

## Specific conditions of individual foreign organizations

### Annex No. 1 to the Call documentation

#### 16th Call of the SIGMA Programme – sub-objective 4, Bilateral cooperation

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The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the **basic conditions of foreign organizations**. TA CR is not responsible for any changes in conditions on the part of foreign organizations.

The TA CR Board can support a project proposal only if the project proposal is also supported by one of these foreign organizations:

Locality	Foreign partner organization	Abbrv.
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	<a href="#"><u>Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning</u></a>	<b>KETEP</b>
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	<a href="#"><u>Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology</u></a>	<b>KIAT</b>
<b>Saxony, Federal Republic of Germany</b>	<a href="#"><u>Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy and Climate Action</u></a>	<b>SMWA</b>
<b>Taiwan</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ministry of Economic Affairs</u></a> <sup>1</sup>	<b>MoEA</b>
<b>Taiwan</b>	<a href="#"><u>National Science and Technology Council</u></a>	<b>NSTC</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The call on the Taiwanese side will be implemented by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).



## 1. Korea Institute of Energy Technology Evaluation and Planning (KETEP), Republic of Korea

### Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	22 April 2026
Project Submission Period	22 April–24 June 2026
Evaluation Period	25 June–November 2026
Results Announcement	by 27 November 2026
Project Kickoff	April 2027
Start of Funding	April 2027
Project Length	36 months max.

### Applicants

The Korean lead organization must be a company that operates a research institute or department as its subsidiary. Companies, universities, research institutes, research associations, business associations, and medical institutions may apply as participating organizations.

Foreign (Korean) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

### Areas of R&D

- Nuclear energy
- Energy storage system (ESS).

### Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. support intensity of 75 %. Support intensity per project participant follows the Common Operational Regulation for Industrial Technology Innovation Program.

### Funding

The total maximum number of projects receiving funding under the Korean-Czech joint call is two. Funding will be awarded approximately KRW 1.2 bil KRW (approx. 695 000 EUR) per project

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for the entire duration of the project. At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by KETEP. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing.

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## 2. Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT), Republic of Korea

### Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	22 April 2026
Project Submission Period	22 April–24 June 2026
Evaluation Period	25 June–October 2026
Results Announcement	by 27 November 2026
Project Kickoff	December 2026
Start of Funding	December 2026
Project Length	36 months max.

### Applicants

The Korean lead organization must be a company that operates a research institute. Companies, universities, research institutes, research associations, business associations, and medical institutions may apply as participating organizations.

Foreign (Korean) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

### Areas of R&D

All areas are mutually accepted. However, projects for products or services in the following topics are particularly appreciated:

- Future Mobility
- General Machinery and Photonics
- Advanced Materials
- ICT (including cybersecurity)
- AI
- Robotics and cybernetics
- Disaster Resilience, Response and Recovery
- Circular Economy
- Semiconductors.



## Funding intensity

The maximum funding intensity is governed by the rules of support of the Republic of Korea.

## Funding

The total maximum number of projects receiving funding under the Korean-Czech joint call is 2–3. Funding will be awarded not to exceed KRW 1,500 million (approx. 875 000 EUR) per project for the entire duration of the project (funding will be paid yearly). Project funding consists of government contributions and civilian dues (cash and in-kind). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by KIAT. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. The amount of government contributions will vary depending on the type of executing organizations and projects in accordance with Article 24 (Funding criteria) and Article 25 (Civilian dues) of the Common Operational Regulations for the Industrial Technology Innovation Programs.

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### 3. Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy and Climate Action (SMWA), Saxony, Federal Republic of Germany

#### Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	23 April 2026
Project Submission Period	23 April–24 June 2026
Evaluation Period	25 June–November 2026
Results Announcement	by 27 November 2026
Project Kickoff	January 2027
Start of Funding	from January 2027
Project Length	24 months max.

#### Applicants

Companies, universities, and research institutions based in Saxony or with a facility in Saxony are eligible. At least one Saxon small or medium enterprise must take part in the project. If at least one research institution/university takes part in the consortium, a company or a consortium of companies must account for at least 50 % of the eligible project costs on the Saxon side.

Foreign (Saxon) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

#### Areas of R&D

Project proposals in the following priority areas will be accepted by SMWA:

- Life Science
- Digital Technologies
- Manufacturing Technologies.

#### Funding intensity

Support intensity per each Saxon project participant for the entire duration of the project is in deviation from [ERDF/JTF Technology funding scheme 2021-2027 regulations](#) as follows: The funding rates for all Saxon applicants are capped at a maximum of 60 % in the transition region (City of Dresden, City of Chemnitz, districts of Sächsische Schweiz-Osterzgebirge, Bautzen, Görlitz, Meißen, Mittelsachsen, Zwickau, Erzgebirge, Vogtland) and at a maximum of 50 % in the more



developed region (City of Leipzig, districts of Leipzig and Nordsachsen). The final amount of funding and funding intensity also depend on the funds available.

## Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Saxony or with a facility in Saxony, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to SAB – Sächsische Aufbaubank – Förderbank via the online application form. The SAB will manage the submission and approval process and monitor funded projects according to ERDF/JTF Technology funding regulations.

At least one of the foreign partners (Saxony) must be qualified for funding and financially supported under this call by SAB. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing.

The SMWA aims to co-fund all selected Czech-Saxon projects under the current call for proposals through the ERDF/JTF Technology funding scheme 2021-2027 and funding regulations. Saxon funding should not exceed 5 mil. EUR for the call. More information for Saxon applicants can be found at: [EFRE/JTF - Forschung und Entwicklung - Projektförderung \(FuE-Projektförderung\) 2021 bis 2027 - sab.sachsen.de](https://www.sab.sachsen.de/EFRE/JTF-Forschung-und-Entwicklung-Projektforderung-FuE-Projektforderung-2021-bis-2027).

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#### **4. Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA), Taiwan; implementation organization: Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan**

The call on the Taiwanese side will be implemented by the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI).

##### **Schedule**

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Launch of the Call	22 April 2026
Project Submission Period	23 April–24 June 2026
Evaluation Period	25 June–6 November 2026
Results Announcement	by 30 November 2026
Project Kickoff	January–February 2027
Start of Funding	from January 2027
Project Length	36 months max.

##### **Applicants**

Lead organization on the Taiwanese side must be a company (enterprise) or a consortium of companies (enterprises). Universities, Research & Technology Organizations (RTOs), or any other legal entity with research capability recognised by the project office, may apply as a subcontractor to a company.

Foreign (Taiwanese) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

##### **Areas of R&D**

Project proposals in the following technology areas will receive priority support under the Five Trusted Industries:

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone)
- Smart Manufacture Technologies (Laser, Robotic, Automobile, Machinery)
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biotechnologies and Biomedical
- Green Energy Technologies
- Semiconductor (IC design, Test, Equipment).



### Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. funding intensity of 50 % of the total eligible project costs for the entire duration of the project.

### Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Taiwan, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the A+ Industrial Innovative R&D Project Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MoEA). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by MoEA. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. There is neither the limitation of total max. budget nor the limitation of max. funding awarded per project on the specific joint call for proposals under A+ Industrial Innovative R&D Program. The amount of funding awarded will be evaluated depending on the scope of the individual project.

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## 5. National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan

### Schedule

Procedure	Schedule
Launch of the Call	22 April 2026
Project Submission Period	23 April–24 June 2026
Evaluation Period	25 June–November 2026
Results Announcement	by 31 December 2026
Project Kickoff	January 2027
Start of Funding	from January 2027
Project Length	36 months max.

### Applicants

Lead organization on the Taiwanese side must be an academic organization.

Eligible Taiwanese applicants from academic organizations must have an ongoing NSTC-funded research project, in accordance with the Guidelines of Bilateral Add-on Grants for Joint cooperation, and must also establish linkages with:

- (1) domestic research institutions (such as the NIAR or the ITRI), and
- (2) relevant domestic industries

to participate in the project. If the principal investigator (PI) is affiliated with a university, researchers from the participating research institutions must be included in the project as co-principal investigators (Co-PIs) or co-investigators (Co-Is).

Consultation with the Science and Technology Division (STD) of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Prague at an early stage of project preparation is highly recommended.

Foreign (Taiwanese) and Czech applicants cannot be in a relationship that meets the definition of a linked or partner enterprise.

### Areas of R&D

Project proposals in all areas of application are accepted by NSTC. However, the following areas will be considered favorable:

- Green Energy
- Artificial intelligence applications

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- Health Care and Biomedicine
- Cyber Security
- New Agriculture (incl. Smart Agriculture)
- Aeronautical and Aerospace Technology
- Disaster prevention
- Laser Technology.

## Funding intensity

Funding will be awarded with max. funding intensity of 100 % of the total eligible project costs for the entire duration of the project.

## Funding

A foreign partner must be based in Taiwan, and its complementary project proposal (a full project proposal application) must be submitted to the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). At least one of the foreign partners must be financially supported by NSTC. It is not sufficient just to prove one's own or other sources of financing. The total funding for an approved project is expected to be around 90000 EUR per year, for up to 3 years. This will be an add-on funding, especially for bilateral cooperation with Czech researchers, to an ongoing research project of the applicant.

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