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**TEC-CONNECT – 5<sup>TH</sup> BILATERAL COOPERATION CALL  
AUSTRIA – MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MOST) PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
CALL GUIDELINE**

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## 1 KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

This call for Austrian-Chinese cooperative R&D projects is jointly supported with funding managed by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) and funding managed by the China Science and Technology Exchange Center (CSTEC) on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China (MOST). The call promotes the bilateral collaboration in application-oriented research and development projects. A funding budget of **EUR 1 MIO** is available for Austrian partners. **The present Call Guideline applies only to Austrian project partners.** A corresponding [announcement of the Chinese call for proposals](#) has been published by MOST on their website.

Table 1: Call overview

Key Facts	Information
Funding instrument	Cooperative R&D project
Research category	Industrial research (TRL2-4)
Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Battery Technologies for Electric Vehicles</li> <li>Advanced Fuel Cells and Electrolysis for Electric Vehicles</li> </ol>
Funding amount	min. 100,000 EUR to max. 500,000 EUR for total project duration
Funding rate	max. 85%, dependent on organisation type (see Technical Guidelines for Cooperative R&D Projects at transnational level)
Duration	12 - 36 months
Cooperation	Yes, required
Total call budget	1.000.000 EUR
Funding provider	BMK
Submission deadline	Proposal via FFG eCall: <b>23.04.2025, 12:00 C.E.T.</b>
Language	English
Contact	<b>Svenja Hermann</b> , T: +43 (0)57755-5035 E: <a href="mailto:svenja.hermann@ffg.at">svenja.hermann@ffg.at</a> <b>Johannes Fritzer</b> , T +43 (0)57755-5035, E <a href="mailto:johannes.fritzer@ffg.at">johannes.fritzer@ffg.at</a> <b>Michael Zimmermann</b> , T: +43 (0)57755-4905, E: <a href="mailto:michael.zimmermann@ffg.at">michael.zimmermann@ffg.at</a>
Information on the Web	<a href="https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/TEC-ConnectMOST2024">https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/TEC-ConnectMOST2024</a>

The full set of application documents must be submitted in Austria via [eCall](#) by the submission deadline.

All proposals from the Chinese partners should be submitted to MOST/CSTEC online via their services.

Table 2: Timeline

<b>Selection procedure Austria</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Submission deadline</b>	23.04.2025, 12:00 C.E.T.
<b>Formal check</b>	April/May 2025
<b>Evaluation</b>	May 2025
<b>Funding decision</b>	June 2025

**Please note:**

If the application does not meet the formal requirements for project submissions in accordance with the conditions and criteria of the respective funding instrument, and if the deficiencies cannot be corrected, the application will be excluded from the further procedure and will be formally rejected without exception in accordance with the principle of equal treatment of applications. The FFG's eCall system provides support in this respect, but the ultimate responsibility for compliance with the formal requirements still rests with the applicants.

## 2 MOTIVATION

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The aim of the call for cooperative R&D projects (later referred to as projects) is to support the jointly identified research topics with mutual interests and scientific excellence based on the existing cooperation agreement between the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST). The purpose of this call is to foster the joint research cooperation between Austria and China and improve the visibility of the successful collaboration between the two parties.

Projects funded in the framework of this call are intended to intensify scientific and applied research cooperation between Austrian and Chinese research organisations and companies in order to give new impulses for excellent research between the two countries. **Moreover, research partners shall create a base for possible further collaboration and value creation.**

The participation of female scientists is particularly welcome and considered in the evaluation criteria.

### **The goals of this call are to:**

1. Strengthen the innovation potential of internationally competitive and resilient FTI partners
2. Begin or extend collaborations with Chinese partners beyond the project
3. Build up research competences in at least one of the relevant topics stated in the section „call topics“ of the document
4. Improve the access for Austrian R&D and innovation players to national and international partners
5. Support companies and R&D institutions to network with relevant decision-makers in the partner country
6. Strengthen the business and technology base in Austria and its value creation through targeted support to connect Austrian technology innovations abroad

### 3 CALL TOPICS

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Projects shall contribute to challenge driven research, development and innovation for carbon free and clean mobility systems. They shall stimulate the transition towards carbon free and clean mobility systems. Projects shall contribute to the development of **climate-neutral propulsion technologies** and improvement of their **environmental friendliness and resource efficiency** through the advancement of reusable, modular, and recyclable materials.

