

**Funding Opportunities for
Innovation Collaboration Between
Sweden and the United States
within Sustainable Mobility**

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About Future Mobility

Purpose: Strengthened research and innovation networks between Sweden and the United States within the sustainable mobility domain

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About this document

We have listed some available Swedish and EU resources relevant for innovation collaboration between Sweden and the United States within sustainable mobility.

The list is not complete and even though our focus has been on recurring sources of funding, it requires updates.

Please help us with suggestions to be included in the next update.



Available funding to support innovation collaboration Sweden – United States

We have used the following categories:



Project funding

Project funding refers to financial support provided for specific activities or initiatives that boosts research and innovation

- US and SE actors can receive funding
- SE actors can receive funding and US actors are welcome to participate but funding from Sweden/EU is restricted



Individual mobility

Individual Mobility refers to financial support provided for individual researchers moving between countries

- Mobility in both directions
- Outbound mobility (to the US)
- Inbound mobility (from the US)

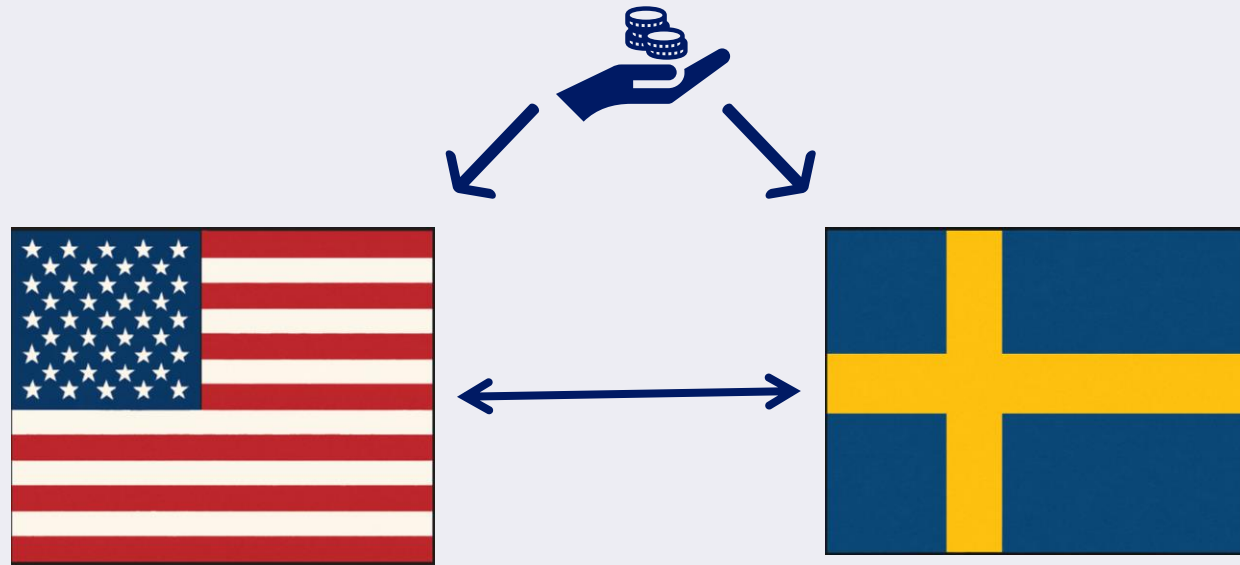


Acceleration support for startups/SMEs

Accelerator support refers to initiatives aimed at startups and scaleups, provided either as financial funding or as participation in development programs, which may include a program fee

- US and SE actors can receive support
- SE actors can receive support and US actors may be financed and/or join in-kind

Project Funding



US and SE actors can receive funding with similar conditions in both countries.

In call descriptions, US belongs often under the heading “third” or “non-associated” countries.

Project Funding

Breakthrough Energy (EU)

Link to source [*Breakthrough Energy Catalyst*](#)

When is the call Ongoing calls

Companies are eligible to apply.

Who can apply Funding available to US and Swedish organizations.

