

Sweden - Vinnova

Name of Funding agency	Verket för innovationssystem (Vinnova)
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Sustainable value chains
Programme website	N/A
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Funding Commitment	10.500.000 SEK (10.5 MSEK)
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	Not specified
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Maximum total grant amount to one project is 3.500.000 SEK to be shared between Swedish consortium partners.
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	TRL 2 - TRL 7
Funding rates (approx.)	<p>Aid intensity for companies is determined by EU state aid rules. Funding to companies will be granted for “industrial research” or “experimental development” according to GBER Article 25.</p> <p>Funding rate for research organisations can be up to 100 %.</p>

<p>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</p>	<p>The following categories of costs may be eligible (subject to some limitations)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. salary costs, i.e. paid out gross salary and actual additional costs, to the extent that the Participant's employees work in the project, 2. costs of equipment, land and buildings to the extent and for the period used for the project, 3. costs of consultants and licenses etc., 4. other direct costs, 5. actual indirect costs per participant up to an amount corresponding to 30 % of the organisations eligible salary costs (this limit does not apply to universities and other higher education establishments). <p>Costs for consultants and licenses may not exceed 20 % of a participants total budget.</p> <p>Minimum 30 % of the total costs for Swedish participation in a project must be incurred by Swedish companies.</p>
<p>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</p>	<p>Application for national funding of Swedish participation in a recommended project is to be submitted to Vinnova immediately after the full proposal selection process has been finalised.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>Financial and progress reporting to Vinnova every six months. Final reporting to Vinnova one month after project ending.</p>



Further guidance

The requirement for a minimum 30 % of the Swedish cost to be incurred by Swedish companies is referring to a share of the total COST for activities performed by Swedish participants in a project. The requirement does not constitute for 30 % of the project costs to be covered by companies, because companies can (within the limit of 3.5 million SEK funding per project application) apply for a partial financial support up to the aid intensity allowed by EU state aid rules.

An example to show how the requirement works (the case is fictional and for illustration purposes only):

- A Swedish consortium has a total cost of 3.000.000 SEK for activities constituting “industrial research” according to GBER Article 25.
- The Swedish consortium consists of 1/ a research organisation requesting 100 % funding, and 2/ a small enterprise (per the EU definition) requesting 80 % funding, i.e. the maximum funding rate allowed for “industrial research” according to GBER Article 25.
- To fulfil the requirement, the budgeted cost for the small enterprise must be minimum 30 % of 3.000.000 = 900.000 SEK. The small enterprise applies for 80 % of this cost = 720.000 SEK in funding from Vinnova.
- The budgeted costs for the research organisation can be maximum 70% of 3.000.000 = 2.100.000 SEK, all of which is applied for from Vinnova.

The funding to the Swedish project participation will then become $2.100.000 + 720.000 = 2.820.000$ SEK, i.e. a 94 % aid intensity at project level. This is the highest aid intensity possible, considering the requirement for industry participation. According to state aid rules, the small enterprise has to cover 20 % of it’s own costs, which would amount to 6 % of the total Swedish project costs.