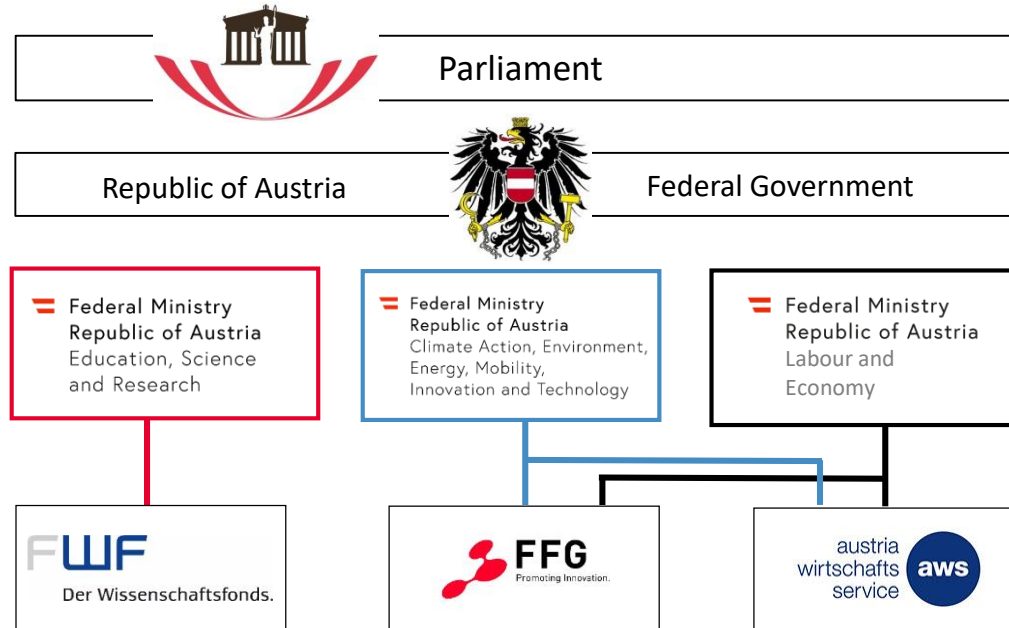


# WELCOME TO THE CELTIC-NEXT COUNTRY INFORMATION SESSION OF AUSTRIA

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# THE AUSTRIAN INNOVATIONSYSTEM



All partners from Austria  
in a CELTIC-NEXT project  
have to contact FFG

# CELTIC-NEXT FUNDING IN AUSTRIA

- National priorities
  - Strengthening Austria as a location for research and innovation
  - Drive economic, technological and social development
- As part of the Austrian innovation ecosystem, FFG provides a wide range of funding programmes tailored to specific needs in Celtic-Next, e.g.:
  - FFG General Programmes
  - FFG Thematic Programmes



# CELTIC-NEXT FUNDING PROGRAMMES

## FFG GENERAL PROGRAMMES

- **Open Call, Open budget**
  - All year bottom-up call for single-firm applicants
  - Experimental development, TRL 5-7
- **Evaluation criteria**
  - Technical funding criteria include in particular the degree of innovation and the technical challenge of the submitted project
  - The economic assessment focuses on the commercialization potential and the applicant's economic performance
  - Ecological soundness and social aspects are considered

### Criteria – Project Scoring System

<b>Technical quality</b>	Novelty and innovation	R&D-risk	Partical value results	Ecological soundness
<b>Commercial exploitation</b>	Market potential	Market experience	Capability to commercialize R&D	
<b>Feasibility</b>	Technical	Financial	Management and company organisation	
<b>Relevance to the programme</b>	Additionality on the project level	Additionality on company level (gain of know-how, R&D-dynamic)	Macro-economic effects	Social aspects

# CELTIC-NEXT FUNDING PROGRAMMES

## FFG GENERAL PROGRAMMES

- **Funding conditions for Austrian partners in Xecs projects**
  - SME: grant of up to 60% of eligible costs (60% for small companies, 50% for medium sized companies)
  - Large Company: mixed funding of up to 50% (funding is composed of a grant and a loan part)
  - Universities and research organizations may be subcontracted
- **Max. funding € 3 Mio. p.a.**
- **Website for more information:**
  - <https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>

### How to present your R&D plans to the FFG?

Precise project description, task schedule and costs projection

Cost-benefit calculation, project size and achievement of objectives have to be realistic

Co-operation possibilities (e.g. with science)

