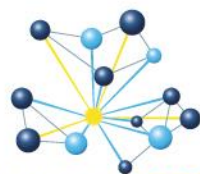


## Vinnovate Regional Instrument Portrait 2024 – Lower Saxony

<u>Category</u>	<u>Answers</u>
<b>Name</b>	Program for Research and Development in SMEs
<b>Source of Funding</b>  <i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument is based on ERDF or Regional or National resources. Indicate the extent to which the instrument is activable (by regional actors) only in the context of Vinnovate outside the scope of Vinnovate or not.</i>	Regional/National: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  ERDF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Dedicated/reserved for Vinnovate: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Vinnovate projects can receive a financial support if the receive a positive project evaluation. No budgets reserved, explicitly.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nbank.de/F%C3%B6rderprogramme/Aktuelle-F%C3%B6rderprogramme/Innovationsf%C3%B6rderprogramm-f%C3%BCr-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-in-Unternehmen-(IFP).html#aufeinenblick">https://www.nbank.de/F%C3%B6rderprogramme/Aktuelle-F%C3%B6rderprogramme/Innovationsf%C3%B6rderprogramm-f%C3%BCr-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-in-Unternehmen-(IFP).html#aufeinenblick</a>
<b>Geographical Scope</b> (NUTS 2, NUTS 3 or others)	Lower Saxony
<b>Amount potentially activable in 2024 for Vinnovate</b>	250.000€
<b>Short description and Scope of the instrument - Technologies and/or applications areas and/or policies objectives targeted?</b>  <i>Indicate the extent to which the instrument has a thematic focus or not (incl. any specific policy objectives to be pursued). In less than 100 words.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants for industrial research and experimental development projects from SMEs in which a high proportion of development is carried out by own personnel in order to develop new or significantly improved, marketable products, production processes or services.</li> <li>• Classical instrument for cooperative projects between SMEs and research institutes/universities.</li> <li>• Non-repayable grant of up to 500.000€.</li> <li>• At least one SME has to have a headquarters or a place of business in Lower Saxony.</li> <li>• Every Partner has to submit the proposal.</li> <li>• Project duration of max. 36 month (3 years).</li> </ul>
<b>Conditions for funded applicants – Type</b>  <i>Mention the type of eligible (for funding) applicants. Please explicitly refer to SMEs, Large Companies, Universities,</i>	SMEs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  Large Companies: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

<p><i>Facility/Research centres and others, if necessary.</i></p>	<p><b>Universities:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>Research/Facility centres:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>Others / other comments:</b></p>
<p><b>Can actors outside of the region be financially supported by the instrument?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>(But it is possible for subcontractors).</p>
<p><b>'Internal cooperation' vs single application</b></p> <p>Can two (or more) organisations located in the region apply together in a cooperation project? I.e. a situation where e.g. two organisations located in the region would apply jointly (and submit a unique proposal), and in cooperation with organisation(s) from outside the region (such organisation would then of course apply in their own region).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, two organisations can apply jointly</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, each needs to submit a distinct proposal at regional level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO, max. one organisation from the region is eligible per project</p> <p>But need for an SME to submit the proposal.</p>
<p><b>Conditions for 'international' partners – Type</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate any specific conditions associated to the partners (outside of the region) which can be part of the project (not financially supported/not eligible for funding in most of the case, unless answered 'YES' to the previous question.</i></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>Funding rates</b></p> <p><i>If different funding rates according to different types of funded partners, please indicate.</i></p>	<p>SMEs : 35% - 45%</p> <p>Universities/Academia and Research/facility centres: Max. 100%</p>
<p><b>TRLs covered</b></p>	<p><b>TRL 6:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

