

AUSTRIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL GRANT AGREEMENTS IN JOINT TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE ENIAC – CALL 2012-2

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CHECK ON FORMAL CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Austria requires the following eligibility criteria for Austrian participants:

- timely submission as specified in the relevant call for proposals
- submission of a complete proposal
- for companies, commercial register number and the balance sheets of the last three years
- financial viability and business soundness is verified by means of an internal check - companies that are in danger of insolvency cannot be funded
- the combined share of costs at Austrian universities and research institutions cannot exceed 40 % of the total costs of all Austrian partners within each project
- for Austrian universities in a consortium that have uncovered eligible costs, i.e. eligible costs not covered by funding from ENIAC: submission of a declaration by the Austrian enterprises in the consortium that they will cover these costs, and provision of a binding financing plan for these costs in case the proposal is funded
- Synergy with national R&D&I policies: by means of the current call, Austria aims to fund projects that have a high strategic relevance for capabilities in semiconductor manufacturing in Austria, in particular addressing the following Grand Challenges from the Annual Work Programme 2012:
 - within domain 3 'Energy Efficiency': Grand Challenge 'Reduction of Energy Consumption'
 - and within domain 8 'Equipment, Materials and Manufacturing': Grand Challenge 'More than Moore' and Grand Challenge 'Manufacturing'¹.
- Additionally required for the Full Project Proposal (FPP):
 - registration at the eCall system of the FFG at <https://ecall.ffg.at> please consult the tutorial at <https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Help.aspx>
 - upload of a complete Form C in the FFG eCall within the submission deadline of the FPP phase

FUNDING INTENSITY OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SUBSIDY

- large enterprises receive a public subsidy of up to 10% of eligible project costs
- medium enterprises² receive a public subsidy of up to 20% of eligible project costs

¹ Applicants who wish to obtain further guidance regarding synergy with national R&D&I policies may contact the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (bmvit), Ms Kerstin Zimmermann, kerstin.zimmermann@bmvit.gv.at, tel +43-1- 711 62 65-3503. After completion of the evaluation for the project outline phase, applicants can request a statement regarding this criterion from FFG.

² With regard to the size of the enterprise, the respective SME definition according to EU competition law applies as amended (definition of small and medium-sized enterprises according to Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the

- small enterprises receive a public subsidy of up to 30% of eligible project costs
- research institutions and universities receive a public subsidy of up to 59% of eligible project costs

All projects are considered to fall in the R&D-activity type of Experimental Development.

Austria intends to provide to SMEs, research institutions and universities the following quota of the available national funds:

- small and medium sized enterprises should receive at least 20% of total national funding
- research institutions should not receive more than 20% of total national funding
- universities should not receive more than 20% of total national funding

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The following legal entities are eligible for funding

- enterprises
- non-profit research institutions
- universities
- associations

Entities that are part of the Austrian federal administration are excluded from funding.

Details can be obtained from the “Leitfaden Kooperative F&E Projekte” Version 1.1, section 1.4.1 from the FFG at <http://www.ffg.at/Kooperatives-FuE-Projekt>.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS – RULES ON ELIGIBLE COSTS

The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian participants are available from the FFG at www.ffg.at/kostenleitfaden (“Kostenleitfaden für Vorhaben mit EU-Kofinanzierung” in the most recent version) and from the “Leitfaden Kooperative F&E Projekte” Version 1.1, section 1.7 from the FFG at http://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/dok/il_kooperativefueprojekte_v11.pdf.

In addition to the general rules for this call, sections 1.4.1 and 1.7 of the “Leitfaden Kooperative F&E Projekte” (Guidelines_Cooperative_R&D_Projects_V1_1_endg) apply.