

CELTIC Proposers Day

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Vinnova – Sweden's Innovation Agency

We enable innovation that makes a difference!

Vinnova's mission is to strengthen Sweden's innovative capacity to contribute to sustainable growth.

In 2024 Vinnova funded projects with **3,6 billion SEK** ~ 340 million Euro.

200 employees in Sweden + staff or strategic partnerships in Brussels, Silicon Valley and Singapore, among others.

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Sweden's national priorities

We are looking for industry driven and innovative projects with a high potential to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in accordance with Agenda 2030.

- The projects should have a potential to lead to increased competitiveness and growth in participating Swedish companies
- There should be a clear value from the international cooperation
- For a successful proposal, it is required to focus on larger industrial challenges. With participation from both larger companies, SMEs and universities/research institutes. At least one SME with a Swedish place of business must participate.
- In this call, Vinnova will only consider funding projects of high quality and potential that focus on advanced digitalisation within Swedish industry.

Advanced Digitalisation

An Industry-driven research and innovation program



Advanced Digitalisation

International collaboration

The goal of our international connection is primarily to promote visibility and influence. In the longer term, the program's activities should contribute to strengthening Sweden's position as a leading digital innovation nation internationally. →

Advanced Digitalisation

Five thematic areas

Advanced Digitalisation has identified five thematic areas that are particularly important for industry and relevant to the program:

- Digital infrastructure and communication
- Electrification
- Digital resilience and cybersecurity
- Circular industry
- Transport automation

Funding

- We finance up to a maximum of SEK 15 million per project.
- Our budget for this call is SEK 15 million.
- Vinnova's co-financing is maximum 50 % of the entire Swedish consortium's eligible costs.
- Funding rates
 - Maximum 50% of eligible costs from Vinnova to Swedish SMEs
 - Maximum 30% of eligible costs from Vinnova to large companies
 - Up to 100% of eligible costs from Vinnova to universities and research institutes

Eligibility criterias

- Proposal should have received a **label** from CELTIC.
- Project must consist of at least two independent organizations from at least two countries that are members of EUREKA
- The Swedish consortium must include **at least 1** small and medium sized enterprise (**SME**).
- For SMEs, the following conditions must be met at the time when the Swedish proposal is submitted to Vinnova:
 - The company must have **at least 1 million SEK in net sales** according to the latest annual report. (Net sales do not include public grant from, for example, Vinnova or the EU.)
 - The company must have **at least 3 full-time employees** according to the latest annual report.
- The **Swedish project manager** must be **employed** by the Swedish **coordinator**
- The **work effort from companies** must be **at least 60%** of Swedish consortium's total work effort.
- The total costs for project participants in one country cannot exceed 60% of total project costs.

Swedish Criteria for National Application

Potential (weight 40%)

(e.g. KPIs; the project's potential to lead to increased competitiveness and growth of participating Swedish companies)

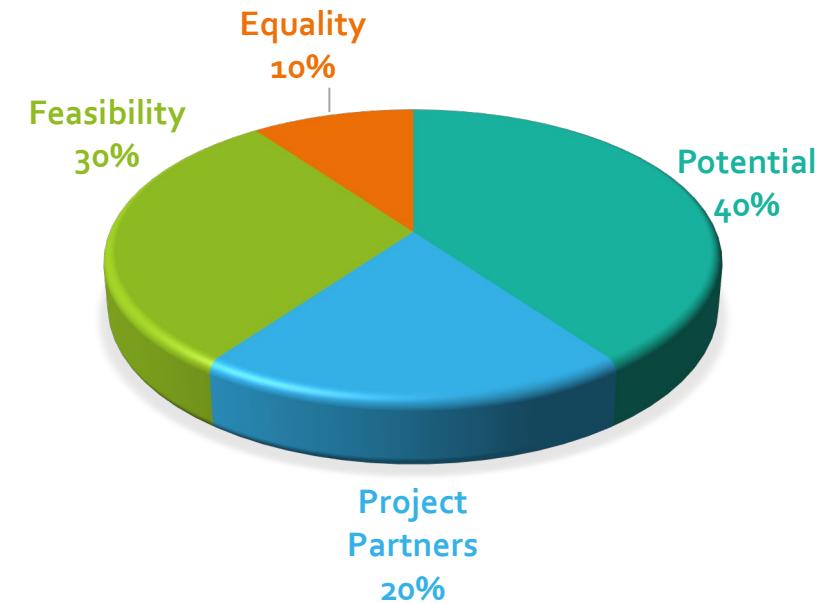
Feasibility (weight 30%)

(e.g. the credibility of the project plan and budget...)

