

## AUSTRIA– AUSTRIAN RESEARCH PROMOTION AGENCY (FFG)

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### Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

<b>Budget</b>	CM2025-01, CM2025-02, CM2025-03A, CM2025-03B, CM2025-07 and CM2025-09: <b>6 Mio. €</b> (financed by the Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure [BMIMI] – thematic focus energy transition) CM2025-05: <b>2 Mio. €</b> (financed by the Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure [BMIMI] – thematic focus mobility transition) CM2025-04, CM2025-06 and CM2025-08: <b>5 Mio. €</b> (financed by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund)
<b>Anticipated number of projects to fund</b>	20–40
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### National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

<b>Call Modules and topics</b>	All Call Modules are open for Austrian applicants. However, the following restrictions apply:  For <b>CM2025-04 applications</b> : Thematic restriction for Austrian participants: With regard to potential implementations in Austria, the Austrian legal restrictions regarding the maximum volume of geological CO <sub>2</sub> storage are to be kept. Only unavoidable residual emissions reduced to a technical minimum are to be offset by technical sinks in CCUS projects.  For <b>CM2025-05 applications</b> : Thematic restriction for Austrian participants to green hydrogen (as a fuel, produced by electrolysis or based on biogenic
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<b>Call Modules and topics (cont.)</b>	raw materials) or fuels produced by the use of green hydrogen as a reactant (e.g. Power-Liquid, Power-to-Gas, Power-to-Ammonia). The contribution of Austrian participants in submitted proposals should be focused on the development and use of hydrogen and fuel cells in mobile applications. According to the goals of Austria's National Hydrogen Strategy, the proposals must concentrate on applications in the transport sector, where electrification is difficult to achieve (aviation, heavy-duty road and rail transport, shipping). The Austrian project partner must demonstrate fulfilment of these requirements in the application, but the requirements do not apply to the entire project.
<b>Proposal submission</b>	In parallel to the submission of the joint proposal by the Coordinator, a simplified national application is mandatory for Austrian applicants requesting funding by FFG. The proposal must be submitted via the FFG electronic submission system <a href="#">eCall</a> both in the pre-proposal and in the full proposal stage.  Submission deadline pre-proposals: 13 October, 2025 at 12:00  Submission deadline full proposals: 16 March, 2026 at 12:00
<b>Project Consortium Partners</b>	In general, universities, research institutes, SMEs and large companies, cities, municipalities and NGOs (legal entities) are eligible for funding. The complete eligibility criteria and definitions may be found in the <a href="#">national guidelines</a> .  At least <b>one commercial enterprise that receives funding is mandatory</b> as a partner <b>in any transnational consortium involving Austrian partners</b> . It is not mandatory for this enterprise to be located in Austria.  <b>All Austrian partners</b> in one project must <b>select the same research type</b> .
<b>Project duration</b>	24 to 36 months
<b>Project budget</b>	
<b>Funding request</b>	Maximum funding per project 2,000,000 €  Minimum funding per project 100,000 €

Funding rates (%)	35–85%			
	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation	
	Large enterprises	n.a.	55%	35%
	Medium enterprises	n.a.	70%	50%
	Small enterprises	n.a.	80%	60%
	Universities, public re- search organisations	n.a.	85%	60%
	Public authorities	n.a.	80%	60%
	Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	n.a.	80%	60%
Notes	For detailed information, see the <a href="#">national guidelines</a> , <a href="#">national cost guidelines</a> and <a href="#">instrument guidelines</a> .			
Types of cost	Personnel costs, Overhead costs (flat rate), Use of R&D infrastructure, Costs of materials, Third-party costs, Travel costs.  For detailed information, see the <a href="#">national cost guidelines</a> .  Costs must be allocated directly to the project, incurred during the funding period in addition to normal operating expenses, correspond to the funding contract and can be proven.			
RDI approaches and TRLs	Industrial research & experimental development  TRL 2–8			
Other requirements/guidelines	<b>Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact FFG before submitting a pre-proposal.</b>  For projects awarded funding scientific and financial reporting via <a href="#">eCall</a> on an annual basis is mandatory.			