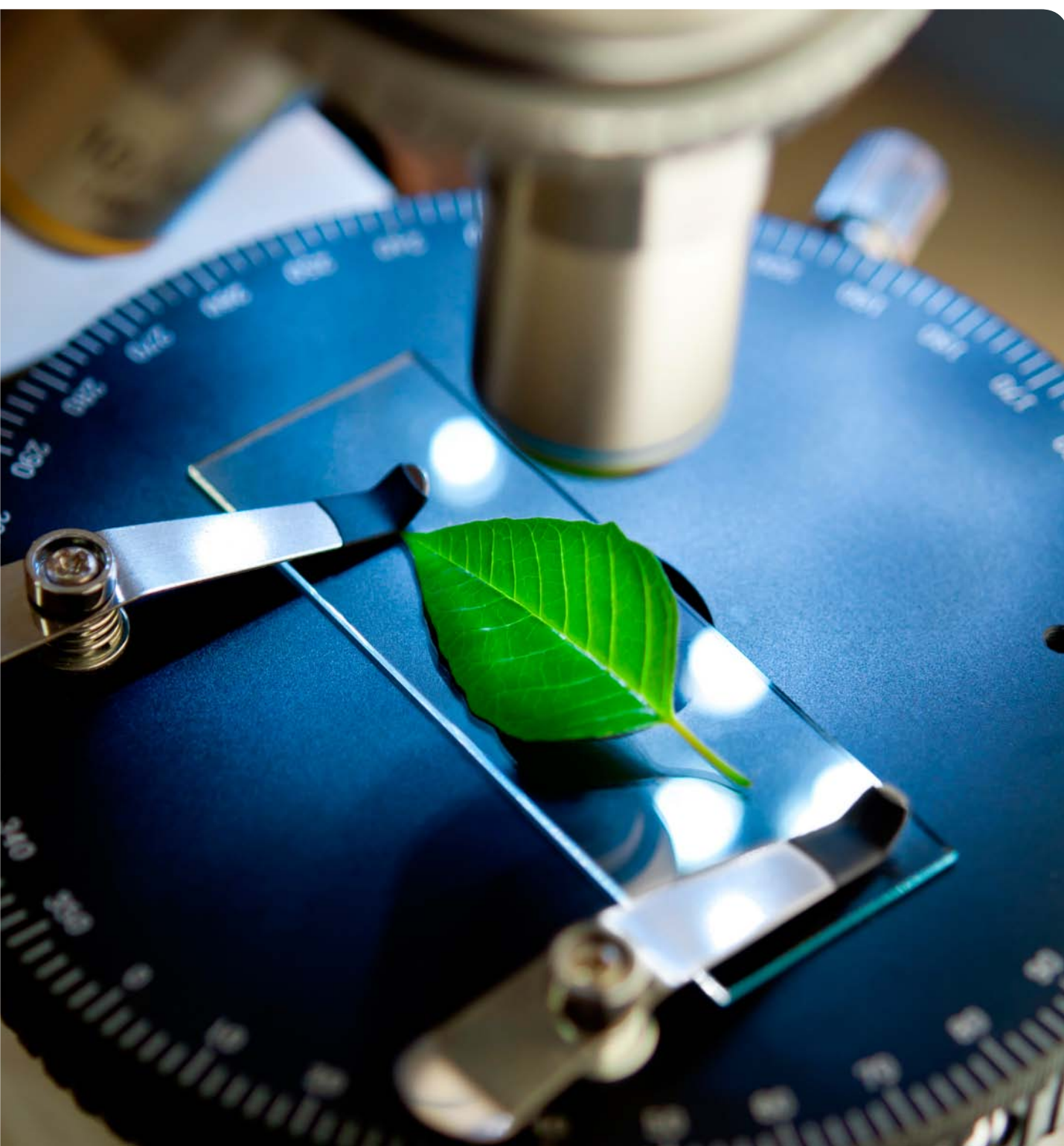


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# LIFE SCIENCES MAKE LIFE BETTER

Life sciences (or biosciences) are among the most important future-oriented areas of research, economy and society. Every year, between 10 – 15% of FFG funding is spent on projects in this promising area.

The term ‘life sciences’ covers a broad range of subjects – from medicine, chemistry, pharmaceuticals and manufacturing technology through to agriculture and nutrition science. New research in biotechnology and genetics can alleviate illnesses or even eradicate diseases by paving the way for future-oriented forms of therapy and medication. The chances of reaching a ripe old age and continuing to enjoy good health are greater now than they have ever been. Modern nutrition research provides the basis for the development of new foodstuffs and new healthy eating strategies. Genetically modified foods may contribute towards providing a solution to the food supply problem. In combination with environmentally responsible farming this will also have positive effects on the climate.

