

Call

Innomission 2026-27

Strengthening and Accelerating Impact in the Innomission Partnerships

Application deadline: 26 August 2026, 12 pm.

Investment duration: Up to 7 years

Total budget from Innovation Fund Denmark: 595.1 MDKK

Maximum funding per application: 180 MDKK.

This call is reserved for the four green Innomission partnerships cf. *Aftale om fordeling af forskningsreserven mv. in 2021*

1. About the Innomission programme

In 2021, Denmark 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 industry¹.

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;
- 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 themes. In October 2024, the Danish government published a green research initiative that reaffirms the central role of the four mission-driven partnerships in driving green research and innovation in Denmark (see link below).

In 2025, a political agreement secured funding for the Innomission programme until 2030. Building on this decision, Innovation Fund Denmark will disburse funding in two-year cycles. The first disbursement in 2026 draws on funds from both the Danish Finance Act 2026 and the Danish Finance Act 2027. The funds reserved for the Innomissions programme in 2027, including the exact allocation under the Agreements on Research and Innovation 2026-2029, remains subject to final adoption of the Danish Finance Act 2027. Innovation Fund Denmark furthermore reserves the right to require minor adjustments to the partnership applications and their conditions, should this be necessary to ensure alignment with final political agreements and related policy frameworks.

Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) distributes 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.

¹ Definition of four green missions: <https://ufm.dk/forskning-og-innovation/gron-forskning-og-innovation/temaside-for-gron-forskning-og-innovation/definitioner-af-de-fire-politisk-beslutede-gronne-missioner>

For further information on the funding for 2026-2027, see the below links.

- [Agreements on Research and Innovation 2026-2029 \(In Danish\)](#)
- [Green Research Initiative by the Danish government](#) (11 October 2024)
- [Mission impact framework published by Innovation Fund Denmark](#) (25 November 2024)

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

2. Aim of the call

Innovation Fund Denmark's investment in the Innomission partnerships shall contribute to the realisation of Denmark's strategic ambitions for the green transition in Denmark. This 2026-2027 call aims to strengthen and accelerate the mission-oriented and impact-driven work of the Innomission partnerships, enabling focused activities that are clearly aligned with the ambitions of the roadmap and the strategic priorities in the partnership's impact framework.

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 strong alignment to the partnership's impact framework. This constitutes *Activity Area A* in the application.

A smaller portion of the investment can be sought to strengthen the general mission work, including administration of funds, thereby supporting key enablers of change as described in the general mission impact framework (see link above and Figure 1 below). It should be clearly explained how activities under *Activity Area B* relate to previous investments in the same area and why additional funding is required.

