

International JoinED Call 2025/26 Guidelines

1. Introduction

In support of a stronger cooperation in Aviation Research the following Signatories of the AREANA Synergy MoU Group have agreed to publish their first JoinED Call, to be applicable for funding programmes starting after 15th October 2025 which are able to deliver a preliminary funding indication¹ till latest 31st October 2026 (individual national/regional deadlines apply, refer to national/regional official procedures!).

7 funding organisations from 5 countries are participating in this joined call.

Topics

The call purpose is to fund transnational research focussing on wide range of aviation related topics, in particular but not exclusively (national restrictions may apply):

- Alternative, climate-neutral drive technologies (open to all energy sources),
- Reduction of energy demand, and
- Increased competitiveness, performance and operational efficiency of aviation
- Improvements in safety, resource efficiency and reduction of the ecological footprint

(for a detailed topic description refer to the applicable individual calls, see section 2 for call links).

Schedule

All participating calls listed in this document will provide a “preliminary funding indication” for their programme till 31st October 2026, allowing for further decisions upon funding of the combined international consortia.

For individual Call schedules, refer to the applicable individual calls (including individual national deadlines!), see section 2 for applicable links.

We strongly recommend contacting your applicable funding organisations for programme details.

2. Participating Programmes

The following list shows participating funding programmes. It is preferred to select partners from the programmes listed below. Depending on national evaluation rules those programmes may receive additional points during the evaluation process. However other programmes may be selected as partners if applicable. If those programmes are funded by countries that are neither from the EU nor from countries associated to Horizon Europe, please contact your national participating programme.

The following list provides an overview of the participating programmes. For programmes which have not finalized preparation of their 2025/26 calls yet, it may contain indicative data. **Before applying to those calls it is mandatory to check the final applicable regulations and requirements.**

¹ The "preliminary national funding indication" is a legally non-binding assessment of the respective funding body to enable the respective funding bodies involved in a host project to agree on the overall funding of the project.

State	Funding Programme	Start Call	End Call*	TRL min-max	Eligible Groups	Mandatory International Cooperation**	Call Information
AT	Take Off International	05.11.2025	11.03.2026	2-7	All	Yes	www.ffg.at/takeoff
AT	Basic programme	Nov (25)	May (26)*	4-7	Enterprises only	No	www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm
DE	LuFo Klima VII-2	Apr (26)	Jun (26)	1-6	All	Yes	www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/foerderprogramm
NL	TechBridge (NL-DE-FR) - Innovating Aerospace Business with Quantum Tech (TBD)	Apr (26) (tbd)	Jun (26) (tbd)	4-7	All (industry led)	Yes	https://english.rvo.nl/techbridge
NL	LiT OO 2026	Apr (26)	Jun (26)	2-4	Knowledge institutions	No	Tijdelijke subsidieregeling Luchtvaart in Transitie: Module Ondersteunend Onderzoek RVO.nl
RO	PNC DI IV- Program 5.7 - Parteneriat pentru Inovare (Innovation partnerships)	tbd	tbd	tbd	All	No	https://www.research.gov.ro/programe-nationale/planul-national-de-cercetare-dezvoltare-si-inovare-2022-2027/pncdi-iv-programe-subprograme-instrumente-de-finantare/
UK	ATI 2026	Nov (25)	Aug (26)*	3-6	All (industry led)	No	www.ati.org.uk/funding/
UK	UKRI 2026	Nov (25)	Aug (26)*	1-7	All	No	www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding

* Ongoing calls: "End call" provides latest date to assure fulfilment of "preliminary funding indication till 31st October 26 which may be provisioning of the first stage document (sketch). For expected project start, please refer to national regulation.

** For further details, please see Chapter 3

3. General Call Information

The JoinED Call is a cooperation agreement between different funding calls, planned to be held by the above listed participants in 2025-2026.

