



# FUNDING FOR ITEA PROJECTS IN AUSTRIA

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- As part of the Austrian innovation ecosystem, **FFG provides a wide range of funding programmes** tailored to specific needs in ITEA, e.g.:
  - FFG General Programmes
  - FFG Thematic Programmes
  
- In addition, different (regional) funding programmes are available in Austria as well, and self-funded participation in ITEA projects is an option

# FFG GENERAL PROGRAMME

- Open Call, Open Budget
  - All year bottom-up call for single-firm applicants
  - Experimental development, TRL 5-7
  
- Evaluation criteria
  - Technical funding criteria include in particular the **degree of innovation** and the **technical challenge** of the submitted project
  - The economic assessment focuses on the **commercialization potential** and the applicant's **economic performance**
  - **Ecological soundness** and social aspects are considered

# FUNDING OUTLOOK

## FFG GENERAL PROGRAMME

- Funding conditions for Austrian partners in ITEA projects
  - **SME:** grant of up to 60% of eligible costs (60% for small companies, 50% for medium sized companies)
  - **Large Company:** mixed funding of up to 50% (funding is composed of a grant and a loan part)
  - Universities and research organizations **a) can be subcontracted** by a company partner from Austria, or **b) can submit a partner application** of up to 50%
- Max. funding € 3 Mio. p.a.
- Website for more information:  
<https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm>

# PROJECT PREPARATION

## FFG GENERAL PROGRAMME

- Project.Start for SMEs and Start-ups
  - **Features:** attractive funding instrument for start-ups and SME to get support for preparation work for a concrete research project
    - definition of project aims
    - assessment of the state of the art and literature and patent research and technical risks
    - execution of well-founded market and competitor analyses
    - preparation of the project organization and project partners and cost plan with obtainment of offers
  - Submission of an application is possible at any time - swift approval processes
  - Website for more information: <https://www.ffg.at/programm/projektstart>

# FFG THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

- Thematic focus is expressed in calls for projects organized by, e.g.,
  - Digital Technologies: <https://www.ffg.at/digitale-schluessestechnologien>
    - National deadline tbd: 06.11.2025 - 05.03.2026
  - AI ecosystems: <https://www.ffg.at/ai>
  - ...
- Details may vary in each call
  - Industrial research & experimental development, TRL 2-7
  - A balanced Austrian consortium is often required
  - Dedicated budget

# MATCHMAKING



## ■ How to get in touch with partners from Austria?

1. Via the **ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA** office in your country:  
<https://www.advantageaustria.org/>
2. Contact your local **EEN** node: <https://een.ec.europa.eu/>. EEN is one of the largest online database for collaboration opportunities
  - Find a partner via EEN in three steps:
    - Search the global partnership database based on your criteria
    - Express your interest by telling your EEN representative about your company, project idea, and the type of partner you are looking for
    - The EEN representatives put interested partners in touch

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Website for more information:

- <https://www.ffg.at/eureka>
- <https://www.ffg.at/europa/eureka/cluster/itea4>

- **We are here to support you!**