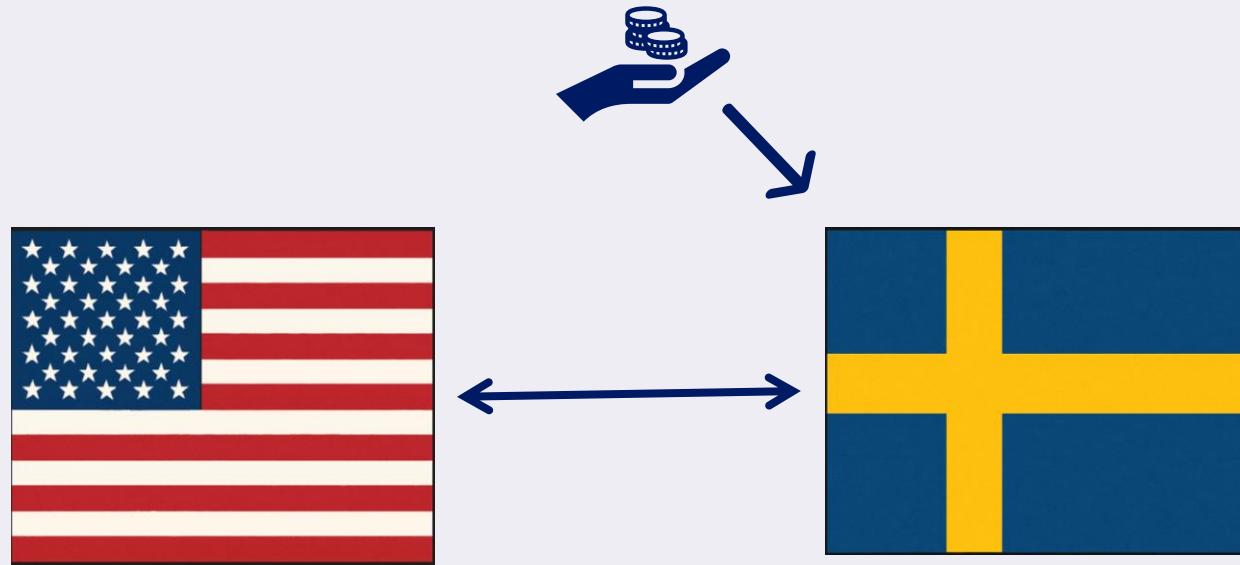
How much external funding

- Demonstration projects - €30M-100M
 - FOAK projects - €100M-1B
 - Funding can be complemented with other grants or subsidies
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Themes

- Clean Hydrogen
 - Energy Storage
 - Industrial Decarbonization
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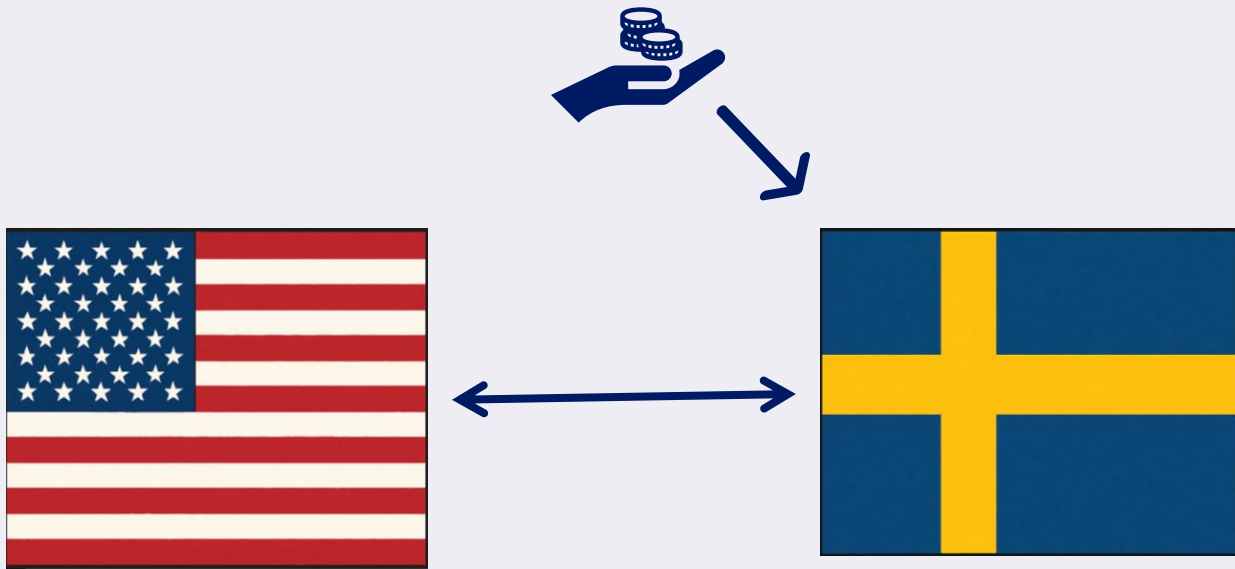
Project Funding