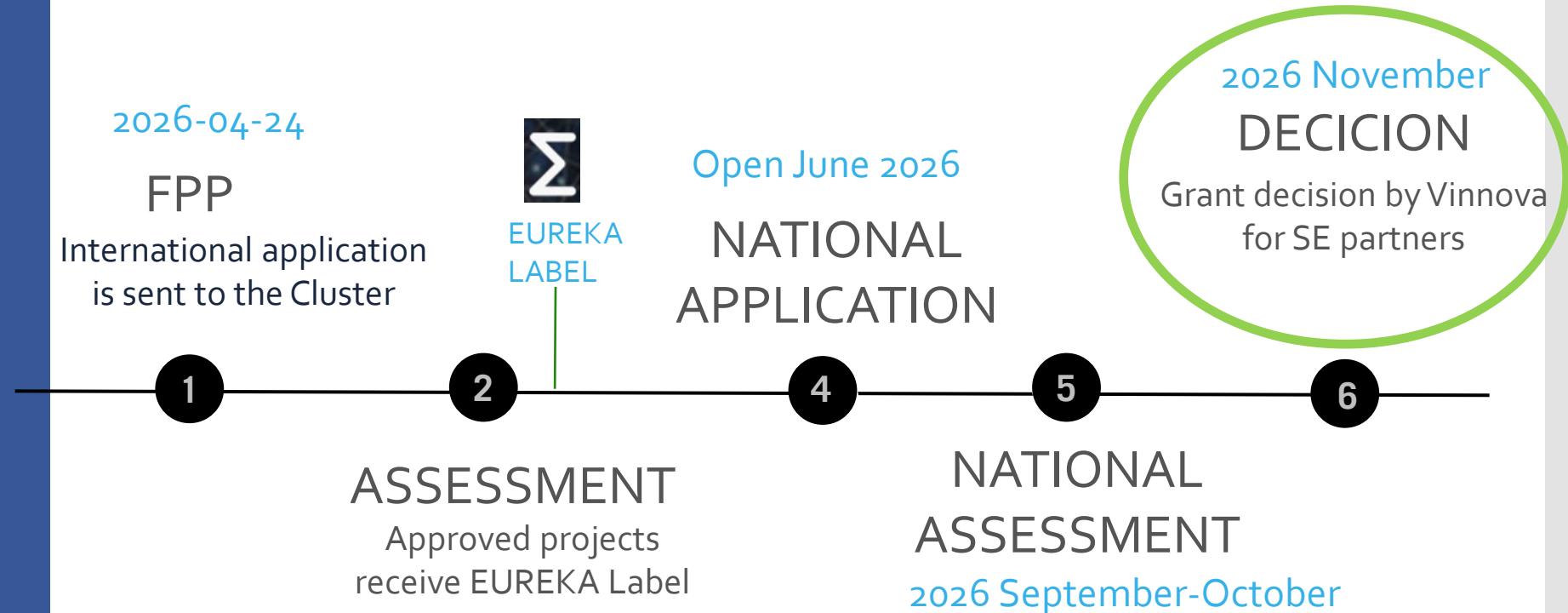
Project Partners/consortium (weight 20%)

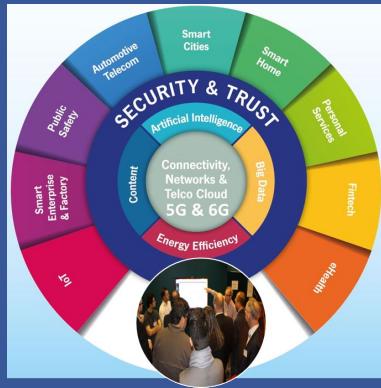
e.g. The project must be industry-driven and have an active participation and commitment from Swedish companies)

Equality (weight 10%)



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