

# ITEA PO Days 2026

## Welcome to the country information webinar of Austria

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# National priorities & ITEA funding programmes



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- National priorities in Austria (Industrial Strategy 2035)
  - Boost competitiveness and technological sovereignty
  - Targets nine prioritized key technologies (e.g., Artificial Intelligence and Data Innovation), some of which match exceptionally well with the vision of the Eureka cluster ITEA
- As part of the Austrian innovation ecosystem, FFG provides a range of funding programmes that can be utilized to fund Austrian partners in ITEA projects, e.g.,
  - FFG General Programmes
  - FFG Thematic Programmes
- In addition, different regional funding programmes and tax incentives for R&D are available in Austria as well

# FFG General Programmes

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- 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 Programmes



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- Funding conditions for Austrian partners in ITEA projects
  - **Small Enterprise:** grant of up to 60% of eligible costs
  - **Medium Enterprise:** grant of up to 50% of eligible costs
  - **Large Company:** grant of up to 40% of eligible costs
  - **Research organisations:** Participation as subcontractor (costs are covered through the company's overall project funding), or participation in a consortium project (grant of up to 50% of eligible costs for a Research organisation).
- Max. funding per national application: € 3 Mio. p.a.
- Website for more information: <https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>

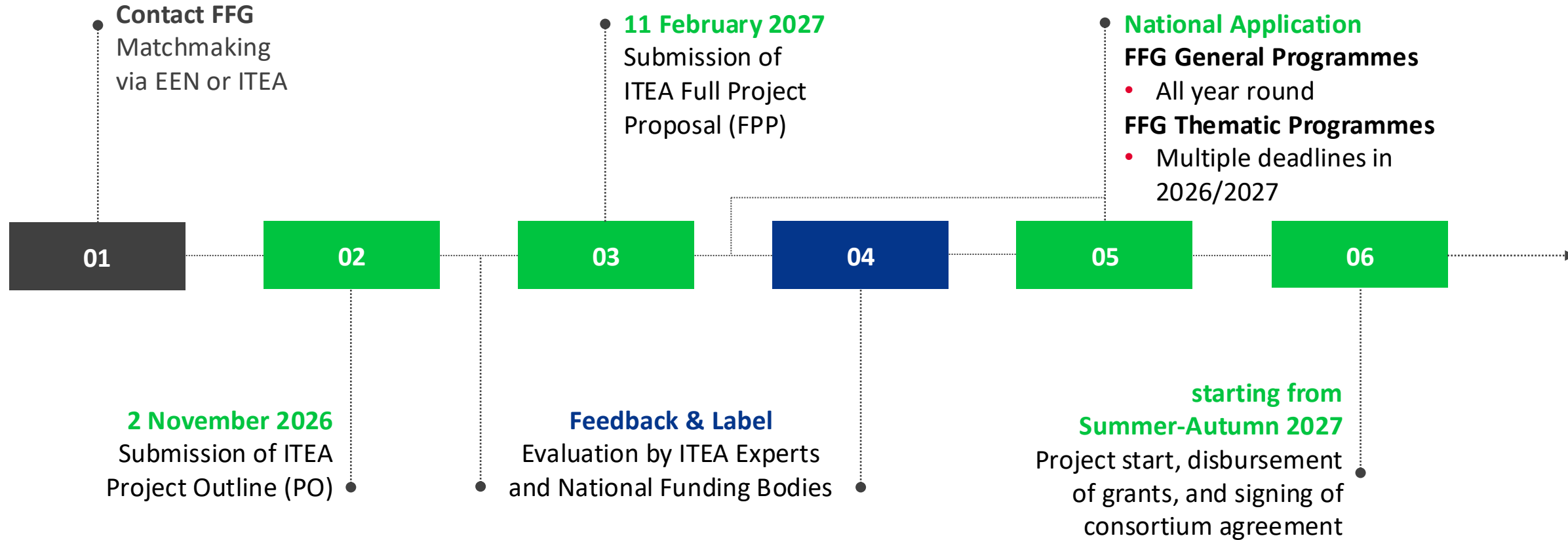
# FFG Thematic Programmes

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- Thematic focus is expressed in calls for projects organized by, e.g.,
  - 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

# Timeline

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# Matchmaking

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### ■ 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

# Contact details

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



Thank you  
for your attention  
Questions?

