AUSTRIA – ÖSTERREICHISCHE FORSCHUNGSFÖRDERUNGSGESELLSCHAFT MBH [FFG]

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Funding commitment	Call Modules 1, 2, 3, 8 and 10: 3.5 Mio. € (financed by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology [BMK] – thematic focus energy transition) Call Module 5: 2.0 Mio. € (financed by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology [BMK] – thematic focus mobility transition) Call Modules 4, 6, 7, 9: 5.0 Mio. € (financed by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund)				
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	n.a.				
Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner	Maximum funding per project 1 Mio. € (exploratory projects for preparing further R&D&I projects in the form of an R&D projects in CM 8: 0.3 Mio. €)				
Eligible types of organisations	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 national guidelines.				
Eligible Call Modules	All				
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	Industrial research & experimental development TRL 2-8				
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	National application via <u>eCall</u> is mandatory: Submission deadline pre-proposals: 26 November, 2024 at 12:00 (CET) Submission deadline full proposals: 2 April, 2025 at 15:00 (CEST)				
Additional eligibility criteria	At least one enterprise that receives funding is mandatory as a partner in any transnational consortium involving Austrian partners. It is not mandatory for this enterprise to be located in Austria. All Austrian partners in one project must select the same research type. For Call Module 4 applications: Thematic restriction for Austrian participants: With regard to potential implementations in Austria, the Austrian legal restrictions regarding the maximum volume of geological CO ₂ 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 Call Module 5 applications: Thematic restriction for Austrian				

	participants to climate-neutral hydrogen (as a fuel, produced by electrolysis or based on biogenic 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 must 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 focus on applications in the transport sector, where electrification is difficult to achieve (e.g. aviation, heavy-duty road and rail transport, shipping).		
Eligible costs	Personnel costs, Overhead costs (flat rate), Use of R&D infrastructure, Costs of materials, Third-party costs, Travel costs. For detailed information see the <u>national cost guidelines</u> . 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.		
Information available at	the CETP Call 2024 national website		
Other	Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact FFG before submitting a pre-proposal. In parallel to the submission of the joint proposal by the coordinator, a simplified national application is to be submitted via the FFG electronic submission system eCall by participants requesting funding by FFG (both in the pre-proposal and in the full proposal stage). For projects awarded funding scientific and financial reporting via eCall on an annual basis is mandatory.		

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
Large Enterprises	n.a.	55%	35%
Medium Enterprises	n.a.	70%	50%
Small Enterprises	n.a.	80%	60%
Universities, public research organisations	n.a.	85%	60%
Public authorities	n.a.	80%	60%
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	n.a.	80%	60%