

Call Grand Solutions 2023

Digitalization, technology and innovation

Application deadline: 01/06/2023 12.00 CET

Project duration: 1-5 years

Total budget: Minimum 172.0 mill. DKK.¹

Investment per project: from 5 mill. DKK to 40 mill. DKK.

1. About the Grand Solutions Programme

The Grand Solutions programme invests in ambitious, and preferably, interdisciplinary research and innovation projects that can create new, specific solutions to important, politically prioritized societal challenges and create value throughout Denmark. To the extent possible, the Grand Solutions programme invests in projects that are carried out in close collaboration between research institutions and the business community.

Read more about the Grand Solutions programme [here](#).

2. Aim of the call

With investments within the call, "Digitalization, technology and innovation", Innovation Fund Denmark invest in projects that support strategic research and innovation within digitalization and new technologies, and which contribute to maintaining production and jobs in Denmark.

The investments should strengthen research and innovation in a number of key digital and technological areas, including early strategic basic research within areas such as robot and drone technology, automated production technology, materials technology, big data and artificial intelligence, cyber and information security, space-based technology and data. The initiative can, for example support the development of digital solutions for the benefit of the green transition, health and welfare. The investments can also exploit knowledge on the impact of digitization on people and society, etc. Finally, the investments can be used for research and innovation, which seek to create more gentle workplaces and new forms of organization, etc.

The projects can support the development of local business powerhouses (in Danish: "erhvervsfyrtårne") (see link in section 5: "Guidelines and inspiration"). In addition to this call, IFD is planning a national call targeting Quantum technology. Information about this call will be made available on the website of Innovation Fund Denmark.

3. Evaluation

The three overall decision criteria are:

- Quality of the idea – the quality of the research and innovation
- Impact – value creation during and after the project

¹ With the possibility of transferring funds from Innovation Fund Denmark's other programmes within the same theme. The potential transfer of funds can concretely result in an increased budget. The budget in this call is subject to the presentation and subsequent adoption of the Financial Act.

- Quality of execution – efficiency in the project execution and the implementation of the results

Further information about the decision criteria can be found in the guidelines for Grand Solutions (see link in section 5: “Guidelines and inspiration”)

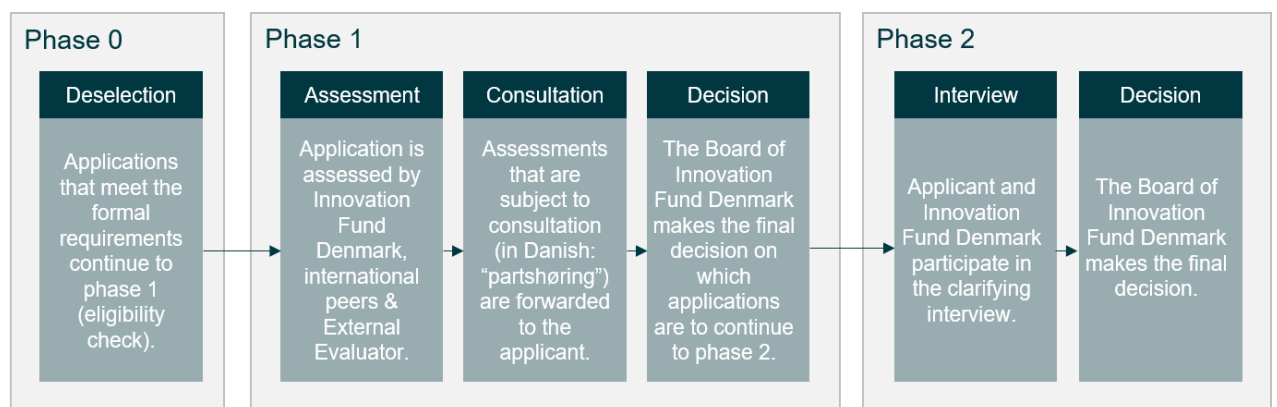
It is emphasized that key stakeholders of the project contributes to develop the project and participates in, or in other ways are directly involved in the project, e.g. through investment.

In addition to the three decision criteria, reference is made to the guidelines for Grand Solutions. The distribution of the funds originates from the current Finance Act and the agreement on the disposition of the Research Reserve (see links under section 5: “Guidelines and inspiration”).

4. The evaluation process

Applications to Grand Solutions must be submitted via www.e-grant.dk, which is the application portal of Innovation Fund Denmark. The call open in e-grant on April 1st 2023 at the latest.

The evaluation process is described in detail in the guidelines for Grand Solutions and briefly outlined below.



Applicants are notified of the decision via www.e-grant.dk. E-grant has prepared a FAQ that can be accessed [here](#).

It is expected that the board of Innovation Fund Denmark will make the final decision in November 2023 after which the investment agreement can be initiated with an expected project start in the beginning of 2024.

5. Guidelines and inspiration

Applicants within this Grand Solutions call must take into account the following:

- [Guidelines for Grand Solutions](#)

The following can be used as inspiration to the application within the present Grand Solutions call:

- Finance Act 2023
- [Disposition of the Research Reserve 2023 \(in Danish\)](#)
- [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- [Link to local business powerhouses \(In Danish: "erhvervsfyrtårne"\) \(in Danish\)](#)

6. Contact

Innovation Fund Denmark hosts regular webinars and Q&A on Grand Solutions where everyone is welcome to participate. Registration for upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions takes place via Innovation Fund Denmark's website [here](#) (scroll down to see upcoming events).

Frequently asked questions to Grand Solutions and related answers can be found on Innovation Fund Denmark's website [here](#).

6.1. Contact Information

For questions regarding formalities, Innovation Fund Denmark's Investment Officers may be contacted. In connection to this, please note that Investment Officers or other employees of Innovation Fund Denmark are not allowed to answer specific questions regarding projects or ideas.

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7. About Innovation Fund Denmark

Innovation Fund Denmark accelerates Danish research and innovation to solutions that strengthen Danish society's competitiveness and sustainability. We do this by investing in researchers, companies and entrepreneurs who create value, jobs and solve societal challenges - and by realizing potentials in the innovation system.

Innovation Fund Denmark wants to promote diversity in all its aspects. Therefore, all interested applicants, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender identity, disability status, age or professional areas, etc., are encouraged to apply for the fund's programs.