- The international consortium must consist of partners from minimum two to maximum three different countries. More participating countries are allowed, if stated explicitly in individual call regulations.
- Each consortium shall use the same acronym with any funding programme it applies to
- All applicants must meet the requirements and conditions of the respective funding calls for which they are applying.
- The selection of eligible consortia and the evaluation of submitted outlines and applications are the sole responsibility of the respective funding bodies.
- Depending on specific national call rules, funding may be provided for the members of the consortium only, if partners from at least two different countries are funded.
- Evaluation of the project proposals will follow national regulations.
- Contract Negotiation: The contract negotiation is conducted by each national agency/ministry of the project partners according to the national regulations.
- Reporting and Monitoring: Reporting and monitoring of funded projects is conducted by each of the national agencies/ministries of the project partners according to national regulations and individual contracts/agreements between the beneficiaries and their respective agencies/ministries. Additionally, the project coordinator has to complete a final project report which is to be provided at the end of the project.

Additional country specific requirements per funding programme are listed in Attachment A. It has to be noted that in addition to those requirements, all rules and requirements of the official call publication documents of the relevant call need to be met by the respective applicants

4. General Information Application Process

Each national sub-consortium must apply to a funding program for which it meets the relevant requirements for funding. All guidelines and requirements of the relevant funding program must be complied with. The selection criteria and process as well as the administration of the project after a positive funding decision, if applicable, are carried out in accordance with the respective provisions of the funding program.

A summary description of the partner consortium(s) should be submitted with the application in accordance with the template shown in Attachment B.

Information events will provide a general overview related to the JoinED call, please refer to the national programme website or <https://areanasynergies.eu/>.

Possible partner search:

ECARE Digital platform: <https://ecare-digital-platform.eu/>

FFG-Projektdatenbank: <https://projekte.ffg.at/>

Austrian competences in aeronautics technology: www.aeronautics.at

LuFo-Data Base (Netzwerk Luftfahrtforschung): <https://www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/top-themen/netzwerk-luftfahrtforschung>

Attachment A: Overview information

Austria: FFG

Name of funding organisation	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Take Off
Programme website	https://www.ffg.at/takeoff
Programme owner	BMIMI
Executing funding organisation	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Contact	Dr. Polina Wilhelm E-mail: luftfahrt@ffg.at
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	2 Million Euro (indicative)
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	1 Austrian partner and 1 international partner
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	Industrial Research: TRL 2-4 Experimental Development: TRL 5-7
Funding rates (approx.)	Please see: Leitfaden für kooperative F&E-Projekte - Transnationale Ausschreibungen and Chapters 2.9 and 4 of the Leitfaden für Kooperative F&E-Projekte Research organisation: - Industrial Research - 85% - Experimental Development - 60% Micro/small enterprise: - Industrial Research - 80% - Experimental Development - 60% Medium enterprise: - Industrial Research - 70% - Experimental Development - 50% Large enterprise: - Industrial Research - 55% - Experimental Development - 35%
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Deadline for proposal submission via FFG eCall: https://ecall.ffg.at National full-proposal: 11.03.2026, 12:00 C.E.T.
Further information	Further information on conditions and restrictions are provided in the national call: https://www.ffg.at/takeoff

Austria: FFG

Name of funding organisation	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Basic Programme
Programme website	https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm
Programme owner	BMIMI and BMWET
Executing funding organisation	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Contact	See: https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	tbd
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	Enterprises TRL 4-7
Funding rates (approx.)	See: https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Ongoing call, several times per year, submission via https://ecall.ffg.at
Further information	Further information on conditions and restrictions are provided in the national call: https://www.ffg.at/initiative/basisprogramm

