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# Comparative maps of local and national funds to trigger circularity in industry

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## Executive Summary

This deliverable documents the results of the analysis of ROP ERDF 2021-27 and other local funding instruments for SMEs to enhance circularity and zero-waste in production processes.

The analysis is based on information provided in a prior stage of the Cradle-ALP project implementation namely by the Regional ecosystem Cradle2Cradle maturity analyses (D1.2.1) and the Transnational ecosystem Cradle2Cradle maturity report (D1.2.3). The Cradle2Cradle maturity report shows that the concept of circular economy is quite strongly taken up in the relevant national and regional policies. Consequently the transformation towards a circular economy is also eligible in different funding schemes in the project regions. Some of those schemes specifically address the circular economy or resource efficiency, whereas others are broader and tackle circular economy under the umbrella of innovation projects.

This mapping took a closer look at the funding schemes, especially in regard of goals, topics and time plans.

All project partners have contributed to this mapping activity which has been performed by

- Checking the validity of the funding instruments identified in WP1
- Desk-research for new and upcoming funding instruments
- Gathering the details required for the comparison (goal, topics, time plans) and further relevant parameters

with the aim to map the existing regional and national funding programmes in the project partner regions to trigger circularity in industry.

The result of the mapping activity shall provide the basis to identify in a later step which funding schemes are suitable and or flexible enough to be integrated in a synchronized funding scheme to support cooperation along transregional C2C/circular value chains in the 5 priority sectors (Chemistry/Material, Composites, Packaging, Textiles, Wood & Furniture) in Alpine space.

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## 1 Introduction to the Cradle-Alp project

Cradle-ALP aims for mainstreaming cradle to cradle (C2C) approaches, circular design and circular substitutions (from the alpine region) for linear products in industrial processes, in different industrial sectors. The Alpine Space has many natural resources and the technologies to substitute fossil raw materials and toxic substances from production with circular and environmentally friendly alternatives. This should lead to the fact that materials and products can be led back into a healthy cycle after use. The focus of this project shall be on the substitution of chemical and fossil based/unsustainable materials with more circular, sustainable and bio-degradable ones.

First, the partners will build a broad awareness and understanding in the public, the relevant industries as well as among stakeholders from policy and innovation intermediaries, for the opportunities, barriers and mechanisms of the transformation of industrial products towards higher circularity by means of C2C approaches, circular design and circular substitutions. Business support providers shall be trained to accompany the transformation of businesses along more circular value chains.

In a second step, the partners will explore in details and test opportunities for implementing C2C approaches, circular design and circular substitutions along specific value chains in the Chemistry & Material, Composites, Packaging, Textiles, Wood & Furniture sectors supported by digital technologies. Building on a thorough multidimensional (technology, policy, economy, etc.) roadmapping exercise, transnational groupings of stakeholders – including businesses – will be installed, with the aim to transfer the C2C roadmaps into industrial practice along exemplary value chains.

Finally, the partners will work towards ensuring a transnational policy convergence towards transnational strategies in the priority sectors of the project and initiate common cross border funding instruments for the industrial C2C transformation.

## 2 Objective and scope

The overarching objective of the analysis and establishing of comparative maps is to get a more detailed overview of the existing funding instruments in the project regions which might be suitable for supporting the implementation of C2C solutions by industry with transnational fund synchronization.

The analysis of ROP ERDF 2021-27 and other local funding instruments for SMEs to enhance circularity and zero-waste in production processes identifies available funding programmes and their main parameters (goal, topics, time plans) relevant for comparison.

The comparative maps based on the analysis performed in each project region support project partners in implementing the Cradle-ALP pilots for applying and testing the C2C industrial roadmaps and C2C toolbox.

