

ITEA PO Days 2024

Welcome to the country information session of Austria

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National priorities & ITEA funding programmes



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- National priorities in Austria
 - Strengthening Austria as a location for research and innovation
 - Drive economic, technological and social development
- As part of the Austrian innovation ecosystem, FFG provides a wide range of funding programmes tailored to specific needs in ITEA, e.g.:
 - FFG General Programmes
 - FFG Thematic Programmes
- In addition, different regional funding programmes 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
 - **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 organizations may be subcontracted
- Max. funding € 3 Mio. p.a.
- Website for more information:
<https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>

Support during project preparation

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- Project.Start for SMEs and Start-ups
 - **Features:** attractive funding instrument for start-ups and SME to get support for preparation work for a concrete research project
 - definition of project aims
 - assessment of the state of the art and literature and patent research and technical risks
 - execution of well-founded market and competitor analyses
 - preparation of the project organization and project partners and cost plan with obtainment of offers
 - Submission of an application is possible at any time - swift approval processes
 - Website for more information: <https://www.ffg.at/en/projektstart>

FFG Thematic Programmes

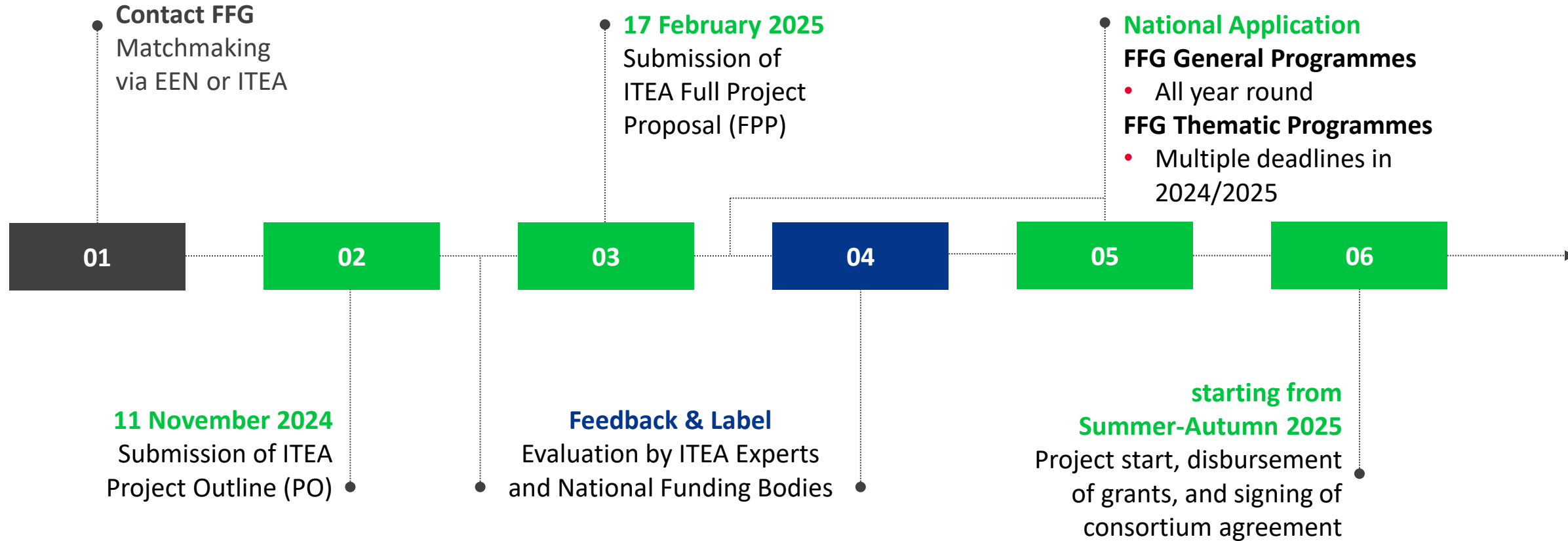


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- Thematic focus is expressed in calls for projects organized by, e.g.,
 - Digital Technologies: <https://www.ffg.at/digitale-schluesstechnologien>
 - AI for Green: <https://www.ffg.at/ai>
 - Security Research: <https://www.ffg.at/content/kiras>
 - ...
- 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

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3. Events

- 16/17 Sep 2024 **Applied Artificial Intelligence Conference**, Vienna and online
(<https://aaic2024.b2match.io/>)
- 29 Jan 2025 **VÖSI Software Day**, Vienna
(<https://www.softwareday.at/>)
- 1/2 Apr 2025 **Eureka Global Innovation Summit (GIS)**, Hannover Fair
(<https://www.hannovermesse.de/en>)
- 20/21/22 May 2025 **International B2B Software Days**, Vienna and online
(<https://2025.b2bsoftwaredays.com/>)

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



Thank you!
Any further questions?
Just ask!