SE actors can receive funding

Funding mainly available to SE actors.
US based actors may be financed with restrictions and/or join in kind.

Typical restrictions for the funding of US actors



The Swedish Energy Agency often restricts its funding to actors which are not based in Sweden in line with the following. Funding can be granted only if:

- The actors have unique competence not available in Sweden
- The activities are essential to reach the goal of the program
- A clear transfer of knowledge to actors in Sweden is possible

All three conditions apply.

As it is often difficult to access clear guidance from Swedish/EU research and innovation funding programs, it might be practical to assume that similar conditions apply.

Project Funding

	Horizon Europe	Connecting Europe Facility	Connecting Europe Facility
Link to source	<u>Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility</u>	<u>CEF Energy</u>	<u>CEF Transport</u>
When is the call	16 September 2025 - 17 February 2026	Application deadline 16 September 2025	Application deadline 11 June 2025 & 4 March 2026
Who can apply	<p>Any legal entity is eligible to participate, one established in EU.</p> <p>Funding available to EU/EES member states and Associated Countries.</p> <p>Funding can be available to third countries in specific calls or if their participation is considered essential.</p> <p>Third countries can contribute in-kind.</p>	<p>Private and public legal entities.</p> <p>Funding available to projects identified as Projects of Common Interests (PCIs).</p> <p>US based actors can receive funding if it's indispensable for the achievement of the objectives in the PCI.</p> <p>Third parties can contribute in-kind.</p>	<p>Private and public legal entities.</p> <p>Funding available to projects identified as Projects of Common Interests (PCIs).</p> <p>US based actors can receive funding if it's indispensable for the achievement of the objectives in the PCI.</p> <p>Third parties can contribute in-kind.</p>
How much external funding	70 % funding for profit-making entities and 100 % funding for non-profit.	50 % funding	30 % funding, 70 % funding in outermost regions
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Security for Society • Digital, Industry and Space • Climate, Energy and mobility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient energy market • Interoperability of networks across borders and sectors • Decarbonization of the economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient energy market • Interoperability of networks across borders and sectors • Decarbonization of the economy.

Project Funding

LIFE Programme (EU)

Link to source [*Standard Action Projects \(SAPs\) for Climate Change Mitigation*](#)

When is the call Application deadline 23 September 2025

Legal entities (public or private) established in EU Member State or associated country.

Who can apply Entities from other countries are eligible for funding, if their participation is essential for the implementation of the action.

US actors can also participate in-kind.

How much external funding 60 % funding rate

Themes

- Zero-emission mobility in road transport
 - Decarbonizing other transport modes
 - Increase use of renewable energy
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Project Funding

Eureka (SE)

NEFCO (Nordic Council of Ministers)

Link to source

[Vinnova Eurostars](#)

[New markets and international establishment](#)

When is the call

July 2025 – September 2025

Applications on an ongoing basis.

Enterprises, academia, research institutes and public sector can apply.

To receive funding, the project must be led by an SME from Sweden, consist of 2 entities from 2 Eurostar countries.

US based actors can contribute in-kind (if above criteria is fulfilled).

Nordic SMEs (fewer than 250 employees and less than EUR 50 million in turnover).

The project's target country should be outside of EU/EFTA, with identified local partner.

How much external funding

50 % funding SME, 5 million SEK max. budget. 70 % funding academia & research, 2 million SEK or 5 million SEK if SME participates.

50 % funding, maximum funding EUR 50,000.

