

Call 2

Innomission partnerships 2023

The four Green Innomissions: Consolidating and expanding efforts in the four Innomission-partnerships – roadmap gaps and uptake of innovative ideas and partners

Application deadline: 25th October, 2023 12.00 CET

Project duration: From 1 year until expiration of partnerships in 2027.

Total budget from Innovation Fund Denmark: Minimum DKK 160 million.

This call is reserved for the four green Innomission partnerships: INNO-CCUS, MissionGreenFuels, AgriFoodTure and TRACE

1. About the Innomission programme

Denmark has launched four green mission-driven research and innovation partnerships with the purpose to assist Denmark achieve the goal of 70 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Denmark by 2023 and net-zero emissions by 2050 as well as to increase the competitiveness of Danish companies and industry.

The four green partnerships, established in 2021-22, bring together the country's top researchers, companies and organizations to bring Denmark to the forefront in the fields of capture and storage or use of CO₂; Green fuels for transportation and industry (Power-to-X etc.); climate- and environment-friendly agriculture and food production; and circular economy with a focus on plastics and textiles. Four green areas that the parliamentary parties have designated based on Danish strongholds.

In 2023, Innovation Fund Denmark has been given additional funding for the Innomission partnerships, and this call is part of investing this funding. For further information, see the below links.

- [Finance act 2023](#)
- [Distribution of Danish Research Reserve 2023](#)

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

2. Aim of the call

In order to further strengthening the strategic research effort in the four green missions initiated by the distribution of the Research Reserve agreement in 2021, further funding in 2023 has been offered to consolidate and expand the effort in the four existing Innomission-partnerships. The aim of the funding is to realize the goals in the Innomission roadmaps both in the shorter and longer term.

The funding is distributed in the three different calls as seen here below:

1. Building the capacity of the Innomission-partnerships – impact DKK 40 million – deadline 24th of August 2023.
2. Consolidating and expanding efforts in the four Innomission-partnerships – a) roadmap gaps and b) uptake of innovative ideas and partners. Minimum DKK 160 million – call deadline 25th of October 2023.
3. Collaborating and creating synergy across the four Innomission-partnerships. DKK 100 million – call deadline 25th of October 2023

3. Call 2 – Purpose and process

The purpose of call 2 is two-fold. First it aims at further strengthening and consolidating efforts within the Innomission-partnerships' goals and within the scope of the underlying Innomission roadmaps. Secondly, the call aims at developing the process of uptake of new innovative ideas and partners into the Innomission-partnerships. The call is in open competition between the four existing Innomission-partnerships. Innovation Fund Denmark's Board of Directors will decide distribution of the investment between the four Innomission-partnerships.

The call follows the two-phased process described in the guidelines and in figure 1 below.

As shown in figure 1, the first phase will be a competition between the four Innomission-partnerships, where IFD BoD will make decisions on investment, and the second phase is a competition within each partnership where decisions on investments will be taken by partnerships BoDs.

