

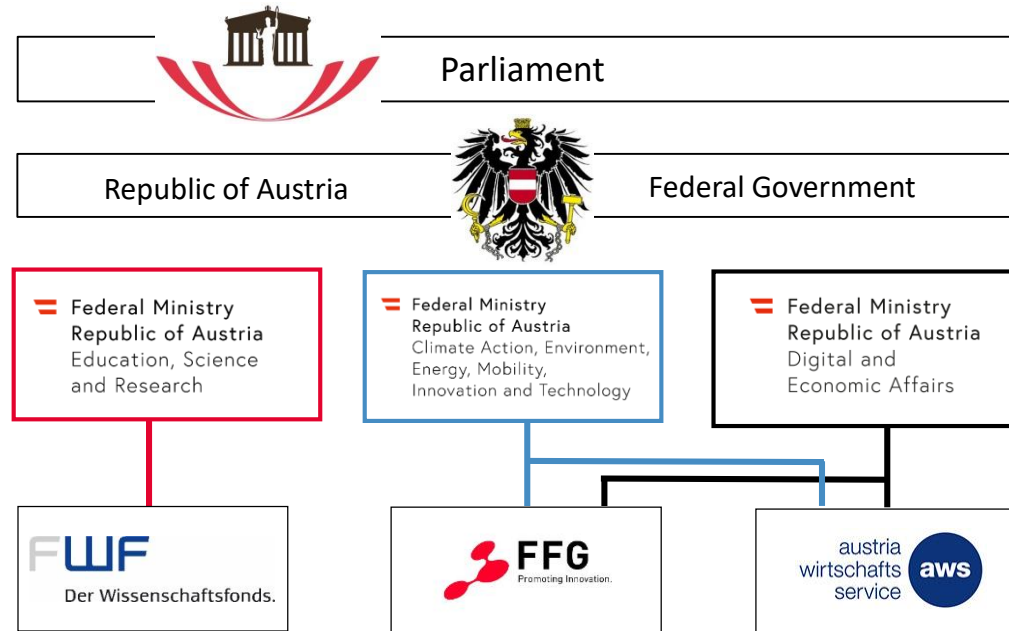
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Project Framework in Austria

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THE AUSTRIAN INNOVATIONSYSTEM



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All partners from Austria
 in a Eurogia project
 have to contact FFG

NATIONAL PRIORITIES & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AUSTRIA

- National priorities
 - Strengthening Austria as a location for research and innovation
 - Drive economic, technological and social development
- General evaluation criteria for R&D projects
 - **Technical funding criteria** include in particular the degree of innovation and the technical challenge of the planned project
 - **The economic assessment** focuses on the commercialization potential and the applicant's economic performance
- Description of the target group:
 - SME, Large enterprises, Start-ups, (Universities and research organizations)



EUREKA FUNDING IN AUSTRIA: GENERAL PROGRAMME FOR EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Features: Promotion of product, process and service developments

- R&D single firm project
- open budget, projects of all sizes
- all projects are analyzed and assessed in terms of the technical and economic aspects for funding, sustainability is increasingly important
- More Information:
<https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>

FUNDING OUTLOOK

AUSTRIA

- General Programme: “Basisprogramm”
 - **SME**: grant of up to 60% of eligible costs (**60%** for small companies - **50%** for medium sized companies)
 - **Large Company**: mixed funding of up to **50%** (funding is composed of a grant and a loan part)
 - **Universities** and **research organisations** may be subcontracted
- Themed Programmes
 - More Information: <https://www.ffg.at/thematische-programme>



How to present your R&D plans to the FFG?

- precise project description, task schedule and costs projection
 - be clear on: your degree of innovation and technical challenge
- cost-benefit calculation, project size and achievement of objectives have to be realistic
 - be clear on: your commercialization potential and economic performance
- co-operation possibilities (e.g. with science)



PROJEKT.START

Features: attractive funding instrument for start-ups and SME to get support for preparation work for a concrete research project

- definition of project aims
- assessment of the state of the art and literature and patent research and technical risks
- execution of well-founded market and competitor analyses
- preparation of the project organization and project partners and cost plan with obtainment of offers

<https://www.ffg.at/en/projektstart>

FUNDING FOR PREPERATION EXPENSES

- costs max. € 10.000,-
(min. 60 % personell costs, third-party costs, travel costs)
- funding max. € 6.000,- grants
(funding intensity 60 %)
- 1 per year and company
- submission of an application is possible at any time - swift approval processes
- terms of duration: max. 6 months – R&D work has to be startet (single firm project)

PROJEKT.START FOR SME

Projekt.Start
Preperation

R&D project

Experimental
Development
TRL 5-7

Projekt.Start
Preperation

R&D project

Industrial Research
TRL 3-4

FINDING A PARTNER (FROM AUSTRIA)

1. Via the ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA office in your country
2. EEN is one of the largest online database for collaboration opportunities

Find a partner via EEN in three steps:

- Search the global partnership database based on your criteria
- Express your interest by telling your EEN representative about your company, project idea, and the type of partner you are looking for
- The EEN representatives put interested partners in touch



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