

# Call-FAQ

Read the call text and documents referred to in it carefully. This document is to assist in finding information quickly and answering common questions.

## Have you any tips regarding how to integrate gender diversity into the project?

- **Don't leave this to the last minute!** Start thinking about this when starting the project plan rather than trying to "deal with it" as afterthought.
- Swedish Mining Innovation has a gender diversity virtual platform developed by RISE to help you: <https://www.swedishmininginnovation.se/sv/utbildning-i-inkluderande-innovation/> ,
- See also a short video on gender inclusion: [Link to video on youtube](#)
- Check information from Vinnova here: <https://www.vinnova.se/m/jamstalld-innovation/>

Some ideas to consider:

- What benefits could gender balance give your project?
- How are your partners working with gender diversity? Is there something your or their organizations can contribute and incorporate in the project? What is the industry perspective?
- Incorporate an externally facilitated workshop/strategy into your project plan?
- How will you follow-up during the project?
- Understand your local conditions – you may have an unbalanced team, is it possible to diversify during the project? How can you insure that both men and women are involved in the development of the solution? Is it possible to make an inclusive reference group or steering group or other input to the project?
- In what environment will the solution be applied? How can your project contribute to more attractive and inclusive work environment, including work culture, safety where gender can play a role?
- If you have a grants office (at university/institute for example) contact them for specific ideas in your project, they may offer workshops.

## **Foreign participation**

Foreign companies and research actors, NGOs etc. may be partners in projects and can contribute in-kind or cash to the project. They cannot receive funding. The benefit to the project and Swedish industry should be clearly described in the application.

A foreign actor counts towards the number of partners.

A foreign research actor counts as a research actor.

Note that the coordinator must be a Swedish organization.

## **Budget**

### **Can costs incurred before project start be eligible costs?**

No.

### **Can costs incurred before project start be considered as inkind?**

No for most costs posts. However, use of previously purchased equipment, as depreciation during the project, may be eligible. Please review Vinnova's rules carefully and contact them for clarifications.

### **Are costs of patenting/IP protection eligible costs?**

No.

## **Co-financing / aid intensity calculation**

Aid intensity (or funding level) refers to:

the funding from Vinnova/total project budget

There are limits for aid intensity for the project, and also for individual organizations. See the call text.

## **What are eligible costs?**

See stödberättigande kostnader here: <https://www.vinnova.se/sok-finansiering/regler-for-finansiering/allmanna-villkor/>

or in English here under Eligible

Costs: <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/>

## **What are overall terms and conditions for Vinnova financing, e.g. the roles and responsibilities of coordinators, partners; need for Partner agreement, IPR, auditing, reporting etc?**

Vinnova provides information on its website in

English: <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/> and in

Swedish: <https://www.vinnova.se/sok-finansiering/regler-for-finansiering/allmanna-villkor/>

## **Will we need a project agreement between partners?**

Yes. An agreement between partners will be required within a few months of starting the project. Vinnova will set this deadline. You do not need this for the application.

<https://www.vinnova.se/globalassets/huvudsajt/sok-finansiering/regler-och-villkor/dokument/avtalsguide-190508.pdf>

## **How do I fill in the application in Vinnova's portal?**

You will need to create an account if you do not already have one. The login is individual, not institutional. After you have an account, click on the "ansök här" or "apply here" at the bottom of the Vinnova page: Inside the portal there is more information about how to fill in the application.

Vinnova has a guide for preparing applications here:

- [Guide för att ansöka om finansiering från Vinnova | Vinnova](#)
- [Guide for applying for funding from Vinnova | Vinnova](#)