# CELTIC-NEXT FUNDING PROGRAMMES

## FFG GENERAL PROGRAMMES

### PROJEKT.START FOR SME



- **Features: attractive funding instrument for start-ups and SME to get support for preperation work for a concrete research project**
  - definition of project aims
  - assessment of the state of the art and literature and patent research and technical risks
  - execution of well-founded market and competitor analyses
  - preperation of the project organization an project partners and cost plan with obtainment of offers
- **Submission of an application is possible at any time - swift approval processes**
- **Website for more information:**  
<https://www.ffg.at/en/projektstart>

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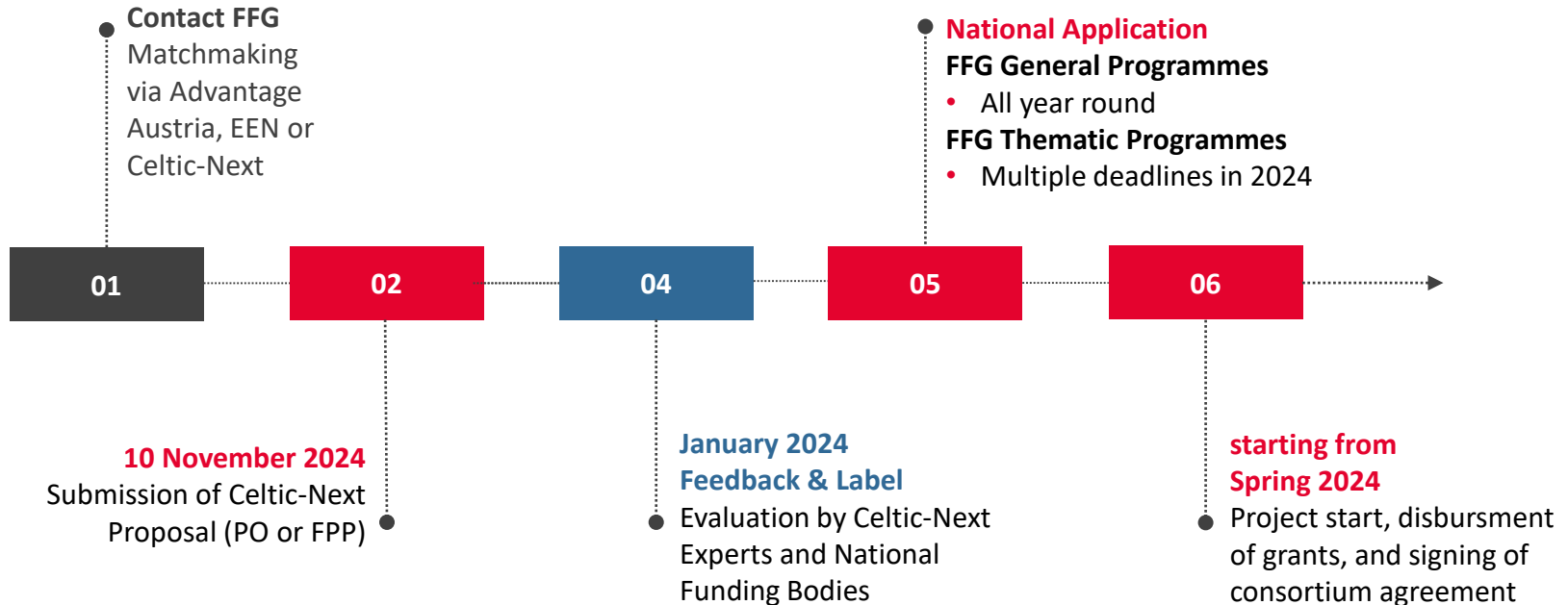
## FFG THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

- **Thematic focus is expressed in calls for projects organized by, e.g.,**
  - Green Photonics:  
<https://www.ffg.at/produktionstechnologien/greenphotonics2023national>
- **Details may vary in each call**
  - Industrial research & experimental development, TRL 2-7
  - A balanced Austrian consortium is often required
  - Dedicated budgets

**“... enables synergies between the RTI priorities of ICT, digitisation and broadband infrastructure, mobility and transport infrastructure, aviation, energy, urban development and the environment, production, nano and quantum technologies, and security and defence”**

# CELTIC-NEXT TIMELINE

## HOW TO SUBMIT A PROJECT?





# MATCHMAKING

## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PARTNERS FROM AUSTRIA?

Via the **ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA**  
office in your country:  
<https://www.advantageaustria.org/>



- **Contact your local EEN node:** <https://een.ec.europa.eu/>. EEN is one of the largest online database for collaboration opportunities
  - Search the global partnership database based on your criteria
  - Express your interest and the type of partner you are looking for
  - EEN representatives put interested partners in touch

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