Austria has over 210 life science companies and around 600 companies acting as suppliers for components and services, altogether employing several thousand people. FFG funding creates new jobs and provides job security in an area offering potential for growth.

FFG is an important partner for life sciences in Austria, for universities, non-university research institutes and for companies. FFG’s aim in this area is to provide funding leading to developments that will enhance people’s quality of life.

# OVERVIEW OF MOST IMPORTANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE SCIENCES

Funding instrument	IND	RES	Consortia required	International partners	Link
R&D Project	●				<a href="http://www.ffg.at/programm-basisprogramm">www.ffg.at/programm-basisprogramm</a>
KLIPHA	●				<a href="http://www.ffg.at/klipha">www.ffg.at/klipha</a>
Orphan Disease Programme	●				<a href="http://www.ffg.at/seltene-erkrankungen">www.ffg.at/seltene-erkrankungen</a>
Bridge/ Bridge Early Stage	●	●	●	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/bridge">www.ffg.at/bridge</a>
High Tech Start-Up Initiative	●				<a href="http://www.ffg.at/startup">www.ffg.at/startup</a>
Headquarter	●			●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/competence-headquarters">www.ffg.at/competence-headquarters</a>
COMET	●	●	●	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/COMET">www.ffg.at/COMET</a>
COIN	●		●		<a href="http://www.ffg.at/COIN">www.ffg.at/COIN</a>
Horizon 2020	●	●	(●)	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/europa">www.ffg.at/europa</a>
EuroTransBio	●		●	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/eurotrans-bio">www.ffg.at/eurotrans-bio</a>
Eureka	●		●	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/eureka">www.ffg.at/eureka</a>
Eurostars	●		●	●	<a href="http://www.ffg.at/eurostars">www.ffg.at/eurostars</a>

IND: industry, companies incl. SMEs; RES: universities and research organisations





## NATIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FFG offers a broad range of funding opportunities designed to speed up translation of promising laboratory discoveries into new products or treatments, and to encourage entrepreneurs, investors and companies to enter into research and development projects.

Funding is provided for both single-firm and cooperative projects. FFG also actively supports young scientists, careers in research and technology transfer with a wide range of funding programmes and services. Some programmes encourage the contribution of foreign partners.

### LIFE SCIENCE FUNDING FOR EVERY STAGE OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT – A LIST OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL FFG PROGRAMMES FOR LIFE SCIENCES:

**R&D Projects (General Programmes)** strengthen the competitiveness of companies based in Austria by funding the development of new products, processes and services.

**KLIPHA – Clinical Studies Phase I and II** is designed to improve access of Austrian SMEs to private capital for phase I and II clinical trials.

**Orphan Disease Programme** is a funding instrument aimed at supporting the development of feasible diagnosis, therapy and medication for rare diseases.

**Bridge Early Stage and Bridge** are designed to close the „funding gap” between basic and applied research.

**High Tech Start-Up Initiative** supports R&D projects carried out by innovative, technology oriented young companies.

**Headquarter Projects** support internationally operating enterprises aiming to establish or substantially expand independent research and development facilities in Austria.

**COMET** supports cutting-edge research activities jointly defined by science and industry which promise a high international profile.

**COIN** focuses on output-oriented cooperation projects to develop and improve innovative products and processes.

## EUROPEAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – FFG SERVICES

### HORIZON 2020

Horizon 2020, which is due to start in 2014, is the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation aimed at securing Europe’s global competitiveness with a budget of just over €70 billion. At least 15% of this budget will be allocated to life science funding, mainly in the themes “Health, demographic change and wellbeing”, and “Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy”. Funding opportunities also include the “Innovative Medicines Initiative”, which is organised as a public-private partnership.

In addition, bottom-up programmes such as the SME Instrument, the ERC’s Excellence Grants as well as the Marie Skłodowska-Curie mobility schemes will provide ample opportunities for businesses and researchers in the life sciences field.

**FFG offers Austrian-based organisations and researchers and their partners abroad comprehensive information and expert advice on Horizon 2020 and related European Programmes.**

**FFG also hosts the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), which brings together business support organisations from more than 50 countries with the mission to help small companies make the most of their business opportunities in Europe.**

### THE FFG’S NATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMMES ARE ALSO PART OF SEVERAL OTHER INTERNATIONAL FUNDING INITIATIVES:

**EuroTransBio (ETB)** is an international funding initiative supported by European programme owners. It is the preferred funding instrument for SMEs collaborating in the area of modern biotechnology.

**EUREKA** is an intergovernmental organisation for market-driven industrial R&D to encourage collaboration between organisations across Europe.

**Eurostars Programme** is a European Joint Programme dedicated to R&D performing SMEs.

## FFG: YOUR PARTNER FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Innovation and applied research have a strong partner in Austria: the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). We help Austria's business and science sectors to remain competitive both nationally and internationally.



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