

Fast Track to Innovation

bottom-up innovation support promoting
close-to-market innovation

Mission

translate **breakthrough** technological or service-related innovation into marketable products, processes, services and business models with an interdisciplinary and transsectoral approach

Characteristics

- "bottom-up" (no thematic requirements for the innovations).
- TRL 5 must be completed and activities to reach TRL 6 (functioning demonstrator) must be underway (at the moment of applying).
- market potential of the project idea = focus of the evaluation
- Examples may be: piloting, experimental facilities, system validation, validation of business models, pre-normative research or standardization.
- solution should be launched on the market within three years of the project being launched.

Participation Rules

Who may apply?

- Every private and legal entity from one of the member states or one of the associated countries (small- and medium-sized enterprises, large enterprises, universities, research organisations).
- Consortia of three to five independent partners from at least three member states or associated countries.
- At least 60% of the total budget need to be distributed to industry or a minimum number of industry partners need to be involved:
 - Three-to-four partnership: at least two partners need to be industrial partners
 - Five partnership: at least three partners need to be industrial partners.

Funding rates

How much do you get?

- **100%** of all eligible costs for **non-profit-oriented organisations**
- **70%** of all eligible costs for **private profit-oriented organisations**
- Indirect eligible costs (e.g. administration, office supplies, ...) are reimbursed with a **25%** flat rate.

- Maximal funding per project: 3 mio. EUR.
- Funding follows the usual payment modalities of H2020.

- Duration of projects: 12 – 24 months

Application procedures

Three cut-off dates per year:

In order to enable a targeted support close to the market, projects should start no later than six months after the deadline.

2019: => 22 October

2020: => 19 February, 9 June, 26 October

Part A: administrative data

Part B: 30 pages narrative ("Business Plan")

Online submission (Funding & Tenders Portal)

Assessment

- potential of the idea of achieving market success in a timely manner
 - added value for society and environment
 - growth-enhancing effects, (= > creation of new jobs)
 - potential to stimulate private investment
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- **ATTENTION:** Many applications are too much written from a research point of view. The focus must be on the business aspect.

Assessment

	maximal points	threshold FTI	Weight for ranking list
Excellence	5	4	25 %
Impact	5	4	50 %
Implementation	5	3	25 %
Total	15	13	

Tips for a successful application

- Get to know the Participant Portal
- Talk to experts
- Content / Formal requirements
- Check timeframe and timeschedule

A hand is shown pointing towards a target symbol, which is a series of concentric circles. The background is a network of lines and nodes, with a faint world map visible. The overall theme is global connectivity and technology.

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