.1: This amount represents the amount available for the Vinnovate Call 2026 <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 2026. 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>	6 projects
<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 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>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>



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	<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> <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 2026 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><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>	<p>International partners must sign a Partnership Agreement before the beneficiary from the region can start the activities.</p>
<p>Funding rates</p> <p><i>If different funding rates according to different types of funded partners, please indicate.</i></p>	<p>Aid intensity according to de minimis rules, maximum 90%.</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 5: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO)¹</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>

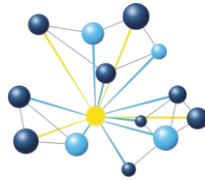
¹ While this is not the core target, activities at TRL5 can be potentially eligible for funding in a Vinnovate project if a substantial part of the project activities (more that 50% of the project costs) are associated to activities at higher (TRL6 and beyond) TRL levels.



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	TRL 8: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>Max./Min. project duration (beyond the Vinnovate Call rule of max. 30 Months project duration), if any</p> <p><i>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) project duration (in months),</i></p>	maximum December 31, 2029
<p>Max./Min. amount of costs/grants per project, if any</p> <p><i>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) total project costs and/or grant amount.</i></p>	<p>Minimum project cost: 111.111 euro</p> <p>Maximum project cost: no limit</p> <p>Maximum grant amount: 200.000 euro</p> <p>Minimum grant amount: 100.000 euro</p>
<p>Covered transitions (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 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</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>



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<p><i>VI pilots): 1) Bio-Economy; 2) Efficient Sustainable Manufacturing; 3) High-Performance Production through 3D Printing; 4) Advanced Manufacturing for Energy-related Applications in Harsh Environments; 5) Smart Health; 6) Hydrogen.</i></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 2026, indicate the extent to which the following activities are eligible for funding: 1) Personnel costs (demonstration/R&D), 2) Personnel costs (coordination), 3) Subcontracting costs, 4) Purchase costs – Travel, 5) Purchase costs – Equipment.</i></p>	<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% calculated on direct costs</p> <p>Specific comments, if any: <i>Personnel costs (coordination) and Purchase costs – travel are included in indirect costs.</i></p>
<p>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</p>	<p>To be eligible for this call for projects, the funding applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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);



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- 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;
- not to be excluded by de minimis aid regulation.

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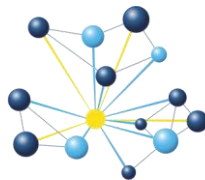
- have an approved Project Fit Form in the VInnovate call 2026;
- target at least one of the smart specialization domains of the North-East Region;
- achieved minimum TRL 5;
- targets specific activities for advancing through TRL 5 → TRL 6, TRL 6 → TRL 7, and TRL 7 → TRL 8;
- be implemented in the North-East Region;
- not include activities in sectors excluded from the scope of de minimis aid regulation;
- not include investments started prior to the submission of the financing application;
- 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

Timeline for 'regional' proposals

YES NO



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<p><i>Beyond the 'standard' Vinnovate Call 2026 timeline, is there any possible additional restriction/timing to be taken into account?</i></p>	<p>- <i>If yes, indicate when the call will open: here</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p>- <i>If yes, indicate when the call will close: here</i></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>Lucian SANDU</p> <p>info@adrnordest.ro</p>
<p>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</p> <p><i>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?</i></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>Multiple applications</p> <p><i>Can one organisation from the region submit distinct proposals?</i></p>	<p><input checked="" 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>



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Interregional dimension-coverage in 'regional proposal'

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.

YES NO

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