

# National Eligibility Criteria, THCS call 1

## 1. Contact details funding organisations

Name funding organisation	Country/ Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details (E-mail + Phone)
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## 2. Overview eligibility

Under the THCS national funding rules are applied. The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of your organisations contribution to call 1.

Organisation	Eligible*
University	Y
Research organisation	Y
SME	Y
Large enterprises	Y
User organisations	Y/S
Other organisations	Y/S

\* Fill in for every type of organisation:

Y = yes, eligible for funding

N = no, not eligible for funding

S = special rules apply, contact national /regional funding agency

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### 3. National Eligibility Criteria

Fill in this overview to give specific information about the eligibility:

Initial funding pre-commitment	1 Mio Euro. Minimum funding per Austrian participation (1 or more partners) : 100.000 €																		
Eligible institutions	<p>The following legal entities are eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Companies of any legal form, including             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local authorities<sup>1</sup> and autonomous bodies,</li> <li>• Non-profit making organisations such as NPOs<sup>2</sup>/ "Daseinsvorsorger"/ user organisations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Institutions of research and knowledge dissemination             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universities and universities of applied sciences</li> <li>• Non-university research institutions</li> <li>• Technology transfer institutions, innovation agents and other research-oriented organisations such as associations with a relevant purpose</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Table 1 : funding rates</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of organisation</th> <th>Research category Industrial research</th> <th>Research category Experimental development</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small enterprise</td> <td>80 %</td> <td>60 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium-sized enterprise</td> <td>70 %</td> <td>50 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Large enterprise</td> <td>55 %</td> <td>35 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research institutions (non-commercial activities)</td> <td>85 %</td> <td>60 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-commercial institutions (non-commercial activities)</td> <td>80 %</td> <td>60 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of organisation	Research category Industrial research	Research category Experimental development	Small enterprise	80 %	60 %	Medium-sized enterprise	70 %	50 %	Large enterprise	55 %	35 %	Research institutions (non-commercial activities)	85 %	60 %	Non-commercial institutions (non-commercial activities)	80 %	60 %
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<sup>1</sup> Activities of local authorities falling within their statutory mandate are not eligible for funding

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> .
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Austria requires the fulfilment 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"> <li>• Registration at the eCall system of the FFG at <a href="https://ecall.ffg.at">https://ecall.ffg.at</a> within the submission deadline of the Call; please consult the tutorial at <a href="https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Help.aspx">https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Help.aspx</a>; participant's cost information has to be filled in the FFG ecall proposal prior to submission deadline;</li> <li>• For companies: upload of the balance sheets of the last two years in the FFG eCall within the submission deadline;</li> <li>• FFG experts will check the financial potential (credit rating and liquidity) of the participating enterprises.</li> <li>• Declaration of SME Status for associations and sole traders</li> </ul>
Eligible costs	<p>Eligible costs must be allocable directly to the project. This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– they are incurred additionally to the normal operating costs during the funding period</li> <li>– they are in accordance with the Funding Contract</li> <li>– they can be evidenced by receipts</li> </ul> <p>For details on the eligibility of costs see the Cost Guidelines.</p>
Funding of user organisations	User organisations are eligible for funding. They will be treated as enterprises when contributing with commercial activities (eg as a provider of care).
Submission of the proposal needed at 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&amp;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>
Further guidance	<p><b>The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian participants are available from the FFG webpage at <a href="https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden">https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden</a>, <b>Kostenleitfaden 2.2 (Cost Guidelines)</b>. Legal background for funding: Missionen-Richtlinie (FFG-Missionen-Richtlinie). More information can be found in the Guidelines « Leitfaden für kooperative F&amp;E Projekte, Transnationale Ausschreibungen » and on the <b>FFG Call webpage under <a href="http://www.ffg.at/THCS_Call1">www.ffg.at/THCS_Call1</a></b></b></p>

<sup>3</sup> 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)