Themes

- Energy efficiency
- Cleantech
- Infrastructure
- Renewable energy

Keep an eye on Eureka Globalstars for specific calls targeting specific countries **Who can apply**

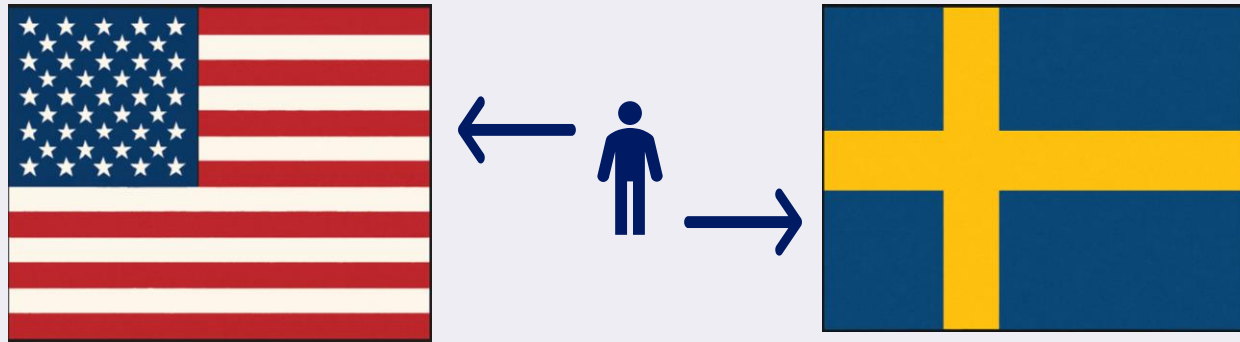
Project Funding

	EIC Pathfinder (EU)	EIC Transition (EU)	FFI (SE)
Link to source	<u>EIC Pathfinder Challenges 2025</u>	<u>EIC Transition 2025</u>	<u>FFI delprogram</u>
When is the call	Application deadline 29 October 2025	Application deadline 17 September 2025	Recurring calls, normally twice a year
Who can apply	Legal entities from EU and associated countries. Any legal entity, regardless of its place of establishment, is eligible to participate (whether it is eligible for funding or not).	Start-up, an SME or research performing organization (who intend to form a spinout company), that is established in a Member State or an Associated Country.	Research organizations, companies, public and non-profit organizations. Does not state the requirements of US actors (assume that the conditions from the Swedish Energy Agency apply?).
How much external funding	100 % funding, maximum funding EUR 4 million.	100 % funding, maximum funding EUR 2.5 million.	Depends on call
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular production of renewable fuels and materials. • Automation in construction environments. 	Innovation beyond experimental proof of principle → must be from TRL 4 up to Technology Readiness Level 5 to 6	Different calls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate • Circularity • Zero emissions • Safe automated driving • Transport and mobility services

Project Funding

	The Swedish Energy Agency	The Swedish Research Council
Link to source	<u><i>Sustainable and resilient transport system – from research to applicable solutions</i></u>	<u><i>Calls in natural and engineering sciences</i></u>
When is the call	Recurring calls	Recurring calls
Who can apply	<p>All actors who can contribute to the purpose and objectives of the call can apply.</p> <p>Please see previous slide for restrictions regarding the funding of US actors</p>	<p>Funds research by announcing grants in open competition. To give Swedish research the best possible conditions, they also fund research infrastructure - both in and outside Sweden</p>
How much external funding	Details are not available at this stage.	Depends on call
Themes	Projects with energy relevance in all modes of transport that accelerate the transformation of the transport system.	

Individual Mobility



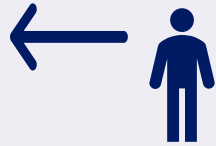
Mobility in both directions

Funding that promotes researcher mobility. The funding can be used for both incoming US and outgoing SE individuals.

Individual Mobility

	Swedish Research Council – Forte	Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation (SE)
Link to source	<i>Guest Research Grant</i>	<i>Research exchange and dissemination</i>
When is the call	Opens first half of 2026	10 August - 15 September 2025
Who can apply	Both incoming and outgoing guest researchers. Shorter stays for research collaboration, exchange of experiences and consultations.	Researcher with a PhD, both incoming and outgoing researchers.
How much external funding	Details are not available at this stage	Covers living expense, travel insurance and tuition fee.
Themes	Strong focus on health, working life and welfare.	The program primarily supports research in business administration, economics and economic history.

