

ITEA PO Days 2026

Welcome to the country information webinar of The UK

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National priorities - **United Kingdom**

- National priorities – Innovate UK will focus on six of the eight priorities as shaped by the UK Government's Industrial Strategy, following an analysis of where Innovate UK can add the most value, based on market dynamics, our experience and expertise. One of these six is Digital and technologies which includes the six frontier technologies:
 - artificial intelligence
 - advanced connectivity technology
 - cybersecurity
 - engineering biology
 - semiconductors
 - quantum
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Funding and Eligibility - United Kingdom

- Innovate UK will commit £2.1m to the 2026 Call to fund projects up to £700k in grant. Note the funding is not at partner level and if more than one UK organisation is in the consortium, then this is shared.
- All types of registered UK organisations may apply, however there must be at least one UK industry partner in the consortium for a UK Research or Academic partner to be eligible for funding.
- Intervention rates of eligible costs for grant are:
 - Small – 70%
 - Medium – 60%
 - Large – 50%
 - RO/Academic – 30% of total UK industry costs.
- Subcontracting is limited to 20% of total UK costs.
- Overheads for businesses is limited to 20% of Labour costs.
- Businesses less than one year old at point of Project Outline deadline (02/11/2026) will not be eligible to apply.

Funding and Eligibility Continued - United Kingdom

- Innovate UK will not require an evaluated national application and will take into consideration the Cluster evaluation, however an application into the Innovate UK Funding Service (IFS) platform will be required to move your project into setup providing your project receives a label and we declare funding for your project.
- Innovate UK will take a portfolio approach to projects selected for funding, so that not all projects come from one theme or sector.
- We expect to fund three projects.
- Expected duration 12 – 36 months.
- Expected earliest start date of UK participation is 1st of August 2027.

Funding outlook

Country

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