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# Sweden national rules 2025 - Chips JU

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## Chips Joint Undertaking – Vinnova

## Legal requirements for the eligibility of a partner or a project

## Type or nature of participants

Calls are open for public and private companies of all sizes as well as for universities and research institutes in Sweden.

#### Funding conditions

The costs of all partners specified in the project budget and in the reporting to Vinnova shall harmonize with costs in accordance with the Grant Agreement with Chips JU and the costs reported to Chips JU, respectively.

Only legal entities are eligible for funding, natural persons will not be funded.

## Consortium configuration

The total eligible project costs of participating Swedish companies must amount to at least 60% of the aggregated eligible project costs of all Swedish participants in the project consortium.

#### Legal, administrative and financial conditions

Participating companies must have fulfilled fiscal obligations and must be able to cover their own expenses for the duration of the project.

 Participating companies must be registered as a limited company in Sweden (Aktiebolag).



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- Participating companies must have a permanent establishment in Sweden.
- Project activities must be conducted at sites that belong to a participating company. Project costs must belong to the participating company.
- Participating companies must be registered for employer's contribution.
- Participating companies must have submitted at least two annual reports to the Swedish Companies Registration Office (Bolagsverket).
- The company's most recent annual report/ financial statement should show that net sales or equity correspond to at least 50% of the public funding applied for from Vinnova and Chips JU.

Swedish SMEs must also show when submitting the full project proposal (FPP) that they:

- Have an annual net turnover of at least 1 million SEK according to the latest annual report.
- Have a minimum of three full time employees.

Net turnover does not include public funding from, for example, Vinnova or the EU Commission.

To calculate how big a company is, the EU's definition of small and mediumsized companies is applied: <u>Användarhandledning om definitionen av SMF-</u> <u>företag (vinnova.se)</u>

#### Other conditions

Vinnova helps to build Sweden's innovation capacity, contributing to sustainable growth. We make it possible for organisations to address challenges together by enabling innovation that makes a difference. All projects that Vinnova funds within Chips JU are expected to contribute to this mission.

Vinnova will check if the Swedish applicants are eligible considering the national eligibility rules, including Vinnova's terms and conditions for grants. In addition to that, Vinnova will assess the national relevance of the international project proposal based on the information about the Swedish applicant's contribution to the project, Vinnova's projects portfolio and national priorities.

Swedish applicants to Chips JU Calls 2025 **must** submit a joint National Part with the international full project proposal (FPP). In case the applicants fail to submit the National Part with the international FPP, they will be considered **not** 



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eligible for national funding. In the National Part, participating companies are required to provide a credible description of the project's impact on the company's technological knowledge, economic growth and future assets in Sweden. Participating universities or research institutes are required to provide a credible description of the project's impact on the university's or research institute's scientific and technological knowledge base and positive impact on Swedish society in general. It is important that each partner clearly describes their role in the project, their goals with the project, how they will benefit from the project and added value from international collaboration. The Swedish consortium needs to specify in the National Part to which goals of Agenda 2030 the project contributes to and how the Swedish consortium contributes to the integration of gender equality aspects in the project.

A template for the Swedish National Part is available at Vinnova's website for the Chips JU Calls 2025.

If the international project proposal is selected for funding in Chips JU Calls 2025, the Swedish consortium must submit one joint national application to Vinnova. The project description attached to the national application should be based on the National Part submitted together with FPP application to Chips JU. After PAB decision on projects selected for funding in Chips JU Calls 2025, Vinnova will contact the Swedish applicants to provide a template for the national application för funding and specific information about the submission process.

Vinnova obtains information about the credit status of all applicant companies prior to the national funding decision. The applicants must comply with the national rules and special conditions for participation in Chips JU on the date of the national decision.

Vinnova uses information we receive from credit reports, currently from Dun & Bradstreet.

For us to grant funding, the following applies:

- Organizations seeking funding for personnel costs must be registered as employers with the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket).
- Organizations must not be insolvent or undergoing liquidation or corporate restructuring. They must also not have unpaid debts with the Swedish Enforcement Authority (Kronofogdemyndigheten).



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- Limited liability companies must not have used up half or more of their share capital.
- If requested, SMEs must be able to demonstrate that they have the financial means to carry out the project according to their budget in the application. They cannot use public grants or own funds intended for other projects to cover project costs in this call.

## Eligible costs and funding rates

#### Vinnova's terms and conditions

§ 6.1 (Eligible costs) in Vinnova's terms and conditions for funding is replaced by the eligible costs and the calculation of these specified in the Grant Agreement with Chips JU. Otherwise Vinnova's general terms and conditions for national funding applies. In addition, observe Vinnova's national rules and special conditions for participation in Chips JU applies. For further details, please see the full version of the national eligibility rules in the Vinnova website for the Chips JU Calls 2025.

#### Funding rates

In the table below the national funding rates for Swedish participants in Chips JU are presented. The funding rates must be within the limits given by <a href="State Aid Rules">State Aid Rules</a>. Vinnova grants funding in accordance with Article 25 of the EU Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). In this call, we provide companies with support for industrial research.

In this the call for proposals Vinnova also provides support to organisations that do not engage in economic activities. This means that they do not offer a service or product on a market. This usually includes universities, research institutes and other organisations. The maximum funding rate is 65% for participating universities and research institutes in Chips JU Calls 2025.

Please be aware that EU contribution doesn't count as state aid.

	Large Enterprises	Small and Medium Enterprises	Universities and Research Institutes
RIA - Research and Innovation Action	25%	35%	50%
IA - Innovation Action	20%	30%	50%
Focus Topics	20%	30%	50%



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Project Coordinator	Large Enterprises	Universities and Research Institutes
RIA - Research and Innovation Action	40%	65%
IA - Innovation Action	35%	65%
Focus Topics	35%	65%

## Additional information and other conditions

- Maximum Vinnova contribution to one project is limited to 2 000 000 €
- The maximum funding from Vinnova for a single large enterprise, university and research institute is equivalent to 730 000 €.
- The maximum funding from Vinnova for a small and medium enterprise is equivalent to 450 000 €.
- Vinnova use the exchange rate for Euro/SEK of the ECB on the date of Chips JU call FPP phase deadline.