

Call

Innomission 2024

Consolidating and expanding efforts in the Innomission partnerships – focus on current challenges and fit to strategic ambitions of the revised roadmaps

Application deadline: 25 September 2024

Investment duration: Up to 6 years or until expiration of the Innomission partnership

Total budget from Innovation Fund Denmark: MDKK 319.3

This call is reserved for the four green Innomission partnerships: INNO-CCUS, MissionGreenFuels, AgriFoodTure and TRACE from *Aftale om fordeling af forskningsreserven mv.* in 2021

1. About the Innomission programme

Denmark has launched four green mission-driven research and innovation partnerships with the purpose of assisting Denmark achieve the goals of the Climate Act of 70 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, net-zero emissions by 2050, and strengthened environment and nature as well as increased competitiveness of Danish companies and industry.

Established in 2021, the four green partnerships bring together top researchers, companies and organisations to lead Denmark to the forefront of the following missions: 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. The partnerships are based on roadmaps describing challenges and shortcomings within the missions, positions of strength and potential as well as key activities and relevant work stream themes.

Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) distributes additional funding in competition between the four Innomission partnerships based on applications for this call. IFD's Board of Directors may choose to partially accommodate an application. For further information on the funding for 2024, see the below links.

- [Finance act 2024](#)
- [Distribution of Danish Research Reserve 2024](#)

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

2. Aim of the call

IFD's investment in the Innomission partnerships shall contribute to the realisation of the strategic ambitions of the green transition in Denmark, as reflected in the revised Innomission roadmaps. With the aim of consolidating and expanding the strategic green research and innovation efforts in the Innomission partnerships, additional funding has been allocated in 2024. The funding shall strengthen the mission-oriented work in the Innomission partnerships, allowing for a higher degree of focus and prioritisation to ensure that all activities are aimed at the goals and strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap. If the revision of the roadmap has not been finalised, activities applied for under this call must be aligned with

the strategic priorities of the partnerships that will serve as the basis for the ongoing revision of the roadmap.

It is essential that the strategic ambitions underlying the activities applied for are closely aligned with the goals of the Danish Climate Act, and that the activities are based on concrete impact estimates for greenhouse gas reductions.

The main part of the investments shall be earmarked for a strategic portfolio of projects that contribute to realising the goals and priorities of the partnership, ensuring a close connection to the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap of the mission. The investments shall also be directed at project portfolios that take into account the learnings achieved so far. It shall be clear how the investment in a new portfolio of projects complement and strengthen the existing portfolio and planned priorities already funded and how they contribute to reaching important inflection points for the mission¹. The partnerships shall further document how the new investments relate to recommendations from the Annual Investment Review (AIR) meetings. *This constitutes activity area A in the application.*

A smaller part of the investments can be sought for investments in strengthening the general mission work and adapting a mission-oriented framework, incl. administration of the funds and continued portfolio management. The aim is to secure a strong strategic focus, including a strategic approach to the international work in the mission, and to secure a movement towards mission-driven innovation. *This constitutes activity area B in the application.*

3. Application components and investment process

3.1 The investment process

The partnerships apply for funding from IFD for activities in area A and area B. This procedure is called phase 1 (see guidelines for further description). If awarded funding for activities in area A, the partnership makes a call for projects within the activities in area A (cf. section 8). This procedure is called phase 2 (see guidelines for further description).

3.2 Application components

IFD calls for applications from each of the four Innomission partnerships. The applications should outline two main components:

- 1) State of partnership and strategic priorities of the partnership. This includes a description of the strategic priorities and a reflection on the performance of the partnership and key challenges, opportunities and learnings thus far.

In this section, a description of past performance in the partnership, reflecting upon results, key challenges and learnings thus far must be presented. This includes a description of how the partnership will approach the recommendations put forward in the Annual Investment Review process and address key challenges and opportunities. Strategic priorities underlying the existing portfolio of projects and activities should be described, together with a description of the additional contribution of activities applied for in this application. This entails a clear description of how the new investments will contribute to creating impact and results pertaining to the goals of the Danish Climate Act, the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap and identified challenges. It also includes a description of how the activities applied for relate to and complement the already funded activities (funded by Innovation Fund Denmark through initial investment (pool 1 and 2) and through 2023 investments, and potentially also other sources of public funding).

¹ An inflection point is a turning point or a time of a significant change, e.g. technological, commercial, regulatory, or systemic.

In general, this part of the application should correspond closely to an overview of existing and planned investments of the partnership which should be attached to the application. See the required elements of the investment overview in the Appendices section below.

- 2) Activities applied for in activity area A and B. In activity area A, activities for the ensuing phase 2 call are described, i.e. projects that contribute to realising the goals of the Danish Climate Act and the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap and identified challenges. Activities within activity area B pertains to investments into administration of the funds and investments in strengthening the general mission work, including portfolio management.

For each activity in the application, applicants must describe the following four elements separately: description of activity, purpose, expected impact, and budget (see application form for further instructions and requirement for each of the four elements).

