

DIVISION GENERAL PROGRAMMES

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The funding opportunities offered by General Programmes are characterized by their openness to technology and topics. Funding is provided for research and development projects carried out by companies in Austria. The aim is to expand the basis for innovation and increase competitiveness.

<https://www.ffg.at/basisprogramme>

Competitive and innovative companies can submit applications at any time.



GENERAL PROGRAMME

Motivation: Promotion of product, process and service developments (R&D “single firm” project) – including digital innovation

- Ongoing submission (board decision)
- Open to all branches and topics
- Company project experimental development up to max. 3 mil. EUR
- **Funding mix:** grants, loans (low-interest), guarantees for bank loans, plus interest subsidies of the total eligible project costs
- For the grant component, a cooperation bonus of 15 % can be awarded if certain criteria are met.

FUNDING MIX

| Company category, number of staff | Maximum funding value | Grant |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Small enterprises (SE) < 50 number of staff | up to 45 % | up to 28 % (Startups 31 %) |
| Medium enterprises (ME) < 250 number of staff | up to 35 % | up to 25 % |
| Large enterprises (LE) ≥ 250 number of staff | up to 25 % | up to 19 % |

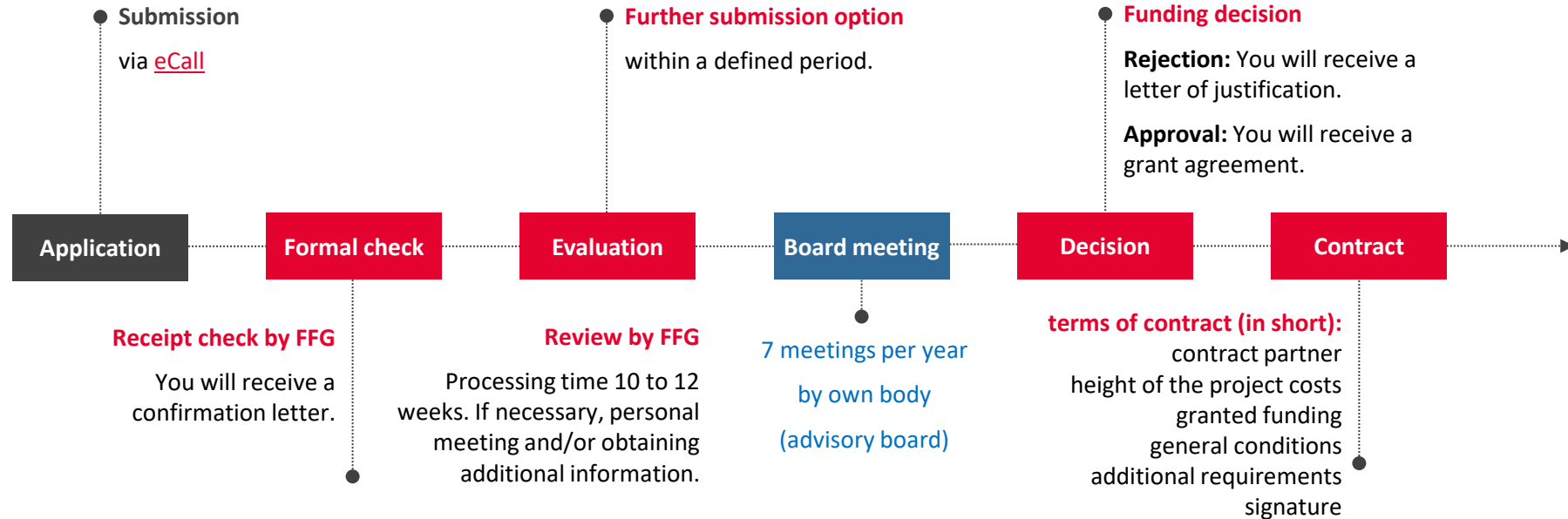
grants, loans (low-interest), guarantees for bank loans, plus interest subsidies

- up to 50 % or
- up to 70 % (for Startups)

