

Call

## Grand Solutions 2026

### Green research, technology and innovation

**Application deadline Phase 1:** 3 March 2026 12:00 CET

**Project duration:** 1-5 years

**Total budget for the call:** minimum 100 mio. DKK<sup>1</sup>

**Innovation Fund Denmark investment per project:** From 5 MDKK to 30 MDKK

**Maximum Innovation Fund Denmark investment rate:** 75.0 pct. of the total project budget

#### 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 carried out in close collaboration between research institutions and the business community or public customers of solutions, for instance municipalities and regions. Innovation Fund Denmark encourages cross-disciplinary projects in all parts of the value chain – from foundational research (in Danish: grundlagsskabende forskning) to industrial research and experimental development.

The Grand Solutions programme application model consists of two phases. Phase 1 is a request for a letter of interest and open to all interested applicants, whereas phase 2 is a request for a full application and only open by invitation.

Applicants for phase 1 will be invited to phase 2 if the following conditions are met:

- a) Innovation Fund Denmark evaluates their letter of interest from phase 1 as an interesting and relevant proposal that sufficiently meets the assessment criteria.
- b) The number of invited applications will result in an approximate success rate of 30-50% within phase 2.

Innovation Fund Denmark distributes the available funds in open competition between projects that demonstrate the greatest positive effect while at the same time contributing to growth and employment in Denmark.

The distribution of the funds for this call originates from the current Finance Act and the agreement on the disposition of the Research Reserve (see links under section 5: Guidelines and inspiration).

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

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<sup>1</sup> The Innovation Fund Denmark may at its discretion decide to increase the overall budget for this call, particularly in case of excess funds when faced with a substantial list of qualified applications in this call that cannot be funded within the original budget

## 2. Aim of the call

Denmark must be a frontrunner in green research and innovation, which contribute to maintaining and creating green jobs. Innovation Fund Denmark's investments within green research, technology and innovation shall contribute to creating knowledge and technology that can ensure the course of the green transition towards a more sustainable society.

As a follow-up to Denmark's green research strategy from 2020 and the Danish government's new proposal "*Speed up the green solutions of the future - A strengthened effort for green research, innovation and climate solutions (in Danish)*" from 2024, Innovation Fund Denmark invests in projects within green research, technology and innovation. The purpose of the investments within this area is to ensure the greatest effect on climate, climatic resilience, nature, biodiversity, environment including the aquatic environment, and contribute to growth and employment within the following seven themes (for further details on the seven themes, please see section 5: Guidelines and inspiration):

- 1) Energy production, etc.
- 2) Energy efficiency improvement
- 3) Agriculture and food production
- 4) Transport
- 5) Environment and circular economy
- 6) Nature and biodiversity
- 7) Sustainable behaviour and societal consequences (cross-cutting)

The projects are furthermore strongly encouraged to support the development of local Business Lighthouses (in Danish: Erhvervsfyrtårne) (see link in section 5: Guidelines and inspiration).

The funds are distributed in open competition within the seven themes and projects can, for example, contribute to:

- Research and innovation in sustainable construction and architecture, including research in behaviour and/or technologies (e.g., research for new building materials with lower CO<sub>2</sub> emission).
- Research and innovation within sustainable transportation, including research in behaviour, regulation and/or technologies (e.g., research about the effects of taxes).
- Research and innovation in bioeconomy and cascade utilization.
- Research and innovation addressing, investigating and prevention of air pollution.
- Research and innovation in nature-based solutions that contribute to achieving the goals for nature and biodiversity, preferably in collaborations between e.g., research institutions, municipalities and private stakeholders.
- Interdisciplinary projects and projects within humanities and social science research that combine natural science and technological research with societal implementation, which can contribute with valuable knowledge related to e.g. behaviour, incentives, regulation and market conditions.
- Solutions targeting climate-efficient, sustainable and robust agricultural and food systems.

Please note that DKK 30.0 million is specifically earmarked for projects that support research in energy systems, including sector coupling and the interaction between the various parts of energy systems and hybrid projects, with a view to strengthening Denmark's position in the field of renewable energy expansion and increasing the opportunities for sales via new energy systems.

Projects within research and innovation in energy systems may, for example, focus on:

- Sector coupling and grid balancing to mitigate large fluctuations in total energy supply and demand across national borders, while phasing out fossil fuels.
- Increased exports of Danish-produced green fuels.
- Integration of multiple types of energy production, such as wind and solar, wind and Power-to-X, or biogas and Power-to-X.
- Increased focus on the development and design of hybrid projects, such as energy islands.

The prioritisation of the DKK 30.0 million for research into energy systems is ensured on an ongoing basis throughout the full assessment phase, during which projects are assessed on the basis of the same guidelines and associated assessment criteria. If projects for research into energy systems are deemed eligible for support, they will be prioritised until the priority framework of DKK 30.0 million has been exhausted. The remaining projects focusing on energy systems will remain in the overall pool with the other applications received for the call, where they will be assessed on the same terms.

Please note: For projects with a strong focus on research and technological development within biotechnology and biosolutions, please see the Grand Solutions call on Biotechnology and biosolutions.