Particularly they shall contribute to the following R&D goals and topics:

#### **1) Advanced Battery Technologies for Electric Vehicles**

(Advanced Battery Technologies (advanced materials for Solid State Batteries, circular economy technologies and battery safety improvements, Such as development of AI-enabled solid state battery materials, design and shaping technology of easily-recyclable and high-safety battery packs.) for Electric Vehicles.)

#### **2) Advanced Fuel Cells and Electrolysis for Electric Vehicles**

(Advanced Fuel Cells and Electrolysis (cell, stack and system innovation, e.g. the substitution of perfluoralkyl membranes and recycling technologies, Design of range-extended solid oxide fuel cell power system and R&D of key components) for Electric Vehicles.)

Submitted Projects shall be in line with the Austrian Mobility Masterplan 2030 and the Austrian Circular Economy strategy.

[Mobility Masterplan 2030 \(bmk.gv.at\)](https://www.bmk.gv.at/mobility-masterplan-2030)

[Circular economy strategy \(bmk.gv.at\)](https://www.bmk.gv.at/circular-economy-strategy)

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

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### 4.1 General Requirements for the Austrian-Chinese consortium

This call shall bring together research capacities from Austrian and Chinese research institutions and companies. The FFG Technical Guidelines for Cooperative R&D projects at transnational level apply to this call. Cooperative R&D Projects are defined as being carried out by at least two consortium partners working together on a common R&D project. The special characteristics of this call and deviations from the relevant guidelines are described below.

The following criteria must be met:

- The consortium shall consist of at least one Chinese company and one Austrian company partner, which are independent of each other.
- The cooperation between the Chinese and Austrian cooperative units should be basically balanced.
- Collaborative research projects will be supported for a period of 12 – 36 months.
- The consortium can also involve research organisations in addition to the obligatory company partners.
- In addition to that, a collaboration with other non-commercial institutions is possible. In this case, the requirements to the consortium still have to be fulfilled.
- Individual companies account for a maximum of 70% of the eligible project costs, with shares of affiliated companies counting as one company.
- Research institution(s) bear(s) at least 10% and a maximum of 80% of the eligible costs (relates to the total share of Austrian and Chinese research institutions).
- Contract research and research services do not apply as cooperation in the sense of a cooperative R&D project.
- Researchers of both countries should contribute equally to the competence of the partnership. In the partnership, researchers of the participating organisations work on a defined research project, which is divided into coordinated work packages designed to reach a common research goal. The proposal provides sufficient level of skill, equipment and manpower capabilities necessary to work on the defined research project.
- The project shall be **managed jointly by an Austrian and a Chinese applicant.**
- Research institutions shall be entitled to **publish the results of the research** carried out by the respective institution(s).

- The results of the research shall be shared by the participating Austrian and Chinese researchers.
- All Austrian and Chinese partners involved in the project have to conclude a **Consortium Agreement on issues such as intellectual property rights, liability and confidentiality**. Specifically the following must be included:
  - The applicant must ensure that the bilateral projects submitted are not aimed at developing **weapons or violence-promoting products**.
  - The applicant must ensure that the bilateral projects submitted are not aimed at **gambling** of any kind (i.e. games in which the outcome is determined exclusively or predominantly by chance).
  - The applicant must ensure that the bilateral projects submitted respect the **principles of research ethics and integrity**.<sup>1</sup> The payment of funding depends on compliance with these requirements.
  - This **Consortium Agreement**, signed by all partners, has to be provided to FFG before the respective **national funding contract** is signed.
- Any other **commercial and/or export restrictions** currently in place must be observed, including provisions concerning the export of **dual-use** technology.
- The consortium shall avoid any form of discrimination (age, gender, religion, physical features etc.) in accordance with national laws.
- Funding will be provided to each partner by the corresponding national funding agency according to the respective rules.
- Austrian partners and Chinese partners may cover their costs by own funds and/or grants provided by Austria or China.

## 4.2 National requirements for submission of proposals

The call is addressed to Austrian FTI partners. The target group are manufacturing companies and commercial service providers as well as universities and application-oriented research institutions that have appropriate technology offers or technology-related services and are internationally oriented.