Individual Mobility



Outbound mobility

Funding that promotes researcher mobility for outgoing Swedish individuals

Individual Mobility

	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) (EU)	STINT (SE)	The Swedish Research Council
Link to source	<i>Global Postdoctoral Fellowships</i>	<i>International Postdoc</i>	<i>International Postdoc</i>
When is the call	Application deadline 10 September 2025	Application opens in June	20 August – 16 September 2025
Who can apply	<p>Researchers with national or long-term residents in EU or associated third country doing research outside of Europe.</p> <p>PhD holders together with a host organization such as a university, research institution, business or SME.</p>	<p>Swedish researcher seeking to gain new experiences at a higher education institution outside the EU/EFTA/UK.</p> <p>Researchers who have obtained their PhDs no more than two years before the application deadline or who are scheduled to defend their PhD within a year after the application deadline.</p>	<p>Newly-graduated researcher with a doctoral degree from a Swedish university wishing to expand their expertise abroad.</p>
How much external funding	<p>Funding covers: a living allowance, a mobility allowance, research, training and networking activities, management and indirect costs.</p> <p>Duration 2-3 years</p>	<p>Individual stipend of SEK 1 000 000 for a stay of at least 1 year.</p>	<p>Details are not available at this stage.</p>
Themes			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural science and engineering • Humanities and social science

Individual Mobility

	The Sweden-America Foundation	Dr. Tech. Marcus Wallenberg Foundations (SE)	The Wallenberg Foundations (SE)
Link to source	<u>Masters, doctoral and research scholarships (PostDoc)</u>	<u>Postdoctoral scholarship program at Georgetown University</u>	<u>Postdoctoral studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Broad Institute</u>
When is the call	Application deadline 15 September 2025	18 October – 15 November 2025	Application deadline 15 November 2025
Who can apply	Applicants must be a Swedish citizen. PhD student or PostDoc.	Doctor's degree from a Swedish university not older than 2 years with an affiliation to a Swedish university or NGO research organisation.	Doctor's degree from a Swedish university not older than 2 years with an affiliation to a Swedish university or NGO research organization.
How much external funding	SEK 50 000 – 400 000 for 6-12 months of studies/research	Annual stipend/travel grant of USD 66 950/7 500 and possibility to apply for allowance to accompanying family. 1-2 years of postdoctoral studies.	Annual stipend/travel grant of USD 66 950/7 500 and possibility to apply for allowance to accompanying family. Max. 2 years of postdoctoral studies.
Themes	Open to all fields of research.	Open to all disciplines relating to international affairs and global business in a broadly defined way.	The program is open to all disciplines at MIT and Broad Institute.

Individual Mobility

	The Wallenberg Foundations (SE)	Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation (SE)	Wenner-Green Foundations (SE)
Link to source	<u>Bienenstock Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at Stanford, USA</u>	<u>Hedelius Scholarships</u>	<u>Sabbatical Fellowships</u>
When is the call	14 October - 15 November 2025	10 August - 15 September 2025	August 2025 – 1 October 2025
Who can apply	Applicants with a doctor's degree from a Swedish university not older than 2 years and with an affiliation to a Swedish university or NGO research organisation.	PhD student (who intend to pursue research at a reputable foreign university) with a completed basic degree or participated in Swedish doctoral education for 1 year	Swedish Senior Researcher (citizen or citizen with permanent residence permit in Sweden) with a doctoral degree more than 5 years old
How much external funding	Stipend of USD 71 000 annually. Annual travel grant of USD 7 500 and possibility to apply for allowance to accompanying family. Duration 1-2 years	Covers living expense, travel insurance and tuition fee. Duration up to 6 months	Contribution for additional costs (travel, dual residence, health insurance). Duration 3-12 months
Themes	Open to all disciplines.	Primarily supports research in business administration, economics and economic history.	

