

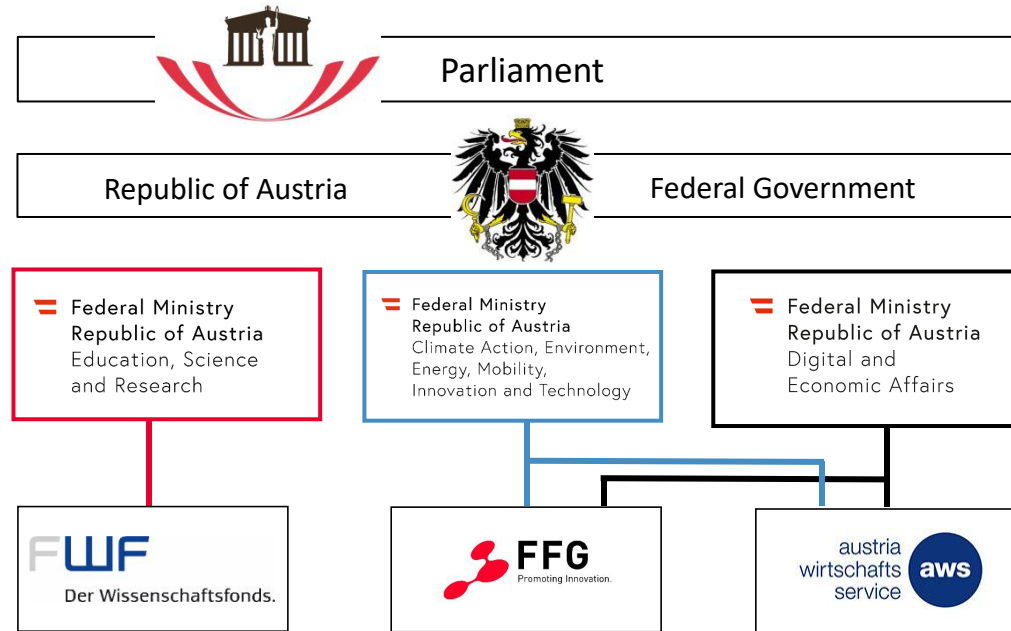
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**Project Framework in Austria**

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# THE AUSTRIAN INNOVATIONSYSTEM



# NATIONAL PRIORITIES & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## AUSTRIA

- National priorities
  - Strengthening Austria as a location for research and innovation
  - Drive economic, technological and social development
- Eligibility criteria for R&D projects
  - **Technical funding criteria** include in particular the degree of innovation and the technical challenge of the planned project
  - **The economic assessment** focuses on the commercialization potential and the applicant's economic performance
- Description of the target group:
  - SME, Large enterprises, Start-ups, (Universities and research organizations)

# FUNDING OUTLOOK

## AUSTRIA

- Themed Programmes
  - More Information: <https://www.ffg.at/thematische-programme>
- General Programme: “Basisprogramm“
  - **SME**: grant of up to 60% of eligible costs (**60%** for small companies - **50%** for medium sized companies)
  - **Large Company**: mixed funding of up to **50%** (funding is composed of a grant and a loan part)
  - **Universities** and **research organisations** may be subcontracted



## GENERAL PROGRAMME – EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

**Features:** Promotion of product, process and service developments

- R&D single firm project
- permanent open call
- open budget, projects of all sizes
- all projects are analyzed and assessed in terms of the technical and economic aspects for funding
- More Information:  
<https://www.ffg.at/programm/basisprogramm>



## How to present your R&D plans to the FFG?

- precise project description, task schedule and costs projection
  - be clear on: your degree of innovation and technical challenge
- cost-benefit calculation, project size and achievement of objectives have to be realistic
  - be clear on: your commercialization potential and economic performance
- co-operation possibilities (e.g. with science)



## PROJEKT.START

**Features:** attractive funding instrument for start-ups and SME to get support for preparation work for a concrete research project

- definition of project aims
- assessment of the state of the art and literature and patent research and technical risks
- execution of well-founded market and competitor analyses
- preparation of the project organization and project partners and cost plan with obtainment of offers

<https://www.ffg.at/en/projektstart>



## FUNDING FOR PREPERATION EXPENSES

- costs max. € 10.000,- (min. 60 % personell costs, third-party costs, travel costs)
- funding max. € 6.000,- grants (funding intensity 60 %)
- 1 per year and company
- submission of an application is possible at any time - swift approval processes
- terms of duration: max. 6 months – R&D work has to be startet (single firm project)

## PROJEKT.START FOR SME

Projekt.Start  
Preperation

### R&D project

Experimental  
Development  
TRL 5-7

Projekt.Start  
Preperation

### R&D project

Industrial Research  
TRL 3-4



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