International orientation of the supported companies and corresponding capacity for (subsequent) collaboration activities are important.

The following requirements shall apply to submissions by Austrian participants **in addition to** the general requirements specified in Chapter 4.1 (above):

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<sup>1</sup> c.f. section 2.10. of the [Technical Guidelines for Cooperative R&D Projects at Transnational Level \(Version 4.0\)](#)

- Austrian applicants must specifically outline how the project will support value creation in Austria as well as provide specific **exploitation strategies**. This has to be addressed in **Annex 1** to the application.
- Furthermore Austrian applicants must show the contribution the project will make to **knowledge valorisation and increasing the added value** in Austria. This has to be addressed in **Annex 1** to the application.
- Austrian applicants have to complete an **Ethics and Integrity self-assessment**.  
All project activities of the consortium must be carried out in compliance with the Horizon Europe Ethics Guidelines.

Typical ethics-relevant topics are

- **Declarations of consent:** Does the application include inter alia:
  - persons who cannot give consent? (children, etc.)
  - a collection of human data? Research on human embryos/fetuses?
- **Privacy:** Does the application involve
  - the processing of genetic information or personal data (e.g. health, sexual orientation, ethnicity, political beliefs, religious or philosophical beliefs)?
  - the tracking of the whereabouts or the observation of persons?
- **Environment & health and safety**
- **Dual-use**
- **Research with potential military or terrorist application**
- **Misuse**

This has to be addressed in **Annex 2** to the application.

Annex 2 should be in line with the [respective European requirements](#)<sup>2</sup>

**The provisions of the [Technical Guidelines for cooperative projects at the transnational level](#) have to be met.**

**The following provisions apply in deviation from the Technical Guidelines for Cooperative R&D Projects at Transnational Level:**

- At least one Austrian company must participate in the Austrian-Chinese consortium.

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<sup>2</sup> The FFG reserves the right to request additional information to clarify the ethics requirements of the applicants and to use this as a basis for the assessment and funding decision. The ethics self-assessment must be signed by a person authorised to represent the legal entity and submitted with the application. If it is not submitted the funding application will be eliminated from the procedure.

- The Austrian company must be the Austrian consortium leader.
- The amount of funding requested by the Austrian partners must be **between 100,000 EUR to max 500,000 EUR**.
- Companies are eligible to apply if they have a permanent establishment or branch (according to Council Directive 2011/96/EU of 30 November 2011, in conjunction with Art. 1 (5) a GBER, No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014) in Austria at the time of submission of the application and payment of funding.
  - Art. 2 (b): ‘Permanent establishment’ means a fixed place of business situated in a Member State through which the business of a company of another Member State is wholly or partly carried on in so far as the profits of that place of business are subject to tax in the Member State in which it is situated by virtue of the relevant bilateral tax treaty or, in the absence of such a treaty, by virtue of national law;
  - Art. 3 (1) Definition of parent company and subsidiary.
- The **EUR-CNY conversion rate** of the European Central Bank ECB at the date of submission shall apply. This can either be the reference date specified in the proposal or the conversion rate provided by the ECB/ECB on a monthly basis. The rate must be specified in the proposal. The conversion rate shall apply for the duration of the project and for all reports related thereto.
- The **participation and financing of additional international partners** in the consortium shall be **excluded** in this bilateral call in deviation from the provisions of the Technical Guidelines. Organisations from outside Austria or China may be involved as sub-contractors of Austrian partners.

FFG will check whether the Austrian project part is properly allocated to the research category of ‘Industrial Research’ based on the Project Description. If the project does not qualify as Industrial Research, this may result in a rejection of the project .

### 4.3 Application and evaluation procedure

The full set of **Austrian application documents must be submitted electronically** to FFG via [eCall](#) within the Austrian submission deadline.

Chinese partners are asked to submit their applications to MOST/CSTEC. Rules for submission and funding are communicated by MOST/CSTEC.

Each proposal must follow the regulations of the respective agency. Proposals failing to fulfil all formal requirements and unilateral applications will be rejected. The **content** of the proposals submitted to FFG and MOST/CSTEC **must be consistent**.

**A common short title must be chosen for the Austrian and the Chinese submission.**

The Austrian proposal must indicate **all Austrian and all Chinese project partners**, must clearly **lay down the division of work** between the partners and **must indicate all Austrian and Chinese project costs**.