Germany: DLR-PT

Name of funding organisation	DLR-PT
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	LuFo Klima VII-2
Programme website	www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/foerderprogramme
Programme owner	BMWE
Executing funding organisation	DLR PT-LF
Contact	Hartwig Hagena E-Mail: hartwig.hagena@dlr.de
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	TBD
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	Consortium: minimum 1 German partner and 1 international partner
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	See www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/foerderprogramme
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	See www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/foerderprogramme
Funding rates (approx.)	See www.dlr.de/de/pt-lf/foerderprogramme
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Deadline for proposal submission: • National pre-proposal: expected June 2026, • National full-proposal: expected October 2026
Further information	• The outline proposal will only be accepted if there is effective cooperation with at least one commercial company in Germany and at least one other commercial company from each international partner consortium • The need for robust commercial exploitation in Germany is emphasized • A significant federal interest must be clearly evident, usually through at least one significant contribution in the content areas of climate, acceptance, or costs • The planned cooperation must in all cases be documented by an LOI from the international partner(s) • If a funding programme not listed in Chapter 2 of this document shall provide funding, a confirmation letter from the foreign funding agency confirming eligibility for funding of the international partner is required. Funding is also possible by regional or European funding programmes. In any case, the funding program must provide a meaningful assessment of the funding opportunities for the foreign consortium member by October 31, 2026 (e.g., by completing the first stage of a two-stage process) • In principle, a balanced workload ratio between Germany and the partner country is expected within the consortium • No proposals will be accepted in the "Disruptive Technologies" program line • Effective cooperation does not exist if only the company itself, affiliated companies, partner companies, or other affiliated institutions with a funding share are directly involved in the project outline or as subcontractors.

Netherlands: Luchtvaart in Transitie subsidy scheme

Name of funding organisation	Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	Luchtvaart in Transitie
Programme website	Tijdelijke subsidieregeling Luchtvaart in Transitie (LIT) RVO.nl
Programme owner	Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management
Executing funding organisation	RVO
Contact	Tim Baars Email: tim.baars@minienw.nl
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	tbd
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	See: Tijdelijke subsidieregeling Luchtvaart in Transitie: Module Ondersteunend Onderzoek RVO.nl
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	See: Tijdelijke subsidieregeling Luchtvaart in Transitie: Module Ondersteunend Onderzoek RVO.nl
Funding rates (approx.)	See Tijdelijke subsidieregeling Luchtvaart in Transitie: Module Ondersteunend Onderzoek RVO.nl Maximum funding rate per project is Euro 1.250.000.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Competition dates for 2026: - 1 April 2026, 9.00 – 1 June 2026, 23.59
Further information	- The knowledge institution applies for the subsidy. It collaborates with other institutions or companies established in the Netherlands. Collaboration with companies is not mandatory. If you collaborate with other parties, the knowledge institution is always the lead applicant. - The activities focus on research and development projects: a) systems that enable the application of hydrogen propulsion; b) technologies supporting a), thus not propulsion technology itself; c) projects focused on smart constructions and lightweight materials, such as the application of thermoplastics; d) technologies and processes that contribute to components a) through c) in combination with the general objectives of this subsidy module.

Netherlands: TechBridge (NL-DE-FR) - Innovating Aerospace Business with Quantum Tech

(in development!, TBD)

Name of funding organisation	Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	TechBridge
Programme website	https://english.rvo.nl/techbridge
Programme owner	Ministry of Economic Affairs
Executing funding organisation	RVO
Contact	Email: niels.vanleeuwen@rvo.nl / arnold.meijer@rvo.nl
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	€ 2.000.000
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	1 NL company and 1 international German and/or (tbd) France partner NL: industry led projects. Dutch research organisations can participate as partner, not required. International R&D collaboration with minimal 1 German partner and/or (tbd) 1 France partner is required.
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	€ 1.000.000 (tbd) per project
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	Industry led: industrial research and Experimental development activities (~TRL 4-7).
Funding rates (approx.)	- SMEs: 45% for research activities, 35% for development activities - Large companies: 35% for research activities, 25% for development activities - Knowledge institutions: 50% for research activities, 25% for development activities Maximum funding for Dutch applicant(s) per project: € 1000.000 (tbd). See https://english.rvo.nl/techbridge
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Opening call: March/April 2026 (tbd) Submission deadline: June 2026 (tbd) Funding decision expected: September 2026 (tbd)
Further information	In the TechBridge call Dutch businesses are invited to submit a joint project proposal with German and/or France (tbd) organizations within the scope of the call (Quantum Technologies for Areospace). When this requirement is met Dutch knowledge institutions can also participate as partners. International collaboration with German and/or (tbd) French partners is required. Project partners can receive funding if they meet the rules and conditions of their own funding bodies. In the Netherlands, that body is the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO).

