



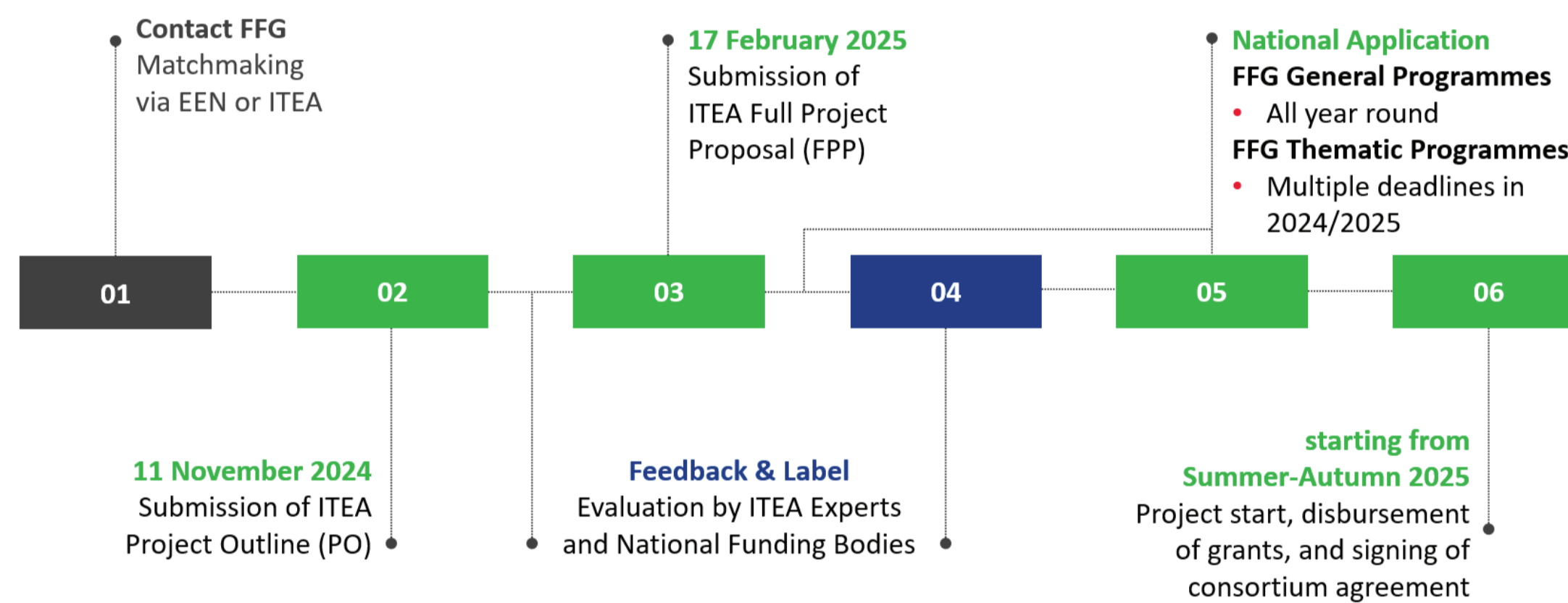
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# Austria

## FFG – The Austrian Research Promotion Agency

In Austria, FFG is the “one-stop shop” for ITEA projects. The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Node at FFG facilitates matchmaking and can help to find partners from Austria and worldwide. FFG General and Thematic Programmes support research and innovation projects by absorbing some of the financial risks involved. Austrian partners can rely on FFG experts for European and international programmes in all phases of a project.

### Timeline



### Eligibility criteria - FFG General Programmes

- > All year bottom-up call for single-firm applicants
- > Open budget, max. funding € 3 Mio. p.a.
- > Experimental development, TRL 5-7
- > Looking for: Novelty, risk from a technical point of view, detailed work plan, quantifiable benefits of funding, economic and technical impact, climate and environmental as well as social and economic sustainability

### Funding outlook - FFG General Programmes

- > All year bottom-up call for single-firm applicants
- > 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 organisations may be subcontracted

### National Priorities - FFG Themed Programmes

- > Sub-consortia from Austria can also submit their national application to FFG Thematic Programmes
- > FFG Thematic Programmes focusses on national priorities in domains, like Digital Technologies, AI for Green, and Security Research.

For example, the national funding programme AI for Green provides support for AI-driven climate action:

- Targets projects that develop or enhance AI technologies
- Aims to leverage AI for substantial contributions to Austria's 2040 climate neutrality goal.
- Supports innovations that address environmental protection, climate mitigation, and adaptation.

Some possible focus areas for funding:

- Reduction of resource and energy use: encouraging efficient AI solutions in sectors like energy, production, agriculture, and forestry.
- Greenhouse gas emission reduction: implementing AI to minimize emissions and support sustainable practices.
- Preservation of natural ecosystems: using AI to protect biodiversity and maintain vital ecosystems through better decision-making tools.



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