

SOUTH KOREA– KOREA AGENCY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT (KAIA)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	<p>CM2025-09: 0.3 million € / 480 million won (financed by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MOLIT) – thematic focus multi-lateral collaboration project)</p> <p>* Funding for 2025 (KRW 400 million for Korean Government’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2026) is confirmed, 2026 (FY2027) and 2027 (FY2028) may vary depending on the results of Korean government and National Assembly’s budget deliberation every year.</p>
Anticipated number of projects to fund	1–2
Website	<p>https://www.kaia.re.kr</p> <p>https://www.iris.go.kr</p>
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	Only for Call Module 2025-09 (Clean energy integration in the built environment) is open for Korean applicants.
Proposal submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission deadline pre-proposals: October 13th, 2025 at 12:00 (CEST) / 19:00 (Korea Standard Time) Submission deadline full proposals: March 16th, 2026 at 12:00 (CEST) / 18:00 (Korea Standard Time)

	<p>Korean applicants who selected their pre-proposal will be invited to upload the International Application along with the standard required documents and evidence to the Korean national R&D Management System (IRIS): https://www.iris.go.kr</p> <p>Submission deadline full proposals to Korean R&D System (IRIS): March 31st, 2026 at 18:00 (Korea Standard Time) - only for full proposal applicants.</p>		
Project Consortium Partners	<p>In general, universities, research institutes, SME's and large companies, non-profit organisations founded according to the civil law are eligible for funding. The complete eligibility criteria and definitions may be found in the National Research and Development Innovation Act and the relevant enforcement decree in the following website: https://www.law.go.kr/LSW/eng/engMain.do?eventGubun=060124</p>		
Project duration	24 to 30 months		
Project budget	300,000 € / 480,000,000 Korean won (KRW)		
Funding request	<p>Maximum funding per project 300,000 € / 480,000,000 Korean won (KRW)</p> <p>Minimum funding per project 150,000 € / 240,000,000 Korean won (KRW)</p>		
Funding rates (%)	50–100%		
	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation
Large enterprises	Up to 50%	Up to 50%	Up to 50%
Medium enterprises	Up to 70%	Up to 70%	Up to 70%
Small enterprises	Up to 75%	Up to 75%	Up to 75%
Universities, public re- search organisations	Up to 100%	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
Public authorities	Up to 100%	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Notes	<p>Please check the Korean National R&D Innovation Act and the relevant manual found at the following website: http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&menuNo=200131</p>		
Types of cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel costs Operational costs (Research activities) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect costs (according to the defined rate) - Others <p>Cost items shall be allocated in compliance with the Korean National R&D Innovation Act and the relevant manual found at the following website: http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&menuNo=200131</p> <p>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.</p>
RDI approaches and TRLs	<p>Project start: TRL 3 or higher</p> <p>Project end: TRL 5 or higher</p>
Other requirements/guidelines	<p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact KAIA before submitting a pre-proposal.</p> <p>Korean applicants should begin their projects by July 2026, regardless of the start date of their consortium. Due to the end of the national program, the termination date of the agreement in Korea should be December 31st, 2028.</p>