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Sweden's Innovation Agency

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Funding Program: Future-proof society (Framtidssäkert samhälle)

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National/regional regulation

Indicative budget	900 000 €	
Maximum funding per project	300.000 € per project. 450.000 € per project if the whole project consortia are coordinated by a Swedish organisation.	
Project duration	Min. 12 months	Max. 36 months
Project types to be funded:		
	Exploratory Research	**Accelerating Innovation**
	No	**Yes**
Topics to be funded: All topics (1 ,2 and 3)		
Topic 1	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**
Trusted and transparent sustainable food value chains	Consumer agency and enabling food environments for healthy, safe and sustainable food practices	Innovative processing for sustainable, safe and nutritious food products
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	Vinnova: The food system of the future https://www.vinnova.se/en/innovation/food-system/ Looking for an industry partner in the Swedish food sector? Contact Sweden Food Arena https://swedenfoodarena.se/en/ Swedish actors who plan to apply to the FutureFoodS call for proposals can apply for planning grant from Vinnova. Activities that strengthen the proposal or the composition of the team can be funded. https://www.vinnova.se/en/calls-for-proposals/utlysning-2026-00442/planning-grant-for-international-proposal-2026/	

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Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Civil society organisations / NGO's

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

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Eligible organisations

Vinnova only supports legal entities. Universities, higher education institutions, research institutes, non-profit legal entities, companies, public authorities at national, regional and local level, civil society organisations and NGOs are eligible to receive funding from Vinnova for this call.

However, universities, higher education institutions and research institutes are **only** eligible for funding **together with** at least one project part from a company/ public authority/ civil society / NGO with a branch or operating location in Sweden.

Vinnova will check if the Swedish applicants are eligible considering the national eligibility rules, including Vinnova's terms and conditions for grants.

Before we decide on funding, we also carry out an overall assessment of the organisational and financial status of the entities receiving funding. We use information obtained from credit reports, currently provided by Dun & Bradstreet.

As part of our assessment, we verify the following:

- Organisations receiving funding for salary costs must be registered as employers with the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). If such registration is not in place at the time the funding decision is made, you must be able to demonstrate that an application for registration has been submitted. Retroactive registration is not accepted.
- Organisations must not be insolvent, in liquidation, or undergo corporate restructuring. They must also not have any significant outstanding debts registered with the Swedish Enforcement Authority (Kronofogden).
- Limited liability companies must not have lost 50% or more of their share capital.
- We may also require small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to demonstrate that they have sufficient financial capacity to carry out the project.
- If the application includes a foundation or an association, the most recent annual report must be attached to the application.

The grants paid out by Vinnova must be administrated by a Swedish organisation, i.e. they need to be a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number. The project manager must be employed by one of the project partners, preferably the coordinating partner.

State aid rules

The rules on state aid apply to organisations that carry out economic activities. Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply[1].
In this call for proposals, when we grant funding to these organisations, we do so with the support of EU Commission Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):

- **Industrial research** (art. 25).
- **Experimental development** (art. 25).

In addition to support according to GBER, we can provide support according to the de minimis Regulation (EU) 2023/2831). Anyone applying for minor support must submit a declaration about other de minimis aid.

State aid for economic activities: https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/state-aid-to-companies/
Aid intensities, definitions etc. for funding according to aid scheme: https://www.vinnova.se/globalassets/huvudsajt/sok-finansiering/regler-och-villkor/dokument/engelska/aid-intensities-definitions-etc.-2025.pdf

Universities, research institutes and non-profit legal entities as well as public bodies may receive funding of up to 100 % of their eligible costs, provided that the project is part of their non-economic activities. Universities, higher education institutions and research institutes are **only** eligible for funding **together with** at least one project part from a company/ public authority/ civil society / NGO with a branch or operating location in Sweden.

Eligible Costs

Our funding may only go to certain types of costs. These are called eligible costs. In this call for proposals these types of costs are eligible:

- Personnel costs: Salaries, social security contributions and other personnel costs
- Equipment, land and buildings: Instruments, equipment and rent for premises other than regular business premises
- Consulting and licensing costs: Consulting services, knowledge and patents purchased or used under license from an external actor. Consultancy costs should not exceed 20% of a project part's budget
- Other direct costs: For example, materials, stock items and travel necessary to carry out the project
- Indirect costs (overhead, OH): Costs that are not incurred as an immediate consequence of but can be related to the project, for example regular premises and cleaning. Indirect costs may constitute a maximum of 30 percent of personnel costs.

[1] Applicants who would be receivers of state aid, in case funding is approved by Vinnova, need to be aware that the legal requirements for transparent reporting of state aid have been changed in 2023. This means that approved state aid which amounts to 100 000 euro or more to one Project Party (or if the project concerns primary agriculture sector or fishery and aquaculture sector 10 000 euro), must be reported openly within the EU. Vinnova is responsible for this reporting. Those who submit an application are considered to be informed about this requirement of reporting and are considered to approve that this reporting will be made above the legal thresholds.

For more detailed information on which costs we can finance, see the instruction on eligible costs below.

For a cost to be eligible, it must be necessary for the activities of the project. Project costs must also be properly accounted for and reported separately from the organisation's other costs. An organisation may also not take up someone else's costs as its own. For more detailed information on which eligibility requirements, limitations and exceptions apply, see the Vinnova instruction on eligible costs: https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/

Additional guidance

Swedish applicants must submit a parallel application to Vinnova through our electronic submission platform (Vinnovas e-tjänster/E-services). One application per project consortia. If two or more Swedish project partners participate in the same application one of them will act as the Swedish coordinator in relation to Vinnova (even if the whole project consortia are not coordinated by a Swedish organisation). **Deadline for this parallel application is January 20, 2027** (one week after the FutureFoodS submission deadline). The national application shall entail a short project description, a description of the Swedish contribution and budget specifications for Swedish applicants.

Please note that all costs must be submitted in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Vinnova electronic submission platform (Vinnova e-tjänster/E-services). **The exchange rate between euros and SEK** is determined on the day the call for proposals opens, November 3, 2026: **1 EUR = 10,9515 SEK** Exchange rate for the Swedish krona (SEK) (europa.eu)

See the Vinnova webpage for further information: ”Europeiska samarbeten för hållbara matsystem - FutureFoodS call 3” (https://www.vinnova.se/e/partnerskapet-futurefoods/europeiska-samarbeten-for-hallbara-2026-03975).

Swedish consortia shall abide by Vinnova´s terms and conditions for grants: https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/

Guidelines for using AI tools: https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/guidelines-for-using-ai-tools/

Additional information

Vinnova follow the principle of public access to official records according to Swedish law. Swedish Funders performs a confidentiality review before releasing any documents. For more detailed information see: https://www.vinnova.se/en/about-us/our-mission/rules-that-govern-our-activities/official-documents-and-confidentiality/ or https://www.government.se/how-sweden-is-governed/the-principle-of-public-access-to-official-documents/

First payment from Vinnova will be administrated from the earliest January 2028 (project start may still be end of 2027).