The proposals will be **evaluated by the respective funding agencies** involved following the respective national evaluation procedures and criteria. A project will be recommended for funding if both involved funding agencies achieve a positive evaluation result.

The **final funding decision** is made by the Management Board of FFG on the basis of the funding recommendations of the evaluation panel. MOST/CSTEC is responsible for the funding decision for the Chinese partners.

## 5 FUNDING CRITERIA

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Applications for funding are evaluated in Austria according to 4 criteria:

1. Quality of the project
2. Suitability of project participants
3. Benefit and exploitation
4. Relevance to the call

The tables below show the relevant sub-criteria. In the course of the assessment, points will be assigned to each criterion. Projects not reaching the stated threshold value for a certain criterion will be rejected. Reaching zero points in one of the sub-criteria of the 4th criteria "Relevance to the Call" the project will be rejected as well.

*Table 3: Call Criterion „Quality of the project“*

1. Quality of the project (threshold = 18 points)	Max. points 30
1.1 To what extent does the <b>innovation content</b> of the project exceed the state of the art, existing products, services, processes or existing knowledge?	<b>10</b>
1.2 Have the project goals been clearly defined and can they be realistically achieved? Are the <b>approaches</b> suitable for achieving the goals of the individual work packages? Have the risks in the work packages been adequately addressed and corresponding measures provided?	<b>5</b>

1. Quality of the project (threshold = 18 points)	Max. points 30
<p><b>1.3 Quality of planning:</b> Is the structure of the work packages and the associated division of work adequate for the goals of the project?</p> <p>Is the overall planning adequate for achieving the project goals?</p>	<b>5</b>
<p>1.4 If the content of the project and the research results affect people: To what extent have gender-specific topics been taken into account in the planning process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quality of the analysis of the gender-specific topics</li> <li>- Consideration in the methodological approach of the project</li> </ul> <p>(more information can be found <a href="#">here</a>)</p> <p>Projects in which content and focus have no gender relevance according to this analysis will score full points in this subcategory.</p>	<b>5</b>
<p>1.5 To what extent does the project take into account <b>sustainability goals</b> (ecological, social, economic), in particular in terms of climate neutrality?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How is sustainability, in particular climate neutrality, taken into account in the planning and implementation of the project and is the methodological approach chosen adequate? (more information can be found <a href="#">here</a>)</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>

Table 4: Call Criterion „Suitability of project participants“

2. Suitability of project participants (threshold = 12 points)	Max. points 20
2.1 Does the consortium have the necessary subject-specific and management <b>skills and qualifications</b> and the skills required to achieve the sustainability goals?	<b>8</b>
2.2 Does the project plan provide sufficient and appropriate <b>resources</b> for the planned implementation?	<b>8</b>
2.3 Does the composition of the project team reflect the aim to improve the gender <b>balance</b> in the sector?	<b>4</b>

Table 5: Call Criterion „Benefit and exploitation“

3. Benefit and exploitation (threshold = 18 points)	Max. points 30
3.1 What is the benefit of the project for the <b>target group(s)</b> (e.g. users, customers, contracting authorities ...) and what are the <b>impacts and effects</b> (positive and negative) of the project in terms of sustainability (social, ecological, economic), in particular in terms of climate neutrality?	<b>12</b>
3.2 What is the <b>benefit of the project for the project participants</b> (e.g. in terms of expanding R&D capacities, opening up new fields of business	<b>18</b>

<b>3. Benefit and exploitation (threshold = 18 points)</b>	<b>Max. points 30</b>
etc.)? How concrete, transparent and complete are the <b>exploitation strategy and the exploitation potential</b> ?	



Table 6: Call Criterion „Relevance to the Call“




<b>4. Relevance to the Call (threshold = 12 points)</b>	<b>Max. points 20</b>
4.1 How relevant/important is the project in terms of achieving the <b>call objectives</b> ? Does the project sufficiently and adequately address the <b>call topic</b> ?	<b>15</b>
4.2 What is the <b>incentive effect</b> of the funding? To what extent will the funding help to implement the project at all and/or within a shorter timeframe, and/or with higher ambition, and/or in a larger scope?	<b>5</b>

## 6 CALL DOCUMENTS

The full set of Austrian application documents must be submitted via [eCall](#) as part of the electronic application. The cost plan must show the project costs broken down to work package level. This also applies to accounts rendered as part of the reporting process. Applicants are requested to use the specific templates provided for the submission of their projects. The funding conditions, application procedure and funding criteria are described in the corresponding Technical Guidelines and Call guidelines (present document).

