



**Driving Urban  
Transitions**

# **BUSINESS FINLAND FUNDING CRITERIA**

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**SINI UUTTU, BUSINESS FINLAND**

# DUT call 2022 – summary

- 27 countries participating, call budget 70 M€ + EC top up
- Call topics: 1) Positive Energy Districts (PED), 2) 15-minute City (15mC, transport and mobility, 3) Circular Urban Economies (CUE)
- Transnational consortiums: min 3 partners from 3 countries
- **Deadline for 1st stage proposals 21.11.2022**

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## 3.4 Summary of the transnational eligibility criteria

1. Only transnational projects will be funded; consortia must include at least three independent legal entities applying for funding from three different countries that have Funding Agencies participating in the call. In addition, at least two eligible Applicants within a consortia must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries eligible for EC co-funding in this Call.
2. The project coordinator (Main Applicant) must be eligible to be funded by its national/regional participating Funding Agency and request funding.
3. One person must only participate in a maximum of two proposals as a PI, and only once as the PI of a Main Applicant<sup>22</sup>.
4. Each consortium must include at least one urban government authority partner, either as a Main Applicant, Co-applicant or Cooperation Partner, depending on the national/regional eligibility criteria.
5. The duration of a project must not exceed 36 months.
6. Pre-proposals/full-proposals must be written in English and respect the template form (in terms of overall size, limit of pages and characters). The template form must be completely filled in.
7. Pre-proposals/full-proposals have to be submitted on the UEFISCDI electronic submission system before the corresponding deadlines indicated in this document.
8. Only pre-proposals invited to submit a full-proposal are eligible in the second stage.
9. No fundamental changes between the pre-proposal and the full-proposal, initiated by the applicants alone, will be accepted.



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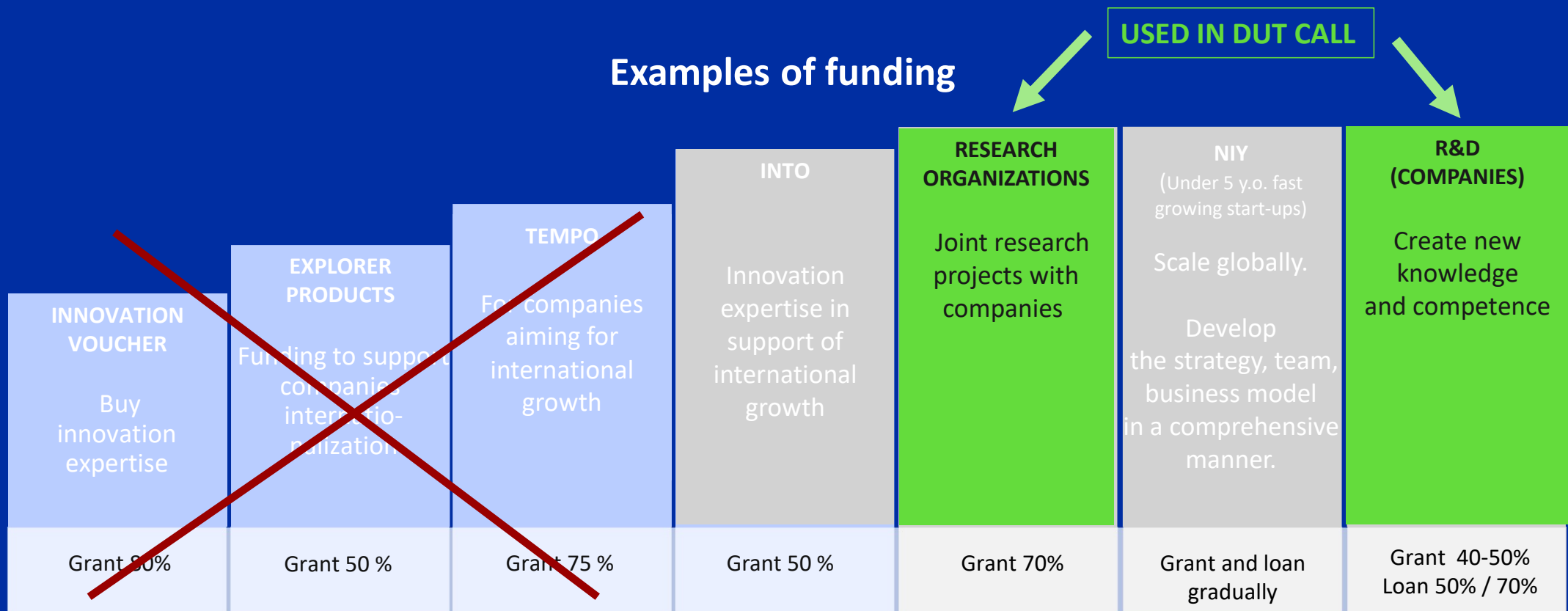
**We Catalyze New,  
Sustainable Growth  
through Innovation, and  
International Collaboration**