### Practical implementation in the context of the Cradle-ALP project

In order to ensure a high relevance of the funding instruments analysis for a successful implementation of the Cradle-ALP activities, the analysis is focussed on the industrial sectors addressed in the Cradle2Cradle transformation road maps. Those sectors are: Chemistry &

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Material, Composites, Packaging, Textiles, Wood & Furniture.

**The results of the analysis shall provide the basis for the comparative maps and which are needed to enhance synchronization of existing funding programmes for supporting transregional cooperation of SME.**

It has been performed with contribution of all project partners through a combination of checking the validity of the funding instruments identified in WP1, desk-research for new funding instruments and relevant details (goals, topics, time plans) required for the comparison.

**The result is of course a snapshot of the available local and national funding programmes,** since funding programmes are constantly starting, expiring and depending on changes at political and budget level.

Besides the main parameters the partners identified and collected for the mapping further relevant parameters. The collected parameters are listed below:

- goal, topics, time plans (main parameters)
- funding authority (programme owner/programme management)
- applicability for sectors focused on in Cradle-ALP (Chemistry & Materials, Packaging (paper & plastics), Polymers & Composites, Wood & Furniture, Textiles)
- type of applicants
- type of activities
- funding amount
- partnership requirements

For better readability in the document the most relevant parameters are mentioned below. These are: Funding Authority, Name of the Programme | Goal, Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials | Packaging (paper & plastics) | Polymers & Composites | Textiles | Wood & Furniture, Funding Period | Application/Call Modality.

Further details on the identified programmes are available in the related excel-table online at [Cradle-ALP website/resources](#).

## 3 ROP ERDF 2021-27 and other local funding instruments

### 3.1 Austria, Upper Austria, Vienna

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
aws – Austria Wirtschaftsservice / Austria Business Service	<a href="#">aws Twin Transition</a>	All sectors	2023 – 2026 First come – first serve

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Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (Forest Fund, Republic of Austria)	<a href="#">THINK.WOOD.Innovation</a>	Wood	07/2021 – 01/2027
Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology + EU ARF (NextGeneration EU)	<a href="#">Measure to increase the reusable quota for beverage containers</a> (Mahnahme zur Steigerung der Mehrwegquote für Getränkegebinde)	Packaging	04/2022 – 06/2025 Until funds are exhausted
Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Innovation cheque with deductible (Innovationsscheck mit Selbstbehalt 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 – 12/2025 Continuously
FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft / Austrian Research Promotion Agency	<a href="#">Expedition Future Innovation (Expedition Zukunft INNOVATION)</a>	All sectors	06/2023 – 12/2026 Continuously
FFG, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management	<a href="#">FTI Initiative Circular Economy (FFG)</a>	All sectors	01/2024 – 12/2026 Until end of 2026
FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Impact Innovation</a>	All sectors	2017 – 2035 Continuously
FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Project.Start 2025 (Projekt.Start 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 – 12/2025 Continuously
FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Basic program small project 2025 (Basisprogramm Kleinprojekt 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2024 – 12/2025 Continuously
FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Basic program 2025 (Basisprogramm 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 – 12/2025 Continuously
FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Fronrunner 2025</a>	All sectors	02/2023 – 12/2025 Continuously
VKS– Verpackungskoordinierungsstelle gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH	<a href="#">Promotion of waste prevention (Abfallvermeidungs-Förderung der Sammel- und Verwertungssysteme für Verpackungen)</a>	All sectors	2025 21th call 16.6.–6.10.2025

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Regional Government Office of Upper Austria, Directorate for Regional Planning, Economic and Rural Development Department of Economics and Research	<a href="#">Landesförderprogramm "Unternehmens- und Forschungskooperationsförderung" – the regional funding programme for business and research cooperation</a> contributes to the goals of the Upper Austrian economic and research strategy #upperVISION2030	All sectors	2024 – 2026 Continuously
Regional Government Office of Upper Austria, Directorate for Regional Planning, Economic and Rural Development Department of Economics and Research	<a href="#">Easy2Research Implementation of R&amp;D projects that are realised with an R&amp;D facility</a>	All sectors	2024 – 2026 Continuously
Vienna business agency / Wirtschaftsagentur Wien	<a href="#">Vienna Planet Fund</a>	All sectors	01/2024 – 10/2025

