

Fast Track to Innovation FTI

Overview

European funding programme dedicated to consortia with three to five entities. Close-to-market projects, industry must participate, interdisciplinary approaches encouraged

Programme duration: 2014 – 2020

Funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020)

Goal

Innovation from the demonstration stage through to market uptake, including activities such as piloting, test-beds, systems validation in real-world working conditions, validation of business models, pre-normative research, and standard-setting.

Ground-breaking new technologies, concepts, processes and business models that need final development to be able to shape a new market and achieve wider deployment.

Eligibility

Legal entities, legally established in the EU Member States or in a country associated to Horizon 2020.

Project Partners

3 to a maximum of 5 different legal entities, independent of each other, in a consortium.

Financial Support

Maximum EU contribution per action: not more than EUR 3 million

Funding rate: 70% for for-profit entities; 100% for not-for-profit entities

Time Frame

Submission: 3 cut-off dates 2019 and 2020:
21 February 2019 / 23 May 2019 / 22 October 2019
19 February 2020 / 09 June 2020 / 27 October 2020

Time to grant agreement: 6 months after final date of submission

What else to consider

- Allocation of at least 60% of the overall budget to consortium partner(s) from industry; or a minimum of 2 industry partners out of a consortium of 3 or 4; or a minimum of 3 industry partners out of a consortium of 5.
- The maximum length of a proposal is 30 pages.
- The time to initial market take-up: no more than 3 years from the start of the action.
- Start at least at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6. To bring the TRL up to 8 for technological innovations and to an analogous level of maturity for non-technological innovations.
- Strong competition: estimated 30 projects funded 2019.

Further Details

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