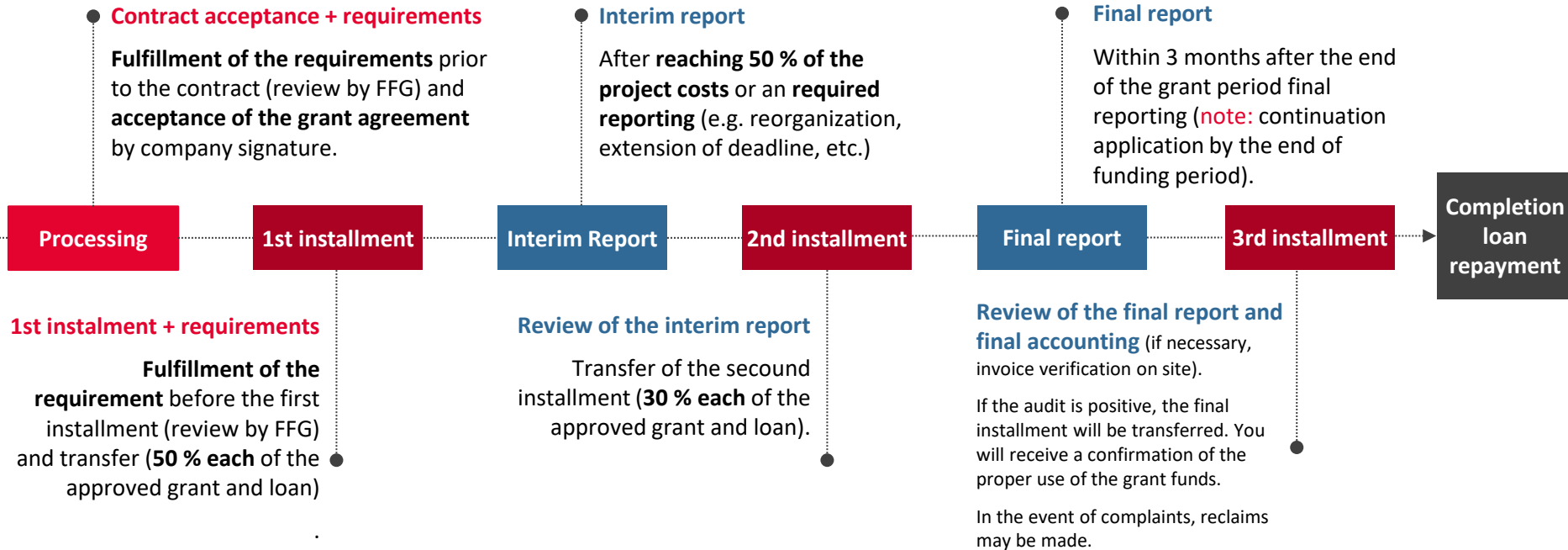
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APPLICATION – CONTRACT



MONITORING – END OF CONTRACT



HOW TO PRESENT YOUR R&D PLANS TO THE FFG?



- Precise project description, task schedule and cost estimate
- Cost-benefit analysis, project scope, and goal achievement must be realistic
- Financing capability
- Co-operation possibilities (e.g. with science)

PROJECT SCORING SYSTEM

EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

| Main criterion | Subcriterion 1 | Subcriterion 2 | Subcriterion 3 | Subcriterion 4 |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Quality of the project | Novelty and innovation | R&D-risk | Partical value results | Sustainability in project content |
| Economic potential and commercial exploitation | Market potential | Market experience | Capability to commercialize R&D | |
| Suitability of applicants | Technical feasibility | Financial feasibility | Management and company organisation | |
| Relevance of the project in relation to the programme | Additionality on the project level | Additionality on company level (gain of know-how) | Economic effects | Social aspects, Diversity |

IMPORTANT LINKS

<https://www.ffg.at/basisprogramme>

<https://www.ffg.at/content/basisprogramm-foerdersitzungen-und-beirat>

<https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/basisprogramm-2025>

General support

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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