Table 7: Overview of national call documents

Additional documents for Austrian participants	Documents in detail
<b>National Call Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–  Call Guideline for Austrian Applicants (present document)</li> <li>–  <a href="#">Technical Guidelines for Cooperative R&amp;D Projects at Transnational Level (Version 4.0)</a></li> </ul>

Additional documents for Austrian participants	Documents in detail
<b>Application form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–  Project Proposal template (available in Downloadcenter)</li> <li>–  <a href="#">Declaration on SME status</a> (if required)<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
<b>General Cost regulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–  <a href="#">Cost Guideline 3.1</a> (eligibility of costs in FFG projects)</li> </ul>
<b>Download</b>	– <a href="https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/TEC-ConnectMOST-2024">https://www.ffg.at/ausschreibung/TEC-ConnectMOST-2024</a>

## 7 LEGAL BASIS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS

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### 7.1 Funding decision and legal basis

The **final funding decision** is made by the Management Board of FFG on the basis of the funding recommendations of the evaluation panel.

Legal Basis for this call are the Guidelines of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency mbH for offensive and transformative RTI funding ([FFG Offensiv guidelines](#)).

For a definition of SME – small and medium sized enterprises – see the applicable SME definition under EU competition law. Further information is available on the [SME-webpage of FFG](#).

All EU regulations are to be applied as amended.

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<sup>3</sup> If there is no information available in the Austrian Business Compass (e.g. for associations and start-ups), a Declaration of SME Status must be provided upon submission of the proposal. In the template provided by the FFG, applicants must (as far as possible) categorise their business for the last three years according to the SME definition.

## 7.2 Procurement within the project

If you are planning or carrying out procurements as part of your FFG project, there are regulations that must be adhered to. Further information can be found on the [FFG website - Procurement in funded projects](#).

# 8 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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This section contains information about additional funding options and services which you may find useful in connection with funding applications or funded projects.

## 8.1 Technology Readiness Levels

Regarding the eligible research categories “industrial research” or “experimental development” the technology readiness levels (TRL) scheme from the [Communication from the Commission: A European strategy for Key Enabling Technologies – A bridge to growth and jobs](#), page 18 applies.

## 8.2 Diversity in the team composition

Diverse teams can be more innovative and productive due to their diversity and the different perspectives they include. A team composition that takes gender and diversity dimensions into account can ensure a higher quality of projects and the resulting research results, products and services. The effects of the project results on people are thus taken into account, e.g. by considering different needs in the use or manufacture of products. Different perspectives, experiences, world views and skills can contribute to the development of convincing solutions for society and the economy.

For more information see the FFG website: <https://www.ffg.at/gleichstellung>

## 8.3 FFG Project Database

The public access [FFG Project Database](#) (provides the opportunity to publish brief information about funded projects and an overview of the project partners involved. This enables you to present your project and your project partners to the interested public. The database can also be used to search for cooperation partners.

Once funding is granted, the applicants are informed via eCall that they can publish brief defined information about their project in the FFG Project Database. The information will only be published if active consent is given in the eCall system.

For more information see the [FAQs to the Project Database](#).

## 8.4 Service BMK Open4Innovation

The [open4innovation](#) platform of the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) offers an additional knowledge base for companies and researchers (community support, detailed information, success stories, etc.).

## 8.5 Open Access Publications

The research results obtained with public funding are to be exploited in the best possible way for science, industry and society. In this sense, open access should be strived for as far as possible in peer-reviewed publications that are created with the support of the funding awarded by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). The principle of "**as open as possible, as closed as necessary**" also applies to European funding.

Publication costs are included in the eligible project costs.

## 8.6 Handling project data – data management plan

A data management plan (DMP) is a tool that supports the efficient and systematic management of all data generated throughout the duration of a project.

DMPs can be created, e.g., using the free tool [DMP Online](#). The "[Guidelines on FAIR Data Management](#)" of the European Commission also provide assistance in this respect.

