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### VIABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECTS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS



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## What is INNOWWIDE?

A H2020 project Call GOVERNANCE-08-2018 "Partnering for viability assessments of innovative solutions for markets outside Europe"

Answer to European SMEs that **need to develop early partnerships in 3rd countries** with the most prominent players in innovation to develop a good local receptivity commercial success of new technological and business developments ensured



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### **INNOWWIDE** Consortium

Participant Organisation Name	Short name	Country	Type of Org.
Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial	CDTI	Spain	Public body
Sociedade portuguesa de inovacao, S.A.	SPI	Portugal	SME
Steinbeis 2i GmbH	S2i	Germany	<b>Private organisation</b>
European Business and Innovation Centre Network	EBN	Belgium	Non-profit private org.
Fundación Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía	СТА	Spain	Non-profit private org.
Mininsterie van Economische Zaken en Klimaat	RVO	Netherlands	Public body
Innovaatiorahoituskeskus Business Finland	BF	Finland	Public body
Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft MBH	FFG	Austria	Public body
EUREKA Secretariat	ESE	Belgium	Non-profit private org.
Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt	DLR	Germany	Public body
BPI France Financement SA	BPI FR	France	Public body



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# Vision of INNOWWIDE?

to bring **innovative European SMEs** to the forefront of international markets

by funding Viability Assessment Projects (VAPs)

in cooperation with local stakeholders,

creating the conditions in markets outside Europe

to increase the uptake of European innovative solutions



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# What does INNOWWIDE fund?

### VAPs (Viability Assessment Projects)

- Led by a SME established in a EU MS or a Horizon 2020 associated country, that subcontracts a local partner
- Feature a co-creation **partnership with a local partner/subcontractor** e.g. a supplier, customer, consultant, legal advisor, research provider from the VAP focus country or countries.
- Include a wide variety of activities to explore the practical, technological and commercial viability of an innovative solution and how it needs to meet local conditions and demands.
- Last no more than six months, eligible costs of >€86,000, to be funded at up to 70% (a fixed grant of €60,000)
- Be the first phase of a potential innovative cooperation project with that country in the short/medium term.

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### How?

- 2 funding Calls (one phase): 7,2 M€
  - opens 01/04/2019 deadline 31/05/2019: 3 M€
  - early 2020 (dates tbc): 4.2 M€
- Short and easy form. Quick process: grant agreement by October
- Fixed Grant = 60,000€ (50% after grant agreement, 50% at the end)
- Monobeneficiary: SME that <u>must</u> subcontract a local partner



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### **Target countries**

- **Developed countries:** United States of America, Canada, Japan, Korea , Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand
- Large Emerging Economies: Brazil, Russia, India, Indonesia, China and Mexico
- Developing countries (UE list)

similar allocation of funds for each of these three groups of countries



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# Elements of a VAP

#### **1.** Co-creation and technology uptake facilitation (innovation and technology transfer services)

Definition of a complementary joint R&D Project for co-creation or technology adaptation with the local subcontractor or other local partner/s, Analysis of the IP environment, Technology scouting and novelty verification, Technology valuation, Technology legal situation analysis, Technology protection & valorisation strategy design, Certification and homologation compliance verification, Technology partnership matchmaking, Small scale proof of concept awareness (trial and assimilation, further R&D preparatory work)

#### 2. Market prospection

#### 2.1 Market research (desk & field studies):

Business opportunities early survey detection (preconceptualisation), Qualitative analysis (consumer analysis: segments, preferences, patterns, motivations, opinions, attitudes, values, culture, ...), Product commercial research (local customer experience oriented: concept, design, supply, use...), Market quantitative analysis (real, potential, tendencies), Competition analysis (market share, positioning, value propositions, value chains...), Analysis of potential partners for distribution and marketing, Analysis of potential suppliers, PESTLE Analysis

#### 2.2 Compliance verification:

Administrative & legal FTO / due diligence verification, Social and cultural best practices identification and implementation planning,

#### 3. Business prospection trips (duly justified, optional):

Trade fairs/ conferences/ info days/ networking and matchmaking events, Joint workshops/ meetings with potential partners, Workshops with partners

#### 4. Specific promotional technical material preparation (technology valorisation oriented, optional)

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### **Evaluation Criteria**

• Impact (40%)

reducing barriers to market, level of demand, longer term prospects

• Excellence (30%)

novelty, relevance for target market, competitive position

 Quality and efficiency of implementation (30%) appropriateness/feasibility of proposed approach and allocated resources



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### **Detailed information**

### www.innowwide.eu

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