
MOST (Ministry of Science and Technology) and Business Finland Joint Funding Call on Winter Sports

I. AGREEMENT

Memorandum of Understanding for China-Finland Science & Technology Innovation Cooperation between the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, and Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland of the Republic of Finland.

II. PRIORITIES

Areas:

- 1) **Green Sports:** design and construction of low-carbon stadiums, development of operation system for green sports event, development of green sports equipment.
- 2) **Sports Injury and Rehabilitation:** digital human for sports, movement quality assessment, monitoring and prevention of sports injury, development of smart rehabilitation equipment.
- 3) **Digital Sport:** smart stadiums, wireless body area network, visualization and analysis of sports big data, sports performance analysis
- 4) **Smart Sports Equipment:** internet of things in sports, sensors technology in sports, sports robots, new materials for sports equipment

III. NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED

Max 5 projects

IV. FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding for Finnish partners:

Business Finland funding is intended for Finnish

- **companies** (individual) or
- **co-innovation projects** including (a) two or more Finnish companies or (b) at least three Finnish companies (at least two applying Business Finland funding) and one or more research organizations.

Business Finland **funding is not fixed** and depends on the number of qualified applications.

Normal Business Finland funding principles are applied. For more information, see

- <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/>.

Applicants are strongly advised to **consult Business Finland in advance.**

Funding for Chinese partners:

MoST funding is intended for Chinese

- **companies,**
- **universities** and
- **institutes.**

MoST is to provide the **following funding** for Chinese consortium partners:

- Max 4M RMB per project for 3 years (altogether max 20M RMB)

Partners in a project are required to provide **at least the same amount of funding to that of MoST's grant.**

Applicants are advised to **consult MoST pages for further information.**

V. ELIGIBILITY, SUBMISSIONS AND DEADLINES

Eligibility:

1. Project consortia must include at least **one Finnish company** and **one Chinese partner.**
2. The proposals should **demonstrate applicant's resources for international collaboration**, in case of the Finnish applicants especially for **entering the Chinese markets.**
3. This call encourages both **enterprise participation** and **academia-industry cooperation.**
4. Chinese/Finnish partners are asked to collaborate based on **complementarity, equality** and **mutual benefit.** Both sides should have balanced inputs and work packages in the projects.
5. China/Finland partners need to have a clear **IPR agreement** ready before applying (either as

part of the Consortium Agreement or separately).

6. The proposal must include a **Bilateral Cooperation Form** with a joint Finland-China project plan, clearly describing the main contents and objectives of the project as well as the roles of each partner.
7. In principle, the **implementation period of the project shall not exceed 3 years**. Personnel exchanges are encouraged within a project.

Submissions and deadlines:

Finnish partners need to submit their applications to Business Finland and Chinese ones to MoST. Applications submitted only to one side are not regarded. Applications **must include** a joint project plan using a **Bilateral Cooperation Form** where the work of each consortium partner is clearly described.

Finnish side implements a **two-phase application process**:

Phase 1: Idea Phase Project Plan submissions are due **20 May 2022**.

- Submissions (from **co-innovation projects** only by the **coordinator**) should include:
 - **Idea Phase Project Plan** (“BF-MOST Finland-China Idea Phase Project Plan Form 2022” template must be used)
 - **Bilateral Cooperation Form** (“BF-MOST Finland-China Bilateral Cooperation Form 2022” template must be used)
 - **Consortium Agreement** including IPR remarks (or a separate IPR agreement)
- Idea Phase applications must be sent to Business Finland’s registry office via secure email. The name of the applicant and the identifier “BF-MOST Winter Sport 2022 Innovation Call, Idea Phase, BFRK/1/35/2022” must be entered in the email subject.
- Secure email is available at <https://secure.businessfinland.fi/suojaposti>.

Phase 2: Final Project Plan submissions (**individually** by all Finnish project partners) are initially due **September/October 2022** (applicants will be informed about the actual deadline) through the Business Finland’s digital submission system.

Chinese partners should submit their applications **together with the Bilateral Cooperation Form** and other required attachments via <https://service.most.gov.cn/>. **Deadline for applications is also in late May 2022 – exact date to be confirmed in March-April.**

The bilateral **funding decisions** are expected to be made **by the beginning of 2023**.

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