A data management plan describes

- which data are collected, processed or generated within a project
- how these data are handled within the project
- what methods and standards are applied
- how the data are stored and updated over the long term and
- whether it is planned to make datasets available to third parties for reuse (i.e., open access to research data)

In the event of publication, the data should be "findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable". Storing data in established and internationally recognised repositories (see the [re3data website](#)) is recommended to ensure broad access.

## 8.7 Research Security

Increased consideration of research security measures and principles of research ethics and integrity are an important concern of BMK and FFG in bilateral RTDI cooperations. Funding applicants are obliged to pay necessary attention to the areas of research security and foreign interference as well as ethical aspects of research cooperation when applying for this call.

Even before entering into a research cooperation with an international partner or partner institution, awareness of certain security aspects, threats and risks of such cooperation should exist within the participating organizations.

Concerning foreign interference the threats and risks of bilateral cooperation could be diverse and range from unintentional/unwanted knowledge and technology transfer, espionage, dual-use, foreign propaganda and disinformation, to violations of ethics and integrity, such as discrimination in any way, threats to personal safety, the reputation of the individual or the institution, human rights violations and reprisals against researchers.

The following resources can serve as useful for applicants concerning research security:

- [COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on enhancing research security](#)
- [Toolkit to help mitigate foreign interference in research and innovation](#)
- [Annotated collection of guidance for secure and successful international R&I cooperation](#)
- [Risk Appraisal](#)

### Dual Use

Concerning Dual Use we can recommend the two following 1h Webinars which have been recently conducted by European partner organizations:

1. [Key speaker: Marco Grancagnolo](#), Policy Coordinator for the Global Approach to Research and Innovation, International Cooperation Directorate, DG Research and Innovation
2. [Key Speaker: Maria Cristina Russo](#)

## 8.8 Intellectual property services

Austrian Technology Providers can get support to identify, protect and exploit their intellectual property.

The Austrian national contact point for intellectual property in open knowledge transfer (in brief: NCP-IP) was arranged by decision of federal government on 02

March 2010 on the basis of the EU IP-Recommendation in [BMBWF](#) together with the [BMAW](#) and with the [BMK](#). The contact point coordinates knowledge transfer activities at a national level, maintains contact with other comparable facilities in the Member States and represents Austria within the corresponding European bodies.

In the operative implementation, the NCP is supported by the professional expertise of the [Austria Wirtschaftsservice GmbH \(aws\)](#) and the [Austrian Research Promotion Agency \(FFG\)](#).

**The support includes (free of charge) [sample contracts \(Intellectual Property Agreement Guide\)](#) from the NCP-IP as well as [consulting packages from aws \(especially for “green SME”\)](#).**

## 8.9 Further Funding Options

Are you interested in other FFG funding opportunities?

The **Funding Service** is the central point of contact for your inquiries about FFG funding and consulting services. Contact us, we will be happy to advise you!

**Contact:** FFG Funding Service, T: +43 (0) 57755-0, E: [foerderservice@ffg.at](mailto:foerderservice@ffg.at)

Web: [Förderservice](#)

Further FFG funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

## 8.10 Annex: Checklist for Proposal submission

During the formalities check, the funding application is checked for formal correctness and completeness. Please note: If the formal requirements are not met and the deficiencies cannot be remedied, the funding or financing application will be excluded from the further procedure and formally rejected during the formal review due to the required equal treatment of all funding or financing applications without exception.

Table 8: Formalities check for funding application

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Deficiencies remediable</b>	<b>consequence</b>
The project description is sufficiently filled out and the correct language has been used.	The online project description must be completed in full  <i>Language: English</i>	No	Rejection for formal reasons
The funding applicant is authorised to submit an application.	The consortium leader has to be a company.	No	Rejection for formal reasons
For consortia: the project participants are eligible to participate	Companies, research institutes or universities can join as partners	No	Rejection for formal reasons
Minimum requirements for the consortium	<i>see Call Guidelines</i>	No	Rejection for formal reasons
The mandatory Annexes are included	<i>Annex 1 (Knowledge Valorization and Exploitation) and Annex 2 (Ethics &amp; Integrity) have to be provided</i>	No	Rejection for formal reasons