## **STRATEGIC INTENT**

**1** | Global Growth  
for Companies

**2** | World Class  
Ecosystems and  
Competitive Business  
Environment

# BUSINESS FINLAND FUNDING FOR DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT





## Example of a DUT consortium project in which a Finnish company is participating

Transnational consortiums: minimum 3 partners from 3 different countries

We fund challenging projects that have an impact on the **company's own competitive advantage**.

Public authorities and non- governmental organisations (NGOs) not funded by Business Finland in DUT except if they are doing research in a consortium project (see next slide)

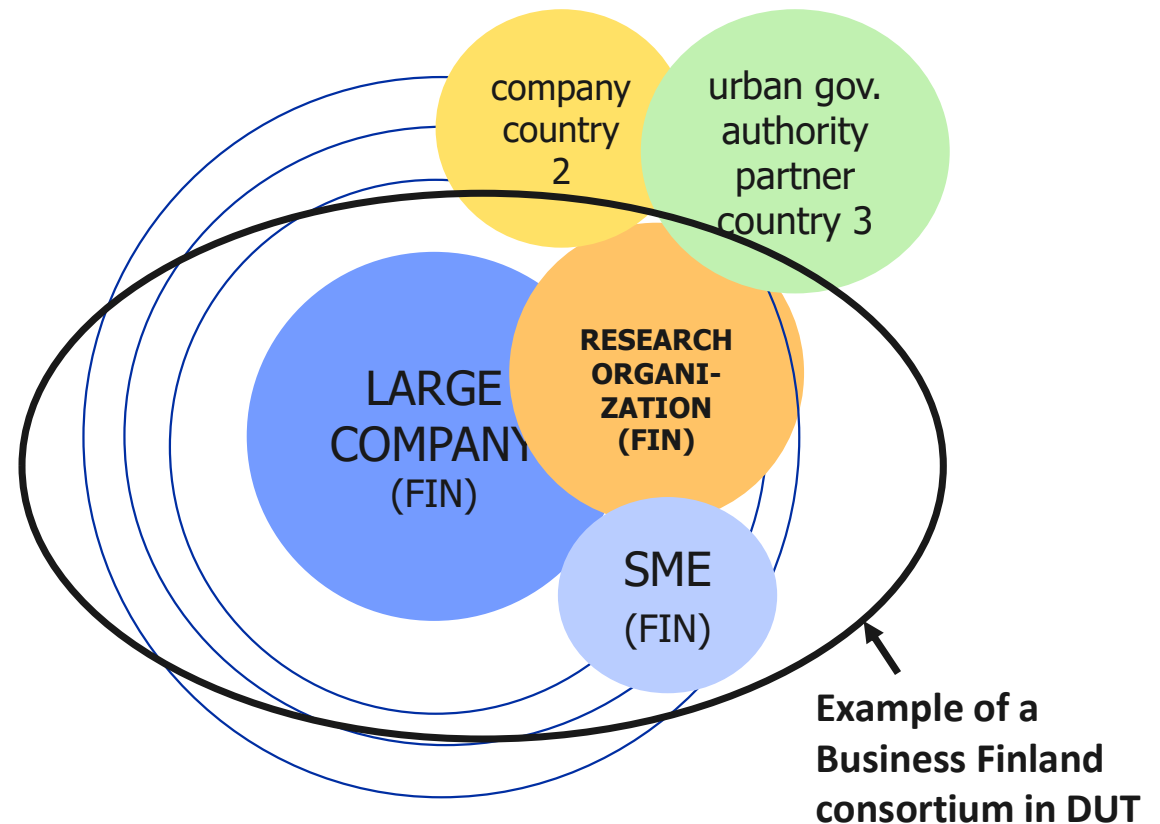


## Example of a DUT consortium project in which a Finnish research organisation is participating

Funding rate for research organisations: 70%. Minimum requirement for the consortium: **3 companies, of which 2 from Finland** who participate in the project. **Own funding application not always required.**

BF funds challenging projects that have an impact on development of new knowledge, **exports** and competitive advantage of the participating companies.

Public authorities and NGOs not funded by BF, but **participation in the steering group of the research projects is encouraged**



## Example of a funded consortium project under Mission Innovation call 2020

BF funding have received VTT and MSc Electronics. THT Control and Caruna are partners/observers.

