ITEA PO Days 2026

Welcome to the country information webinar of Finland

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STRATEGIC GOALS OF BUSINESS FINLAND

1

Record amount of productivity enhancing private R&D and growth investments

2

A leap in the level of ambition and innovation collaboration

3

World-class conditions for renewing national strenghts and creating new growth sectors

4

Confidence in our impact, responsibility and efficiency

STRATEGIC THEMATIC CHOICES (NATIONAL PRIORITIES)

DIGITAL PIONEERING

Artificial intelligence
Immersive technologies
Robotics and automation
High performance computing
Data center ecosystems
Photonics
Radio and network technologies
Quantum technology

SECURITY

Space technology
Cybersecurity
Defense industry
Semiconductor Industry
Maritime industry and arctic expertise
Critical raw materials and minerals

CLEAN TRANSITION

Energy systems and technologies
- hydrogen
- modular reactors
- battery value chains
- renewable energy

Mobile machinery

GOOD LIFE

Creative industry
Travel
Health technologies
Food technology
Biomaterials
Biochemicals

BUSINESS COMPETENCE

Customer understanding and intangible value creation
Commercialization and international growth

ITEA Project Outlines and Full Project Proposals will be evaluated and selected according to the following criteria:

1. Project Rationale and Objectives, Assessment focus: clarity, relevance, and coherence of the project intent.

2. Market, Business and Societal Impact: Assessment focus: commercial relevance and exploitation potential.

3. Technological Innovation and Excellence: Assessment focus: novelty, ambition, and technical credibility.

4. Consortium and International Collaboration

5. Project Realisation and Management (FPP only), Assessment focus: feasibility and execution readiness.

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Funding outlook
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- Continuous Call, Flexible budget
  - No specific euro limit, project lengths up to 3 years
  - Concrete description of future business case is expected
  - Positive outlook for high-quality projects matching the national criteria
- Funding conditions for Finnish partners in ITEA projects
  - The composition of the FI consortium is a crucial viewpoint, and strong medium and midcap size company involvement is highly recommended
  - Participation of micro-sized companies in long and extensive projects is not always optimal. In many cases, a subcontractor role may be more appropriate than that of a consortium partner.
  - Proposals are evaluated by Business Finland experts on growth impact, novelty, management, and financial aspects.
  - Competitive funding - applications processed continuously.

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- Funding levels
  - Small and Medium Enterprise: grant of up to 50% of eligible costs
  - Large Company including MidCap: grant of up to 40% of eligible costs
  - Research organisations: grant of up to 80% of eligible costs.

  → Website for more information: **Co-Innovation**

- How to get touch with partners from Finland
  - **ITEA Brokeage tools**: ITEA 4 · Brokerage tools
  - Contact your local **EEN node**: Enterprise Europe Network | Enterprise Europe Network. Enterprise Europe Network is the world's largest support network for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with international ambitions.

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Timeline

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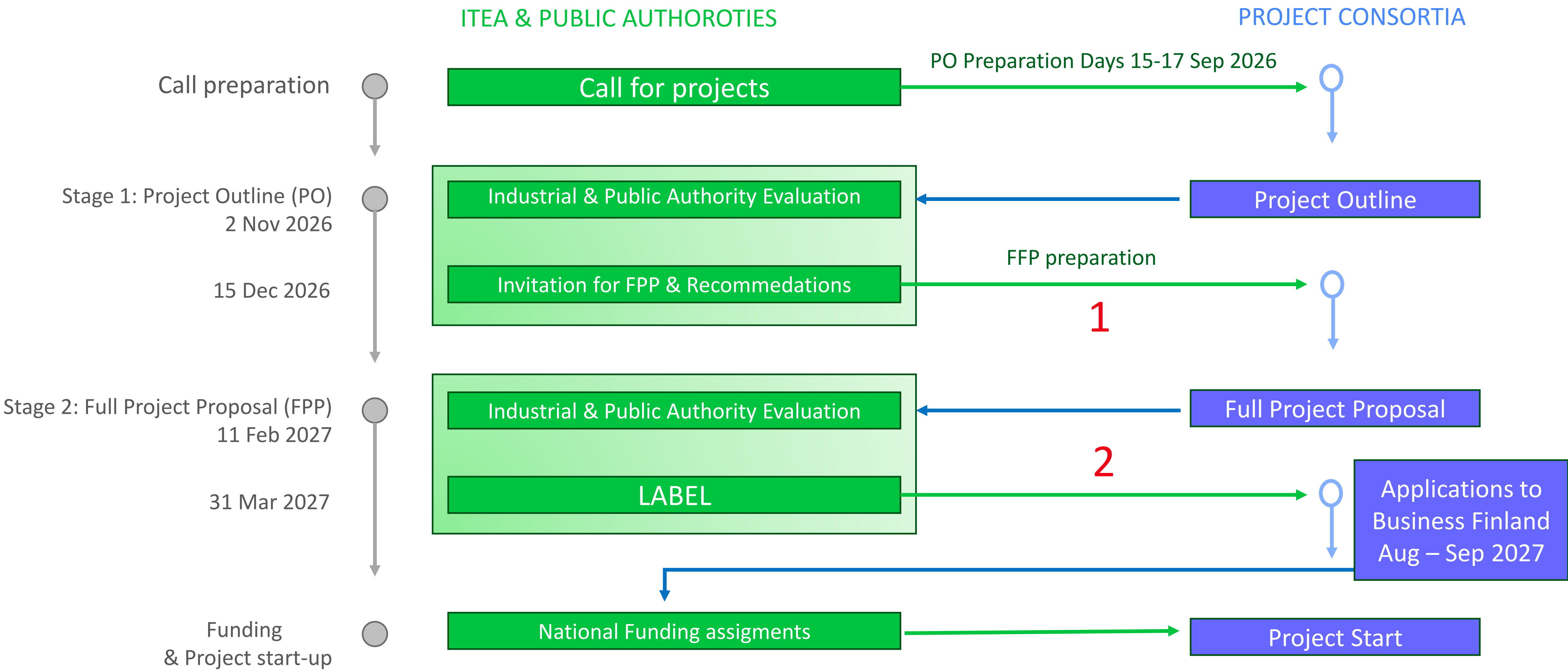

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1 If the PO is accepted, the national coordinator should consult with Business Finland.

2 If the FFP is accepted, the national coordinator should consult with Business Finland and agree on the recommendations before submitting the national funding applications.

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Thank you
for your attention
Questions?