Description of activity:

A clear description of the activity, including total activity budget.

Furthermore, for activity area A, the description should describe the instrument, i.e. the requirements for project applications in phase 2, and the selection process in overall terms. Details about the process will be expanded in the investment agreement between the partnership and IFD.

Purpose:

For activity area A, purpose should encompass a clear description of the purpose and strategic fit of the activity in relation to the strategic ambitions of the revised road map and the challenges described in the 'State of partnership'. Please also include a description of how the effort relates to and creates synergies to relevant efforts at national and international level, are based on current or potential Danish strengths, and are aligned with Danish strategic priorities.

For activity area B, the purpose of investments in relation to activities for administration of the funds and to activities for strengthening the general mission work and adapting a mission-oriented framework must be elaborated. This includes a description of how these activities will secure a stronger strategic focus, including a strategic approach to the international work in the mission, and to secure a movement towards portfolio management and mission-driven innovation.

Expected impact:

Substantiation of the expected impact and contribution of the proposed investment in the short and long term to generating societal impact for Denmark. This entails reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening of the environment and nature, and potential strengthening of Danish business and industry. It includes a description of how the activity is expected to contribute to goals in the revised roadmap and how it corresponds to the overview of existing and planned investments of the partnership attached to the application.

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.

Appendices:

- Budget: Excel file (obligatory)
- Revised roadmap (obligatory): If the partnership revision of the roadmap has not been finalised, the most recently approved version of the roadmap must be enclosed along with a description of the status of the revision process and the strategic priorities of the partnerships that will serve as the basis for the planned revision of the roadmap.

- Annual Investment Review recommendations (obligatory)
- Overview of existing and planned investments of the partnership (obligatory): The application should include an integrated overview of how the existing IFD investments from 2021 and 2023 have contributed or are planned to contribute to the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap and to the mission work and administration, respectively. The overview for the 2021 investment corresponds to the Partnership plan in the Investment agreement. The overview for the 2023 investment corresponds to appendix 1 in the Investment agreement. In addition, the overview should include planned activities entailed in this application for a 2024 investment, clearly demonstrating the connection to the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap and to the mission work and administration. The overview should include key milestones for all investments.
- Appendix A: Figures, pictures, tables, etc. (optional, max. 8 pages)

4. Evaluation

When evaluating the applications, emphasis will be placed on the application clearly describing how the partnership has performed thus far and how the suggested activities will help advance the partnership contribution to the realisation of the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap. This includes a description of the basis for the selection of activities, and how needs and impact in the various areas have been assessed.

The applications are therefore assessed based on the following three equally weighted main criteria:

Quality of effort

- That it is clearly described how the partnership has performed thus far, with an emphasis on results, key challenges and learnings.
- That it is clearly described how the strategic ambitions underlying the revision of the roadmap align with the goals of the Danish Climate Act.
- That it is clearly described how the applied activities are prioritised and justified by their contribution to realising the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap.
- That it is clearly described how the applied activities address key challenges, opportunities and learnings that are captured in e.g. recommendations from Annual Investment Review meetings.
- That it is clear how the partnership and the activities applied for relate to and create synergies to relevant efforts at national and international level, and are based on current or potential Danish strengths and Danish strategic priorities.
- That it is clear how the partnership has a strategic focus on internationalisation and that this focus is operationalised in the form of international activities.

Impact

- That it is clear how the partnership will help achieve the 2030 and 2050 climate goals with clear definition of important inflection points and indication of when they may occur.
- That milestones that mark the completion of major project deliverables contributing to achieving the identified inflection points are clearly described.
- That it is plausible that the investment generates societal impact for Denmark by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, by strengthening the environment and nature, and potentially by strengthening competitiveness of Danish business and industry.

Quality of execution

- That a clear plan for the use of the funding is presented.
- That the budget for the individual activities is realistic and well argued in relation to the strategic ambitions of the revised roadmap.

- That it is clear how the activities applied for relate to and complement the already funded activities.
- That it is clearly described how the partnership will assess project proposals with a focus on constructing a strategic portfolio of projects complementing and strengthening existing efforts in relation to the roadmap, and a focus on concrete impact estimates, clear milestones, and description of partner contributions.

5. Budgetary rules

Activities in area A:

The budget for activities in phase 1 is a total budget for each activity, 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 activities. In phase 2, the project applications should include details about cost structure in accordance with the Innomission guidelines.

Activities in area B:

The budget for activities in area B can only include expenses for non-economic activities, and can include salaries of staff, other partnership-related costs (events, travel expenses, accommodation), external services (consultancy costs and other services) and any overhead, in accordance with the requirements for non-economic activities in the Innomission guidelines. The Innovation Fund Denmark's investment rate for activities in Area B is 90 percent. Overhead can be applied according to Table 1. For further information on eligible costs, please see Innomission guidelines.

Organisation type	Overhead
Public Danish research institutions	44%
Other organisations approved for non-economic activities. Contact IFD before use.	20%

Table 1: Overhead rates for Area B activities

6. Contact

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