

Are you willing to participate in THCS Call for Projects 2026?

Yes

Regional/National Eligibility Criteria

Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), acting on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure (BMIMI)			
Funding commitment	1 Mio €		
Minimum/Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Minimum funding per Austrian participation in a project (1 or more partners) : 100.000 €		
Eligible institutions	<p>The following legal entities are eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies of any legal form¹, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local authorities² and autonomous bodies, • Non-profit making organisations such as NPOs³/ "Daseinsvorsorger"/ user organisations • Institutions of research and knowledge dissemination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and universities of applied sciences • Non-university research institutions • Technology transfer institutions, innovation agents and other research-oriented organisations such as associations with a relevant purpose • Other legal entities 		
	Table 1 : funding rates		
		Research category Industrial research	Research category Experimental development
		80 %	60 %
		70 %	50 %
		55 %	35 %
		85 %	60 %
	80 %	60 %	

¹ Principally not partnerships under civil law (GesbR)

² Activities of local authorities falling within their statutory mandate are not eligible for funding

³ Non-profit making organisations do not distribute profits to their owners, members or other natural persons or legal entities in accordance with their legal status or articles of association.

Organisations excluded from funding	It is not possible to provide funding to undertakings in difficulty ⁴ .
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Austria requires the fulfillment of the following Eligibility Criteria for Austrian participants and verifies them by means of an eligibility pre-check):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration at the eCall system of the FFG at https://ecall.ffg.at within the submission deadlines of the Call (phase 1 and phase 2); please consult the tutorial at https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Help.aspx; participant's cost information has to be filled in the FFG ecall proposal prior to submission deadline; • For companies: upload of the balance sheets of the last two years in the FFG eCall within the submission deadline; • FFG experts will check the financial potential (credit rating and liquidity) of the participating enterprises. <p>Declaration of SME Status for associations and sole traders</p>
Eligible costs	<p>Eligible costs must be allocable directly to the project. This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – they are incurred additionally to the normal operating costs during the funding period – they are in accordance with the Funding Contract – they can be evidenced by receipts <p>For details on the eligibility of costs see the Cost Guidelines.</p>
Submission of the proposal at regional/national level	<p>Yes, see additional eligibility criteria</p> <p>If more than 1 Austrian partner participate in the same proposal, they will nominate one of the Austrian partners to act as the national coordinator. The duties of the national coordinator are listed in the « Leitfaden für kooperative F&E Projekte, Transnationale Ausschreibungen », Chapter 2.1 and Chapter 2.3.</p> <p>Contrary to Chapter 2.2 it is not mandatory that 1 enterprise must be part of the European project consortium, consequently, also the given percentages of effort of the partners are not applicable.</p>
Submission of additional information at regional/national level	<p>Yes, see additional eligibility criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For enterprises: upload of the balance sheets of the last two years in the FFG eCall within the submission deadline; • Declaration of SME Status for associations and sole traders
Further guidance	<p>The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian participants are available from the FFG webpage at https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden, Kostenleitfaden 3.2 (Cost Guidelines). Legal background for funding: FFG Technologie-Richtlinie. More information can be found in the Guidelines « Leitfaden für kooperative F&E</p>

⁴ Undertakings in difficulty as defined in the General block exemption Regulation (EU), Allgemeine Gruppenfreistellungsverordnung (ABl. L 187 S. 19, idF ABl. L 270/39 vom 29.07.2021)

	Projekte, Transnationale Ausschreibungen » and on the FFG Call webpage under www.ffg.at/THCS_Call4
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