

ITEA is the Eureka Cluster on software innovation

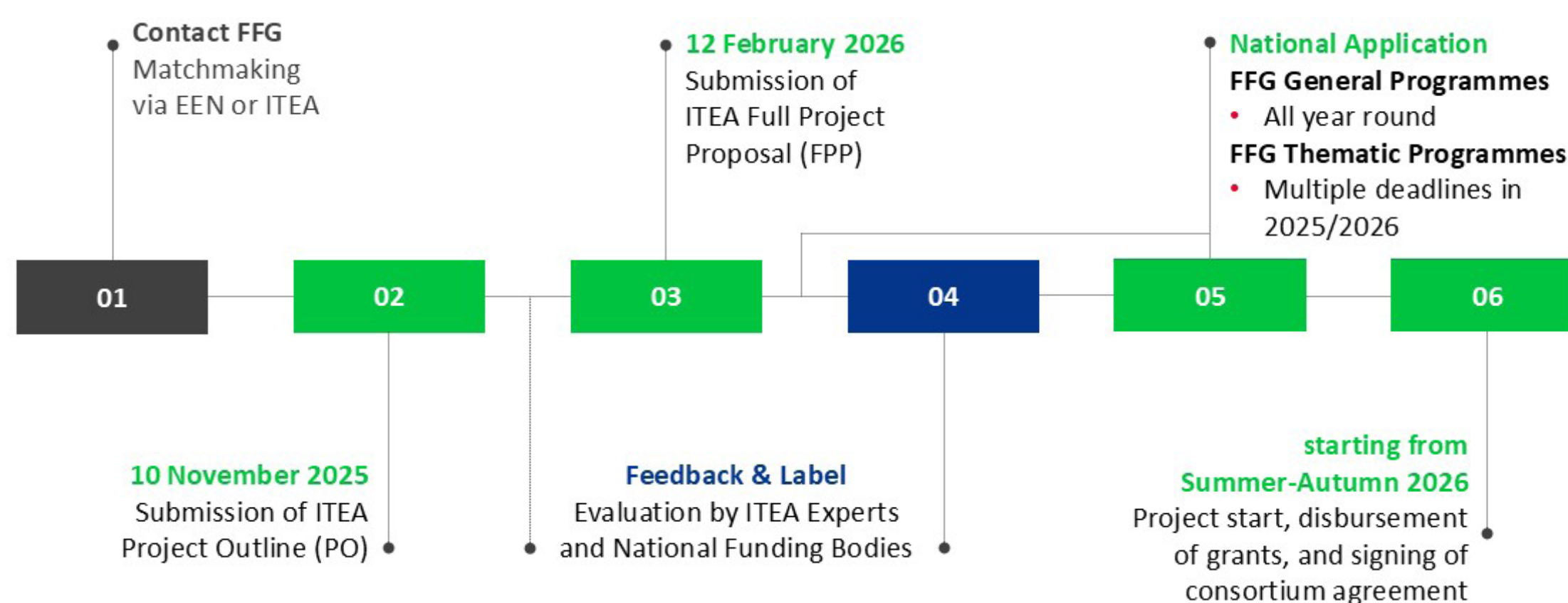


# Austria

## 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/research institutes: funding of up to 50% if part of an Austrian consortium with at least one company; or may be subcontracted (costs covered via company funding)

### 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 Tech & AI for Green, and Security Research.

For example, the AI Ecosystems call aims to harness this potential through targeted R&D. Projects must address one of the call topics:

#### AI for Tech – Hybrid AI

- **Symbolic vs. subsymbolic AI:** Rule-based reasoning vs. data-driven pattern recognition.
- **Towards hybrid AI:** Combining both approaches to enhance decision-making and transparency.
- **Call focus:** Advancing platforms, tools, and methods that realize this integration.

#### AI for Green

- **Challenge:** Climate neutrality by 2040 needs AI for sustainability.
- **Approach:** Flagship R&D on AI for energy, circular economy, production, mobility.
- **Focus:** Advancing AI that directly supports climate and environmental goals.



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