This call is suited for projects with focus on innovation and application within the seven green themes mentioned above. Projects with significant elements of technological development within digitalisation, artificial intelligence or other emerging technologies are encouraged to also read the Grand Solutions call for Critical and digital technologies including space technologies, AI and nuclear power.

Projects that focus on topics within the four Innomissions' strategic roadmaps may possibly be suited for the Innomissions calls. Please consult the four Innomissions' websites for further information.

Projects that mainly focus on development and demonstration within this call's subjects may also consider applying to EUDP, GUDP or MUDP, please see the publication '[Fundinglandskab – energi, miljø og grøn udvikling](#)' (in Danish only).

### **3. Decision criteria**

The three overall decision criteria are:

- Quality of idea – the quality of the research and innovation
- Impact – value creation during and after the project
- Quality of execution – efficiency in the project execution and the implementation of results

Further information about the decision criteria can be found in the Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 1 and Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2. Please note that the evaluation criteria differ in the two phases (see link in section 5: Guidelines and inspiration).

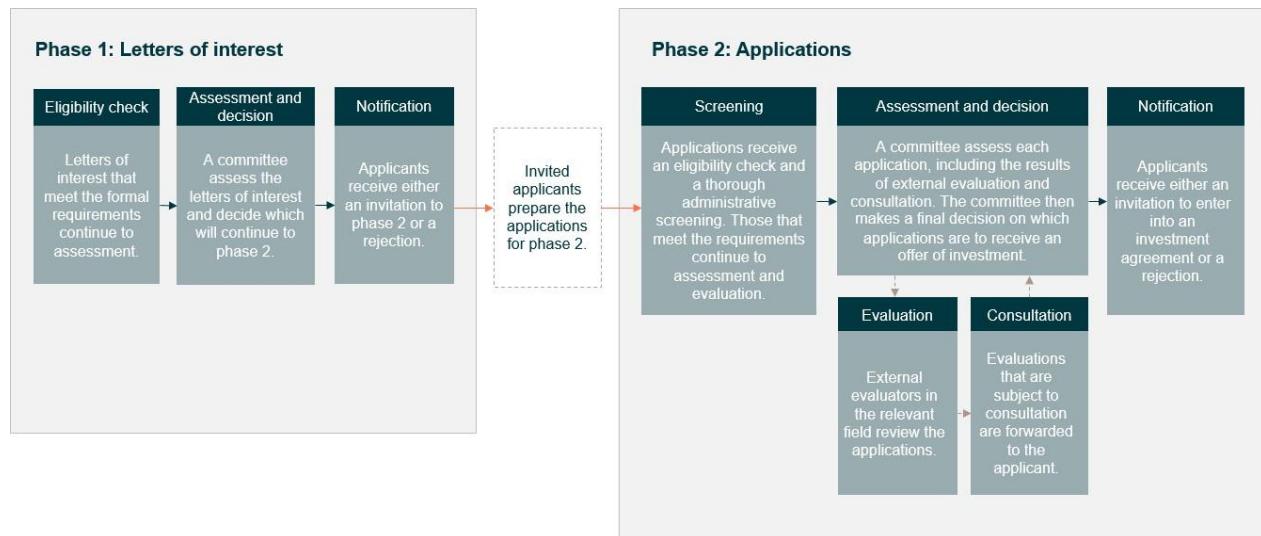
### **4. Evaluation process**

Applications under this call will be assessed by the [Committee for Green transition](#).

**Phase 1:** Letters of interest to Grand Solutions must be submitted via [www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk), which is the application portal of Innovation Fund Denmark. The call opens in e-grant in 5 January 2026.

**Phase 2:** Invited applicants for phase 2 must submit an application via [www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk). The call opens in e-grant shortly after the decision on phase 1.

The evaluation process is described in detail in the Guidelines for Grand Solution Phase 1 and Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2.



## 5. Timeline:

- Deadline for letter of interest for phase 1: 3 March 2026 12:00 CET
- Response to the applicants applying for phase 1: mid-June 2026
- Deadline for full applications for phase 2: 10 September 2026 12:00
- Response to the invited applicants applying for phase 2: mid-December 2026

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

## 6. Guidelines and inspiration

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

- [Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 1](#)
- [Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2](#)

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

- [Finance Act 2026 \(in Danish\)](#)
- [Disposition of the Research Reserve 2026 \(in Danish\)](#)
- [Speeding up the green solutions of the future – A strengthened effort for green research, innovation and climate solutions \(In Danish only\)](#)
- [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- [Link to local business lighthouses \(in Danish: erhvervsfyrtårne\) \(in Danish only\)](#)
- [IFD Innomissions \(INNO-CCUS, MissionGreenFuels, AgriFoodTure and TRACE\)](#)

## 7. Contact

Innovation Fund Denmark hosts regular webinars and Q&As 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.

Frequently asked questions to Grand Solutions and related answers can be found on Innovation Fund

Denmark's website [here](#).

In case of further questions, contact us here:

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## **8. 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, etcetera, are encouraged to apply for the fund's programmes.