

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

International JoinED Call 2025/26

1. Which countries are participating to this JoinED Call?

Answer: Currently Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Romania and the United Kingdom. Any other country might join, important: the country must provide a preliminary funding indication till latest 31st October 2026.

2. Will the slides be shared after the Webinar?

Answer: Yes, please have a look here: <https://www.ffg.at/en/event/joined-call-2025-2026>

3. Where can I find the contact on national level?

Answer: The contacts you may find in the Tables-Attachment here: [International JoinED Call 2025/26 Guidelines](#)

4. Where can I find potential project partners?

Answer: 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>

5. How and where do I submit a project proposal?

Answer: Project proposals are to be submitted on national level. Some countries have fully online submission systems.

6. Should the international consortium submit a project summary?

Answer: Yes, a short project summary, as well as an overview of the international consortium should be submitted. The template can be found here: [International JoinED Call 2025/26 Guidelines](#)

7. Is it possible to submit a joint proposal with a country beyond the five participating countries (e.g. Austria & Switzerland)?

Answer: Yes, if the country may provide a funding indication till 31st October 2026. An option might be also that you check with regional funding entities.

8. Who can apply to this JoinED Call, are there some specific eligibility criteria?

Answer: The eligibility of the applicants depends on the respective national funding programmes. SMEs, large companies, academic research groups, universities, research organisations or other research organisations can apply according to their regional/national regulations. Applicants are requested to discuss the eligibility criteria with the respective national funding organisation.

9. Is there an expectation for the size of joined consortia and volume of projects / funding rates?

Answer: The amount of funding requested can vary considerably, depending on the total funds available in the respective national call for proposals. Individual national calls may specify upper limits; please check the relevant national regulations for these limits and the applicable funding rates.

10. What are the rules about affiliated companies in each country as project partner in the dedicated partner projects?

Answer: Please contact the national funding entity as the rules are different for each country participating to the call.

11. Will funding programmes (e.g. the Dutch RVO/LiT programs) have any budget reserved specifically for international collaborations?

Answer: Yes, some countries (for example Austria) do have a reserved budget for this JoinED Call. Some countries do not have a fixed budget. Please refer to the individual national calls funding regulations.

12. If the project will be accepted in one country for funding, but it will be rejected in another one - how to deal with this situation?

Answer: That depends on the rules of the programme which accepted the project. When this programme mandatorily expects international cooperation, your project will not be funded. Please contact the national funding entity, as the national rules might be different.

13. Is there any interest/plans to also fund advanced air mobility - drone applications, eVTOLs, High altitude platforms?

Answer: The topic is supported in most of the countries participating to the JoinED call. Please contact the national funding entity for the case that this topic is explicitly excluded by national level regulations.

14. Will national committees give an early (non-binding) indication about the funding decision in case of timelines that are not aligned?

Answer: Funding decisions will be communicated latest till 31 Oct 2026. Please note, that some countries might provide earlier (non-binding) feedback of their national evaluations. Please contact your national funding entity.

15. How is the 1 stage application for TakeOff and 2 stage application for LuFo synced?

Answer: By the funding decisions. All participating countries to the JoinED Call need to provide a funding indication till end of October 2026. This funding indication shall be sufficient to confirm funding for the individual national sub-consortia. As of LuFo, a required 2nd stage application may start after that date.

16. Is there a plan to release LuFo VII-2 in English Language also?

Answer: No, currently this is not the case.

17. Will it help on national level scoring of proposals to mention that the research topic of the proposal fits within this JoinED call?

Answer: The topic should fit and be aviation related. Please refer to the national guidelines in case some topics are specifically excluded from the call. Please note, that some countries have dedicated budget for this transnational call and that budget might be valid for a specific topic only.

18. Regarding LuFo program: Is there a requirement regarding the funding ratio of industry partners to research partners? If yes, is it valid for German partners only or for the whole international consortium?

Answer: There is no specific min/max ratio defined. However, the industry participation should be “serious” and therefore not too small.

19. If a project fits to FFG and DLR-PT, should I wait for LuFo or could I go as a German company via FFG?

Answer: The Austrian partners apply for funds in Austria (Take Off or General Programmes) and the German partners- in Germany (LuFo).

20. Will the LuFo 2026 Call be purely an international JoinED Call or is this only a part of the LuFo 2026 Call also with not joined Projects?

Answer: 2026 will be an integrated call with international and purely national projects. 2027 is planned to be purely international again.

21. Is it possible for a research institution from the UK to contribute with a small contribution to an otherwise purely German consortium?

Answer: For participating in the JoinED call (including bonus points), an industry contribution is required. This may be combined with a UK research institution.

22. In case of timelines that are not aligned, how will the funding indication be communicated?

Answer: Generally, you may expect an (non-binding) indication that may be conditional (e.g.... will be funded, provided your international partner(s) will be funded by their funding entity).

23. How will the project proposals be evaluated?

Answer: The submitted project proposals will be evaluated according to the national rules of the programme participating to the JoinED call. Please refer to the national guidelines for the call.

If you have additional questions, please contact the national funding entity, please find the national contacts in the respective table: [International JoinED Call 2025/26 Guidelines](#).