Individual Mobility



Inbound mobility

Funding that promote researcher mobility for incoming US individuals

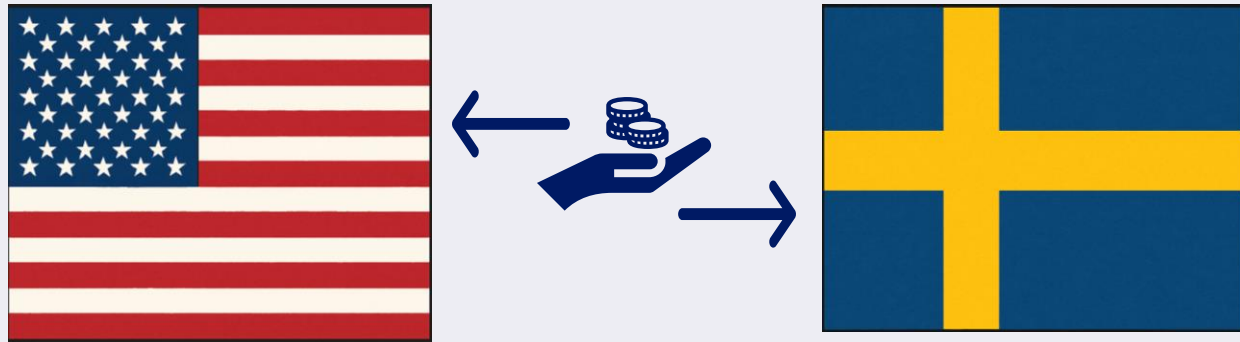
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	Wenner-Green Foundations (SE)	Wenner-Green Foundations (SE)	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life & Welfare – Forte
Link to source	<i>Visiting Research Fellowship</i>	<i>Postdoctoral fellowship in Sweden</i>	<i>Establishment Grant</i>
When is the call	August 2025 – 1 October 2025	August 2025 – 1 October 2025	Yearly, opens beginning of 2026
Who can apply	Swedish researcher as a host for a foreign researcher. The foreign researcher must have completed the doctoral degree more than five years before application deadline.	Swedish researchers as a host for foreign researcher. The foreign researcher must have completed the doctoral degree less. than five years ago.	Researchers with a PhD in the beginning of his career (max 3 years after PhD examination). Main applicant and grant administrator must be a Swedish entity. US researchers can participate and receive funding.
How much external funding	Contribution for additional costs that incur by being in Sweden (travel, dual residence, health insurance). Duration 1-12 months	The grant is 30.000 SEK/month. Duration 6-12 months	Details are not available at this stage
Themes			Strong focus on health, working life and welfare

Individual Mobility

	STINT (SE)	The Swedish Research Council	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) (EU)
Link to source	<u>International Postdoc in Sweden</u>	<u>Funding to recruit international guest researcher to Sweden</u>	<u>European Postdoctoral Fellowships</u>
When is the call	Application opens in June (more information soon on deadline).	Application deadline 1 December 2025	Application deadline 10 September 2025
Who can apply	Swedish higher education institutions which want to invite postdoctoral researchers located outside EU/EFTA/UK. The invited researcher must have obtained their PhDs no more than 2 years before the application deadline.	Funding is applied for by a Swedish university. The invited researcher must be prominent in its field and established with research activities outside of Europe for at least 2 years.	Researchers of any nationality, moving within or coming to Europe. PhD holders together with a host organization such as a university, research institution, business or SME.
How much external funding	Individual stipend of SEK 1million for a stay of at least 1 year.	Funding of SEK 2 million for a 12-month period. Covers recruitment cost, wage or costs for relocation.	Living and mobility allowance, research, training and networking activities, management and indirect costs. Duration 1-2 years
Themes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities and social sciences • Natural sciences and engineering 	

Accelerator



US and SE actors can receive support

Support available to both US and SE actors.

Accelerator

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

	Berkeley Skydeck	European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)	Invest EU
Link to source	<i>Skydeck Berkeley Acceleration Method</i>	<i>Sustainable Energy</i>	<i>InvestEU Programme</i>
When is the call	July 2025 – 22 August 2025	Applications on an ongoing basis	Applications on an ongoing basis
Who can apply	Startup and scale up from all over the world are eligible to apply.	Startups from EU and US.	Legal entities such as private and public sector and NGOs. Established in an EU country or in a third associated country. Non-associated countries can take part if the principal part of the investment/ implementation takes place, at least partially, in at least one EU country.
How much external funding	\$200K investment. Duration 6 months	Provides private and public funding.	Debt financing: EUR 7.5-15 million, Equity financing: max. EUR 100 million
Themes	Startups from any vertical welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart electric grid • Energy storage • Renewable energy • Energy for transport and mobility • Energy efficiency • Decarbonizing the industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean sustainable transport • Renewable energy • Digitalization • Product development/innovation • Demonstration and deployment of innovative solutions for scale up