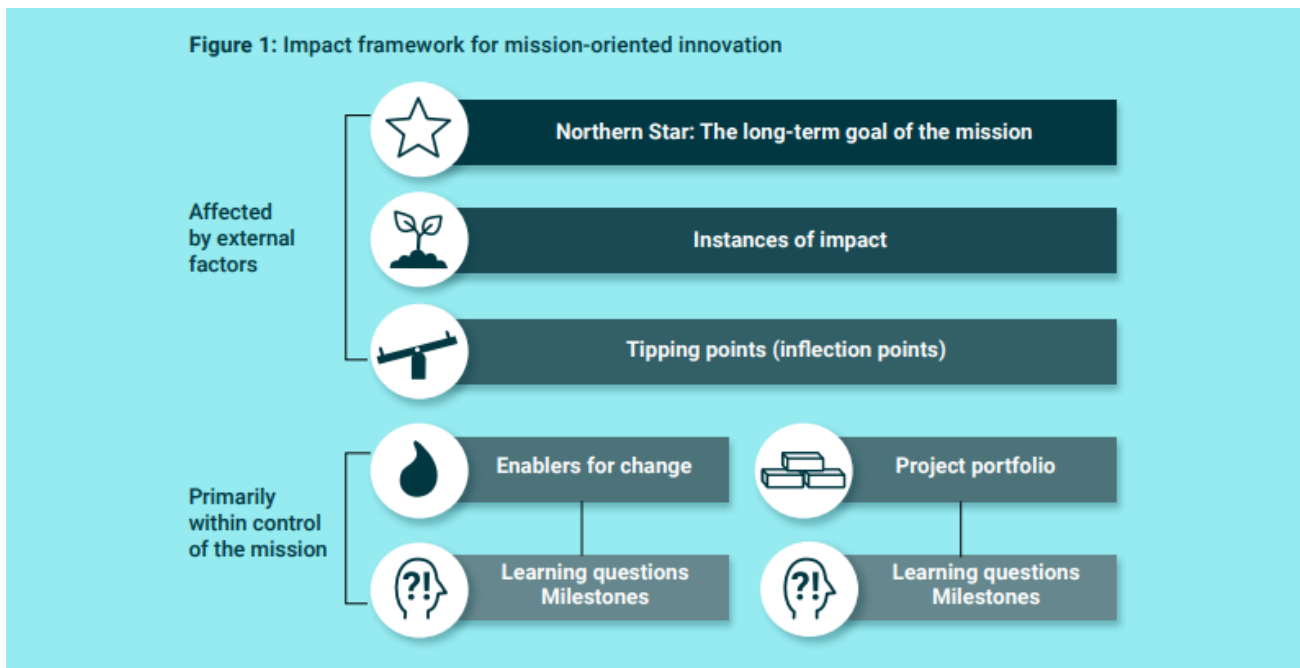


Figure 1: General mission impact framework. The project portfolio corresponds to activity area A. Activity area B aims to strengthen the enablers for change. Partnership-specific impact framework must be enclosed as appendix to the application.

3. Application components and investment process

3.1 The investment process

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

3.2 Application components

Applications for phase 1 must include the following components:

I. Value Proposition of Partnership

A short presentation of the purpose of the partnership and why the partnership is important in the wider landscape of initiatives aiming at a green transformation of your sector/area.

II. State of the Partnership

Please provide a description of the overall status of the partnership, including key results linked to the tipping points. Please also include strategic learnings and strategic considerations based on these learnings related to delivering on the impact framework and identified tipping points. Additionally, describe how the partnership has addressed and acted on recommendations from Annual Investment Reviews, including any resulting adjustments or improvements.

III. Strategic Priorities

A clear overview of the partnership's strategic priorities for the next phase. The priorities should be closely linked to the tipping points identified in the impact framework and aligned with the roadmap. The rationale for the chosen priorities should reflect national and international developments and efforts, focusing on areas where the partnership can achieve high impact by filling critical gaps and addressing key barriers.

IV. Impact

The partnership must describe how the expected impact of the investment will be measured and tracked over time, in relation to the overall 2030 and 2050 climate goals. For each tipping point targeted with this investment, describe how progress will be measured, using time-bound and measurable indicators and quantifiable baselines, if possible, that enable systematic tracking and evaluation.

V. Activities applied for in activity area A and B

- **Activity Area A:** A description of proposed activities for phase 2 that together build a strategic project portfolio, demonstrating their contribution to the impact framework.
- **Activity Area B:** A description of proposed enabling activities (e.g., administration, strategic learning, portfolio management, and coordination with relevant actors, including authorities, both nationally and internationally) that strengthen the capacity and efficiency of the partnership.

Figure 3: An example of the connection between tipping points and the project portfolio

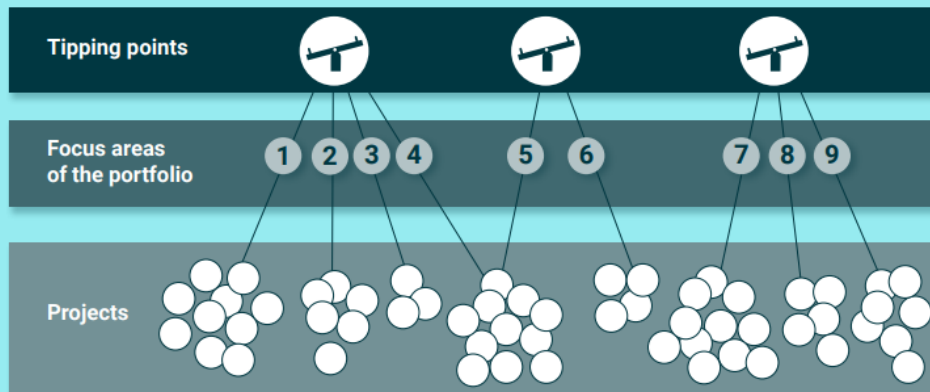


Figure 2: Illustration of connection between projects and tipping points.

Application template content

For each proposed activity, applicants must describe the following three elements separately: 1) purpose, 2) execution and 3) budget. See application template for further instructions and requirements.

Purpose:

Describe what will be done and why the activity is important. Provide a clear and concise description of the activity, including its purpose, scope, and strategic relevance. Explain how the activity aligns with the partnership's impact framework, including gaps it fills in the current project portfolio or current organisational setup.

As part of this, please list the expected output (milestones) from the activity. It should be clear how the activity creates added value by complementing and strengthening existing investments and activities within the partnership.

Execution:

Describe how the partnership will deliver the proposed activities.