<p>Indicate the extent to which the following TRLs are covered or not: TRL6 (yes/no), TRL7 (yes/no) and TRL8 (yes/no).</p>	<p>TRL 7: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>TRL 8: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Max./Min. project duration</b></p> <p>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) project duration (in months).</p>	<p>36 months.</p>
<p><b>Max./Min. amount grant/project cost</b></p> <p>Indicate the maximum (and minimum if any) total project costs and/or grant amount.</p>	<p>Max. 500.000€ - grant amount for SMEs.</p> <p>Max. 300.000€ - additional grant amount for research partners (but a SME needs to be an applicant also).</p>
<p><b>Covered transitions (potentially!)</b></p> <p>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions to one or several of the targeted transitions: <b>1) a smarter and/or 2) a more sustainable and/or 3) a more autonomous/less dependent industry.</b></p>	<p>Smarter industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>More sustainable industry: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>More autonomous/less dependent industry:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Covered VI Pilots (potentially)</b></p> <p>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the instrument could potentially be activated to support solutions/projects in the following fields (i.e. the scope of the VI pilots): <b>1) New Nano-Enabled Products; 2) Bio-Economy; 3) Efficient Sustainable Manufacturing; 4) High-Performance Production through 3D Printing; 5) Advanced Manufacturing for Energy-related Applications in Harsh Environments; 6) Smart Health ; 7) Artificial Intelligence; 8) Hydrogen.</b></p>	<p>Nano: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Bio-economy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ESM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3DP: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ADMA Ener: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Smart Health: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>AI: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Hydrogen: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Covered activities</b></p> <p>In view of reflecting/mirroring the eligibility criteria of Vinnovate call 2024, indicate the extent to which the following activities are</p>	<p>Personnel costs (demonstration/R&amp;D): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Personnel costs (coordination): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>



<p>eligible for funding: 1) Personnel costs (demonstration/R&amp;D), 2) Personnel costs (coordination), 3) Subcontracting costs, 4) Purchase costs – Travel, 5) Purchase costs – Equipment.</p>	<p>Subcontracting costs: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – travel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – equipment*: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Purchase costs – other goods, works and services: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Indirect costs/overheads: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Specific comments, if any:</p> <p>*For equipment lasting longer than the project duration, only proportional depreciation would apply.</p>
<p><b>Other specific restrictions/conditions?</b></p>	
<p><b>Timeline for ‘regional’ proposals</b></p> <p><i>Beyond the ‘standard’ VInnovate timeline (i.e. submission regional proposals theoretically possible between 20.05.2024 and 30.10.2024), is there any possible additional restriction to be taken into account? E.g. submission regional proposals only possible from e.g. 01.07.2024 onward?</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If Yes, please specify here:</p>
<p><b>Description of requirements for ‘regional proposals’</b></p> <p>Where can possible applicants find information about the information expected to be provided at ‘regional proposal’ stage?</p>	<p>Please indicate here the website where such information is described:</p> <p><a href="https://www.nbank.de/Förderprogramme/Aktuelle-Förderprogramme/Innovationsförderprogramm-für-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-in-Unternehmen-(IFP).html#aufeinenblick">https://www.nbank.de/Förderprogramme/Aktuelle-Förderprogramme/Innovationsförderprogramm-für-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-in-Unternehmen-(IFP).html#aufeinenblick</a></p>
<p><b>Contact person for ‘regional instrument’-related questions</b></p> <p>Who can be contacted by regional applicants in case of ‘regional-instrument’ specific questions?</p>	<p>Please indicate here an email address:</p> <p><b>Thomas Brinks:</b>  <a href="mailto:Thomas.Brinks@NBank.de">Thomas.Brinks@NBank.de</a>;      +49 511 300 31 362;</p> <p><b>Antje Overmeyer:</b>  <a href="mailto:antje.overmeyer@mb.niedersachsen.de">antje.overmeyer@mb.niedersachsen.de</a>;      +49 511 120 8433</p>
<p><b>Interregional dimension-coverage in ‘regional proposal’</b></p> <p><i>When submitting the information requested at regional level (i.e. ‘regional proposal’)</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><i>Comment, if needed:</i></p>

<p><i>regional applicants will be asked to describe the entire 'interregional' project, including general description of activities from the partners from outside of the region. In addition, specific requirements will focus on the activities of the 'regional actors' exclusively.</i></p>	<p><i>Applicants will have to submit the whole proposal description – including transnational partners. Probably they will need to have a German and English proposal version available.</i></p>

- It is an open procedure and we will not have a specific call for proposals.