### 3.2 France, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes & Bourgogne Franche Comté

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
ADEME – France 2030	<a href="#">ORMAT</a> (Objective: Material Recycling) call for projects supports investments in waste over-sorting and preparation for recycling, the production of recycled raw materials (RRM), their incorporation into products, as well as the repurposing, remanufacturing, and refurbishment of batteries. ORMAT aims to support studies and investment projects that promote raw material efficiency, industrial resilience, and decarbonization in France through recycling.	Six main “material” themes: Plastics, Textiles, Metals and batteries, Wood, Paper and cardboard, Glass and mineral materials.	To be renewed for 2025
Auvergne Rhone Alpes regional authority	<a href="#">Sustainable materials in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes</a>	Chemistry, Polymers, Packaging, Textiles, Composites, Wood, Materials, ...	2022 – 2028

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Re-fashion (eco-organism)	<a href="#">Re Fashion Challenge Innovation</a> Circularity of textiles	Textiles	2025
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### 3.3 Germany, Baden-Württemberg (BW), Bavaria

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
BMWK – Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action	<a href="#">Förderprogramm Industrielle Bioökonomie</a> /Funding program Industrial Bioeconomy	All sectors	2025 – 2028 Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Action / Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz	<a href="#">ZIM</a> (international cooperation)	All sectors	Continuous (several calls) Depends on the specific call
Federal Ministry of Education and Research	<a href="#">Fona<sup>3</sup> – Framework Program Research for Sustainability</a> – Rahmenprogramm Forschung für Nachhaltige Entwicklungen	All sectors	Depends on the specific call
Federal Ministry of Education and Research	<a href="#">KMU innovativ</a> /SME innovative Biomedizin, Bioökonomie, Elektronik & autonomes Fahren, IKT, interaktive Technologien, Klima & Energie, Materialforschung, Medizintechnik, Photonik & Quanten, Ressourcen & Kreislaufwirtschaft, Zukunft der Wertschöpfung	All sectors	Depends on the specific call
Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Management: Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)	<a href="#">Innovative SMEs: resources and the circular economy</a> (KMU innovativ: Ressourcen und Kreislaufwirtschaft)	All sectors	Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October
Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)	<a href="#">Innovative SMEs: Bioeconomy</a> (KMU-innovativ: Bioökonomie)	Chemistry & Materials, Polymers	Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October
Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection, Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)	<a href="#">Call for funding Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy</a> – Förderaufruf Ressourceneffizienz und Circular Economy	Chemistry & Materials, Polymers & Composites, Packaging & Textiles	Depends on the specific call

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Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt	<a href="#">Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt</a> : Thematic and open project funding	All sectors (focus on sustainability and ecology)	Continuos Call deadlines every 15. January and 15 June
Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e. V.	FNR: <a href="#">Funding programme Sustainable Renewable Resources</a> Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe: Förderprogramm Nachhaltige Erneuerbare Ressourcen	Wood, Chemicals, Materials	2025 call deadline 30.06.2025
L-Bank, Baden-Württemberg	<a href="#">InnoGrowth BW, 2023</a>	All sectors	2024 – 2026
L-Bank, Baden-Württemberg	<a href="#">Three Innovation Vouchers</a> : Innovation Voucher BW (max. grant of 7,500 € at a funding rate of 50%) for scientific activities; Innovation Voucher Hightech BW (max. 20,000 € grant at a funding rate of 50%) for SMEs for scientific activities in the preliminary stages; Innovation Voucher Start-up BW (max. 20,000 € grant at a funding rate of 50%) for start-ups up to a max. of five years after foundation	All sectors	2023 – 2026
L-Bank (in cooperation with agricultural authorities), BW	<a href="#">Environmental &amp; Consumer Protection – Agriculture &amp; Food</a>	All sectors	Open call (continuous application possible)
Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg, (Program managed via Invest BW portal)	<a href="#">Invest BW</a>	All sectors	Varies by call – typically multiple calls per year
City of Stuttgart – Klima-Innovationsfonds	<a href="#">Klima-Innovationsfonds</a>	All sectors	Actual deadline 15.04.25. Next in Q3
“Future technologies for the Bavarian economy”	<a href="#">Bavarian Research Foundation – Bayerische Forschungsstiftung</a>	All sectors	06/2025 – 06/2027
Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie	<a href="#">BayBioökonomie Scale-up</a>	All sectors	No current call
Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	<a href="#">Innovation Voucher Bavaria</a> _ Innovationsgutschein Bayern	All sectors	2019 – 2025 Continuously
Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	<a href="#">BayTOU – Bavarian program for the promotion of technology-oriented start-ups</a>	All sectors	2019 – 2025 Continuously