For Activity Area A, this also includes describing the chosen funding instrument and the rationale behind it. Include an overview of the requirements for project applications in Phase 2 and outline the overall process for selecting projects.

For Activity Area B, describe how the proposed funding will support the effective execution of the partnership's activities. For investments in administration, focus on the concrete competencies of the secretariat, including roles, skills, and organizational structures, and explain how these enable effective delivery of the partnership's strategic priorities. For partnership activities or mission work, focus on how these activities will be executed in practice to support and strengthen the partnership's overall mission.

Budget:

The application should provide the budget for each proposed investment (see section 5: Budgetary rules), and justify its size in relation to the assessment criteria.

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Budget - A (Excel file, obligatory)
- Appendix 2: Budget - B (Excel file, obligatory)
- Appendix 3: Figures, pictures, tables, references etc. (optional, max. 8 pages)

- Appendix 4: Organisation (obligatory): IFD will provide a short template for this appendix.
- Appendix 5: Partnership Impact Framework (obligatory)
- Appendix 6: Latest Annual Investment Review recommendations (obligatory).

4. Evaluation

In evaluating applications, emphasis will be placed on how clearly they demonstrate measurable progress and results, and on how the proposed activities align with the partnership's impact framework. Central to the evaluation is the connection between the selected activities and the impact framework, including the rationale for their selection and expected impact across focus areas.

Applications are assessed based on three equally weighted main criteria. Applicants must address all three criteria and their sub-criteria in the application. The criteria are:

Quality of effort

The quality of effort is assessed based on the extent to which the application clearly addresses the following sub-criteria:

- **Clarity and Complementarity**: The proposal is clearly articulated and ambitious, presenting activities that are well defined and thoughtfully designed. Proposed activities complement the existing project portfolio and other ongoing efforts within the partnership, ensuring coherence, synergy, and added value.
- **Alignment and Strategic Synergies**: The partnership demonstrates how its strategic priorities and activities leverage Denmark's strengths and competences, aligning with national strategic priorities. The partnership focuses efforts on areas with the highest potential for impact and ensures that activities are coordinated with relevant national and international initiatives and actors - including authorities and EU programs - to maximise mission results.
- **Strategic Learning**: The partnership demonstrates its ability to systematically capture and translate lessons into actionable knowledge, showing how these insights inform the design of proposed activities to address key challenges, seize opportunities, and enhance impact.

Impact

Impact is assessed based on the extent to which the application clearly addresses the following sub-criteria:

- **Plausible Societal and Climate Impact**: The proposal presents a credible pathway for generating measurable societal impact for Denmark, including greenhouse gas reductions, environmental and nature improvements, and potential economic benefits. It clearly explains how the partnership's activities contribute to the 2030 and 2050 climate goal through key tipping points, presented with timeframes and concrete impact estimates.
- **Contribution to Impact Framework and Milestones**: The activities are clearly linked to the partnership's strategic priorities and demonstrate how they advance key tipping points or enablers of change in the impact framework. Metrics, major milestones and deliverables are well defined, enabling systematic tracking of progress and impact.
- **Barrier Analysis and Mitigation**: Potential barriers to impact - for example regulatory, behavioural, and societal barriers - are explicitly identified, with clear strategies for addressing or influencing them to enable progress or ensure successful delivery of outcomes.

Quality of execution

Quality of execution is assessed based on the extent to which the application clearly addresses the following sub-criteria:

- **Funding, Budget, and Resource Allocation:** The proposal presents a well-structured and well-justified funding plan, with realistic, cost-effective budgets that are proportionate to each activity's scope, objectives, and expected impact, and clearly explains how the selected funding instruments support the activities.
- **Proven Track Record:** The partnership demonstrates a strong track record of delivering results, with clear evidence of outcomes and measurable progress. It also shows the capacity to build and manage a strategic project portfolio that strengthens progress toward the mission goals as well as strategic collaborations, and effectively addresses recommendations from Annual Investment Reviews.
- **Secretariat Capacity and Competence:** The partnership demonstrates that the secretariat and staff have the expertise, experience, and capacity to deliver the proposed activities. Roles and responsibilities should be clear, and any new investments must be justified, showing the added value in strengthening capacity and efficiency for the partnership's strategic priorities and mission work.

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 maximum 90 percent. For further information on eligible costs and overhead rates, please see Innomission guidelines.

6. Contact

For questions regarding formalities, the Innovation Fund Denmark Program Officers can be contacted. Please pay attention to the fact that Program Officers or other employees of Innovation Fund Denmark are not allowed to answer specific questions regarding projects or ideas.

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