Accelerator



SE actors can receive support

Support available to SE actors. US based actors may be financed with restrictions and/or join in kind

Accelerator

	EIT InnoEnergy	EIC Accelerator	EIC Accelerator
Link to source	<u>Sustainable energy solutions</u>	<u>STEP Scale up</u>	<u>EIC Accelerator</u>
When is the call	Application deadline 30 June 2025	26 November – 16 December 2025	Application deadline 1 October 2025
Who can apply	Start-up companies from Horizon Europe countries. Entities, not from Horizon Europe associated countries, can be awarded funding if approved by EIT.	Startups and SMEs established within an EU Member state or Associated Country. An investor may submit a proposal on behalf of SME. Funding to non-associated third country if intention to establish an SME/startup or reallocate existing one to a Member state/associated country.	Startups, SMEs and natural persons/legal entities willing to set up an SME, established within an EU Member state or Associated Country. Funding to non-associated third country if intention to establish an SME/startup or reallocate existing one to a Member state/associated country.
How much external funding	Max. EUR 2 million/year/company. 70 % funding.	Investments from EUR 10 million to EUR 30 million.	Grant below EU 2.5 million, equity investments up to EUR 10 million.
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy for transport and mobility, Energy storage • Renewable energy • Smart and efficient buildings and cities • Energy efficiency • Circular economy • Smart electric grid 	Net-zero solutions like solar, wind, battery storage, geothermal, hydrogen, biogas, carbon capture.	Open to innovations in any field of technology across different scientific, technological, sectoral and application fields.

Accelerator

	NEFCO	Nordic Innovation House (SE)	Nordic Innovation House (SE)
Link to source	<u>Scale up investment</u>	<u>Reach - Incubator Program</u>	<u>Tinc – Accelerator Program</u>
When is the call	Applications on an ongoing basis	The program is currently closed, but it runs regularly. Check back for upcoming opportunities.	Application deadline 30 August 2025
Who can apply	Nordic SMEs and mid-cap companies. The investment to be financed shall normally be located outside the Nordics.	Nordic research-based startups or spin-out with international ambitions and potential.	Nordic technology small or medium-sized startups, knowledge-intensive growth companies, with global potential and ambitions.
How much external funding	Maximum funding up to EUR 5 million and provided as loans. Equity-type investments can be considered.	The program has a fee of \$15.500	Program fee of \$12.000 for 2 participants. Vinnova co-finances a place on the TINC program with \$ 7000 per startup to reduce the fee to \$ 5000 per company
Themes	Green solutions and technology in energy and energy efficiency, manufacturing and materials, transportation and e-mobility.		Sustainable and innovative business ideas.

Enabling and supporting organisations

Entities that foster cross-border collaboration by providing platforms, resources or networks to connect individuals, businesses and institutions. Their role is to create favourable conditions for international cooperation, innovation and growth.

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Green Transition Initiative (GTI)

[Link to GTI](#)

GTI provides a platform for U.S and Swedish stakeholders to collaborate. The office enables connections, facilitate matchmaking, drive pilots or projects to increase the adoption of Swedish sustainable technologies in mobility, energy and buildings in the U.S.



Business Sweden

[Link to Business Sweden](#)

Business Sweden supports Swedish companies to increase their global sales. They also supports international companies to invest and expand in Sweden. The tools from Business Sweden consists of market analyses, strategic guidance and practical support.



Silicon Vikings

[Link to Silicon Vikings](#)

Silicon Vikings offers a network that connects Nordic and Baltic Innovation with Silicon Valley and vice versa. They facilitate events, memberships and company connections and offers panel events, pitching competitions and hackathons.



Nordic Innovation House

[Link to Nordic Innovation House](#)

Nordic Innovation House supports Nordic companies to accelerate and scale their business. They offer a strong community, connections to the local ecosystem, programs for acceleration and events. Members have access to office space and meeting rooms.

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Towards sustainable mobility

Innovation collaboration between Sweden and the United States