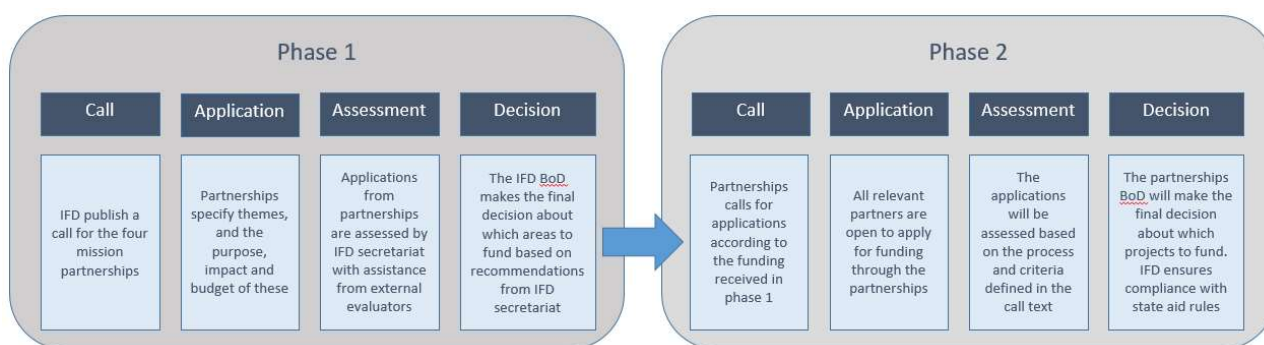


Figure 1: Funding process for call 2

Call 2 – Phase 1

Innovation Fund Denmark calls for applications from each of the four Innomission-partnerships. The phase 1 application should sketch themes, reasoning and budget for the ensuing phase 2 call. In the application, the following must be included: description of themes wished to be funded, purpose, impact and budget.

Theme: a clear description of the thematic boundaries for the funding, and a description of the requirements for project applications in phase 2. Furthermore, the selection process should be described in overall terms, and details about the process will be expanded in the investment agreement between the partnership and Innovation Fund Denmark.

Purpose: a description of the purpose of the proposed investment themes, connected to the roadmap of the mission, and why these investments are important to the partnership in order to impact the long-

term (2030/50) climate goals. Themes for proposed investments must be specifically addressed and derived from the mission roadmaps.

Impact: substantiation of expected impact and contribution to overall partnership goals, and strategic goals for climate, environment, and biodiversity, and potential for increased value creation in Denmark and international opportunities. Need for impact and possible outcome and impact for each theme.

Budget: The application should state the budget for proposed specific investments, and total investments (see section 5. Budgetary rules), and justify the size of the budget in relation to the assessment criteria.

The activities can cover the whole value chain from research to implementation and support of SMEs/start-ups. At least 15 pct. of the investment has to be allocated to cover 'uptake of innovative ideas and new partners', amongst other by funding SME's or start-ups that are not part of the pool 1 and pool 2 projects.

The deadline for applications is 25th of October 2023, 12:00 CET, and the final decision for phase 1 is expected to be in December 2023.

The funds will be in open competition between the four Innomission-partnerships and assessment of applications will be in accordance to assessment criteria described in section 4.

Call 2 – Phase 2

In phase 2, each Innomission-partnership will announce a call(s) for research and innovation projects within the themes for which the funds have been allocated. This call(s) for project applications must be announced in Q1 2024. The calls are to be published by the partnership secretariats.

In phase 2, the Innomission-partnerships BoD are responsible for the process of investment, based on the approved themes of phase 1 application, and an investment process that follows the Innomission guidelines 2023. All projects will have to undergo a state aid regulation check by Innovation Fund Denmark before initiating the work.

4. Assessment criteria

When assessing the applications for phase 1, emphasis will be placed on the application clearly describing what is the basis for the selection of themes, and how needs and impact in the various areas have been assessed.

Applications are assessed based on the following criteria:

Quality of effort

- That it is clear how the themes are selected in relation to the overall challenges described in the partnership's roadmap, securing a strategic fit between the partnerships' priorities and goals.
- That it is clear how the effort engage a diverse set of relevant stakeholders, and contribute to the uptake of new ideas and partners within the partnership.
- That it is clear how the effort relates to and creates synergies to relevant efforts at national and international level, and are based on current or potential Danish strengths.

Impact

- That the expectation for output and impact within the themes, both in the short and long term, is well described.

- That it is plausible that the project generates societal and/or economic impact for Denmark by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the environment and nature and/or through increased competitiveness for Danish business and industry.

Quality of execution

- That a clear plan for the use of the funding is presented, including a clear plan for how to attract new partners to the projects.
- That the budget for the individual themes is realistic and well argued.
- That it is clear how the funds applied for relate to and complement the already funded activities.

5. Budgetary rules – what can be applied for?

The budget for phase 1 is a total budget for each theme, and should not contain detailed information on the distribution of different types of expenditure, but it is important that it is clear how much is allocated to the individual themes. In phase 2, the project applications should include details about cost structure in accordance with the Innomission guidelines.

6. Contact

For questions regarding formalities, the Innovation Fund Denmark Investment Officers can be contacted. Please pay attention to 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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