	The collaborative project must focus on researching or developing an innovative product, process, or service, with the aim of commercialising the results. The product, process, or service must be innovative, with a technological risk present for all participating partners. Projects must target civil applications. The project must deliver clear benefits and added value through technological collaboration. No single organisation or participating country may cover more than 70% of the total eligible project costs. The maximum project duration is 36 months. The grant amount depends on the type of organization and the project activities. The maximum subsidy per project may vary per call and will be announced for each call. Only research and development (R&D) activities can be funded. All other costs must be covered by the participating parties themselves. Further details will be published in the call text (tbd) and on the RVO website.
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Romania: ANPC

Name of funding organisation	National Authority for Research
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	PNCDI IV- Program 5.7 - Parteneriat pentru Inovare (Innovation partnerships)
Programme website	https://www.research.gov.ro/programe-nationale/planul-national-de-cercetare-dezvoltare-si-inovare-2022-2027/pncdi-iv-programe-subprograme-instrumente-de-finantare/
Programme owner	National Authority for Research
Executing funding organisation	UEFISCDI
Contact	Beatrice Paduroiu Email: beatrice.paduroiu@research.gov.ro Viorel Vulturescu Email: viorel.vulturescu@research.gov.ro
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	tbd
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	tbd
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	tbd
Funding rates (approx.)	See https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/proiect-de-transfer-la-operatorul-economic
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Competition dates for 2026: - <i>Tbd</i>
Further information	Provided soon

United Kingdom: ATI Programme

Name of funding organisation	Aerospace Technology Institute
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National
Name of the programme/initiative	ATI Programme
Programme website	www.ati.org.uk/funding/
Programme owner	DBT
Executing funding organisation	ATI & Innovate UK
Contact	Chris Low Email: chris.low@ati.org.uk / competitions@ati.org.uk
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	TDB
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	See www.ati.org.uk/funding
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	See www.ati.org.uk/funding/technology-readiness-levels-trl/
Funding rates (approx.)	See www.ati.org.uk/funding
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	Competition dates for 2025 – ATI-Programme-Competition-Dates-2025-171224 <i>To be updated with 2026 when published.</i>
Further information	• The outline proposal must satisfy the ATI Programme assessment criteria. • Success of JoinED project in partner programme does not impact ATI decision to award project. • The need for robust commercial exploitation in the UK is emphasized • The planned cooperation must in all cases be documented by an LOI from the international partner(s) • In principle, a balanced workload ratio between UK and the partner country is expected within the consortium.

United Kingdom: UKRI

Name of funding organisation	UKRI
Type of the programme (national/regional)	National / regional
Name of the programme/initiative	Various
Programme website	www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding
Programme owner	UKRI
Executing funding organisation	UKRI
Contact	David Tricker David.tricker@iuk.ukri.org
Funding Commitment (total/dedicated for aviation international cooperation; if known before call start)	TBD
Minimum required number of fundable research partners	n/a
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	n/a
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	1-7
Funding rates (approx.)	Various
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	See www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding
Further information	-

Attachment B: International partner-consortium data sheet (Overview international consortium)

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Overview international consortium

Participating countries (Status 05.11.2025): AT, DE, NL, RO, UK



Further information:

<https://areanasynergies.eu/>

and national call website

I. Main project data regarding the international consortium

Project acronym	
Project title	
Planned starting date of the project (earliest starting date)	
Total project duration (months)	
Total person months	
Total project costs (Euro)	
Requested funding (Euro)	

II. Consortium

	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner N
Country				
Project acronym				
Organisation				
Organisation type				
Organisation size				
Contact person title/name				
Contact person e-mail address				
Contact person tel. number				
TRL* at project start				
TRL* at project end (expected)				
Type of research** (Industrial research or Experimental development)				
Total project costs (Euro)				
Requested funding (Euro)				
Person months				
Funding organisation				
Funding programme				

*see also <https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/somd/space-communications-navigation-program/technology-readiness-levels/>

**see also https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/publications/reports/2015/10/frascati-manual-2015_q1q57dcb/9789264239012-en.pdf

III. Project summary

Please summarise briefly the innovation of your project, overall objectives, market needs, targeted innovation and expected results. Please specify the added value from this transnational cooperation (up to 3000 characters recommended).