Finnish companies

Organisation name	Country	Project manager (PM), Partner (P) or Observer (O)
MSc Electronics	Finland	P
THT Control	Finland	P
Caruna	Finland	O
Fraunhofer-Institute for Energy Economics and Energy System Technology IEE	Germany	P
Smartplace GmbH	Germany	P
Städtische Werke Netz + Service GmbH	Germany	P
EEBUS	Germany	O
University of Strathclyde	United Kingdom	P
AMPX Limited	United Kingdom	P
Scottish Power	United Kingdom	O
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland	Finland	PM

Finnish research organization



# R&D Funding levels

	SMEs	MIDCAP COMPANIES Turnover max. 300 M€	LARGE COMPANIES
COMPANY RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT Create new knowledge and competence	Grant max <b>50%</b>	Grant max <b>40%</b>	Grant max <b>40%</b>
DEVELOPMENT AND PILOTING LOAN Develop or renew products, services and business model. Demonstrate the functionality of your solution	Loan <b>50%</b> / 70%	Loan <b>50%</b> / 70%	Loan <b>50%</b>

Size of the company	R&D grant	Loan
<b>Start up</b>	Improve the competencies of your business and enhance the competitiveness of your products and services. Collaborate with universities and research organisations. We use grants to fund new, innovative research. We can award grants covering up to 50% of the total costs of SME research projects.	Loan for development and piloting. Loan funding from Business Finland is advantageous for your company. At the moment, the interest rate is 1%, and no collateral is required in most cases. If your project fails or its results cannot be commercially exploited, the loan may be partially converted into a grant. BF grants a loan covering 50% or 70% of the project's total costs. As a rule, the loan period is seven or ten years, of which three or five years – even more if necessary – can be amortisation-free.
<b>SME and Midcap</b>	We can award grants covering up to 50% of the total costs of SME research projects. The grant for midcap companies is up to 40% of the total cost of the project.	For SMEs' and midcap companies development and piloting projects, Business Finland grants a loan covering 50% of the project's total costs. As a rule, the loan period is seven or ten years, of which three or five years – even more if necessary – can be amortisation-free.
<b>Large companies</b>	Improve the competencies of your business and enhance the competitiveness of your products and services. Collaborate with universities and research organisations. Business Finland uses grants to fund new, innovative research. For large companies the grant accounts for 40% of total project costs at a maximum. Large companies must spend at least 40% of total project costs to acquire services from SMEs or research organisations, or the project must be carried out as a genuine joint project with SMEs and research groups.	Loan for development and piloting. The interest rate is 1%, and no collateral is required in most cases. If the project fails or its results cannot be commercially exploited, the loan may be partially converted into a grant. As a rule, the loan period is seven or ten years, of which three or five years – even more if necessary – can be amortization-free.. For large companies the loan accounts for 50% of total project costs at a maximum. Large corporations must spend at least 15% of total project costs to acquire services from SMEs or research organisations, or the project must be carried out as a genuine joint project with SMEs and research groups.

# Companies minimum eligibility criteria

- Minimum 2 employees working 100% for the company
- Company must have sufficient self-financing for the implementation of the project
- Company aims to export
- Submitted the financial statements to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
- In case of tax debts a payment plan has been agreed with the tax authorities

# Eligible costs

**In research and development projects, eligible cost types include:**

- Salaries and wages
- Indirect personnel costs (at most 50% of salaries and wages allocated to the project)
- Overheads
  - 1–19 people: 20%
  - 20–49 people: 30%
  - 50 people or more: 50%
- Travel expenses
- Costs of materials and supplies
- Equipment purchases
- Equipment depreciation
- Equipment rents
- Purchased services

# Application submission steps

- Pre-proposal deadline 21<sup>st</sup> of Nov 2022 at 13.00 (CET) DUT application portal
  - No application submission to Business Finland application portal
- Full proposal deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023 at 13.00 (CET) DUT application portal
  - Application submission also to Business Finland portal including:
    - Business Finland R&D application
    - Project plan
    - Company's financial information

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# Useful links

- More information [https://dutpartnership.eu/dut\\_call\\_2022/](https://dutpartnership.eu/dut_call_2022/)
  - Call text, templates, link to application portal (UEFISCDI)
  - **Info day nr 2 -> 18.10.2022**
  - Match making platform for finding projects/partners: <https://dut-calls.b2match.io/>
- For companies:  
[Research, development and piloting for SMEs and midcaps - Business Finland](#)
- For research organizations:  
[Co-Innovation - Business Finland](#)
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