Innovation Fund Denmark
International Strategy
Role and mission

Innovation Fund Denmark promotes the internationalization of Danish innovation by investing in:

- Danish participants in international innovation projects
- International partners in Danish innovation projects
Strategic goals

To increase the global impact of Danish research and innovation in order to develop new sustainable solutions and new long term possibilities for Denmark.

To help companies and research institutions gain access to international talent, highly specialized competencies and the latest knowledge.

To help companies and research institutions gain access to world leading innovation hotspots.

To achieve high leverage of national investments in research and development.

To realize the international potential for Danish commercial activities.
Four key action areas

1. **International mindset in all of IFD**
   Promote an international mindset and outlook in IFD’s way of working.

2. **Internationalization of IFD’s programmes**
   More international partners, scaling, export and outlook and connections to internationalization activities in innovation system.

3. **IFD co-funding of international programmes and calls**
   Increased transparency and better aligned with national strategies.

4. **Early IFD engagement**
   Proactive IFD engagement in international programmes from idea to impact.
Strategic principles

1. International mindset in all of IFD
Promote an international mindset and outlook in IFD’s way of working.

- Coherence and synergies between IFD’s international team and other teams
- Connect all relevant parts of IFD to the internationalization activities in the innovation system
- Exchange knowledge and best practices with national and international partners

2. Internationalization of IFD’s programmes
More international partners, scaling, export and outlook and connections to internationalization activities in innovation system.

- Relevant national IFD programmes and calls should encourage participation of international partners, focus on scaling, export and outlook
- Connect relevant national IFD programmes to internationalization activities in the innovation system
### Strategic principles

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**3 IFD co-funding of international programmes and calls**

- Close link to the priorities in the IFD law, the strategic national priorities and thematic bindings in the annual budget law
- Close coordination with the Ministry of Higher Education and Science and other Danish key stakeholders and more transparency in IFD prioritization.
- Main focus on co-funding calls under the EU’s Horizon program. Moreover, engagement in funding bilateral collaborations with selected countries, NordForsk and EUREKA.
- Stable and continued IFD budget for international programmes
- Multi-annual investment plans and yearly funding plans for international calls based on a set of clear criteria

**4 Early IFD engagement**

- Earlier and more dedicated engagement in the formulation of international programmes and calls prioritized in the IFD multi-annual investment plan
- Utilize the national innovation system in the preparation, execution and follow-up on programmes and call
- Pursue synergies with other Danish public and private funding actors in international collaborations
- Engage in international networks with foreign funding agencies to coordinate national strategies in future programmes