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Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	<a href="#">BayTP+ – Bavarian Technology Promotion Program plus</a> – Bayerisches Technologieförderungs-Programm Plus	All sectors	2019 – 2025 Continuously
Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	<a href="#">Program to promote the validation of research results and inventions</a> (validation program)	All sectors	Until 2026 Continuously
Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Jülich	<a href="#">Neue Werkstoffe in Bayern</a> (Bayerisches Verbundforschungsprogramm (BayVFP)/ New Materials)	All sectors	2019 – 2025 Continuously

### 3.4 Italy, Veneto Region, Province Padova

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
European Investment Fund – Mediocredito Centrale – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">Invitalia – InvestEU Financing</a>	All economic activities allowed by the bank's credit policies	2021 – 2027 Until funds are exhausted
Mediocredito Centrale – Invitalia – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">Mediocredito Centrale – SACE Green Financing</a>	All sectors (including fishing/aquaculture) within the turnover requirement	2021 – 2027 Until funds are exhausted
Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy – CDP Venture Capital SGR – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">MIMIT – Green Transition Fund:</a> support for start-ups and venture capital in the ecological transition	Green/ecological transition sectors (e.g., renewables, mobility, circular economy, energy efficiency, etc.)	2021 – 2027 Deadline: June 30, 2026
Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">MIMIT – Industrial Transition Support Fund (PNRR)</a>	Manufacturing	2021 – 2027 Deadline: April 8, 2025
Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (MIMIT) – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">MIMIT – Nuova Sabatini Green</a>	All eligible sectors (except financial and insurance)	2021 – 2027 Until funds are exhausted
Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (MIMIT) – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">MIMIT – Measures to support the enhancement of natural</a> (including recycled) textile fibers and leather tanning processes	Textile; Leather	2021 – 2027 Deadline: Not available
SIMEST – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">SIMEST – Digital and/or Ecological Transition</a>	All sectors (no explicit restrictions, subject to SIMEST criteria)	2021 – 2027 Until funds are exhausted

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Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy – National call / PNRR	<a href="#">MIMIT – Investments in the natural textile fiber and tanning supply chain</a>	Textiles; Leather	
Chamber of Commerce of Padova – Regional/local call	<a href="#">CCIAA Padova – Contributions to support the dual digital and ecological transition of SMEs</a>	All sectors (except those active exclusively in primary fish / aquaculture or primary agriculture production)	2021 – 2027 Deadline: April 3, 2025
Chamber of Commerce of Vicenza – Regional/local call	<a href="#">CCIAA Vicenza – Contributions to support the digital and ecological transition of enterprises 2025</a>	All sectors (excluding exclusively primary fish / aquaculture or primary agriculture)	2021 – 2027 Deadline: March 28, 2025
Region of Veneto – Regional/local call	<a href="#">Veneto – Veneto Research, Development and Innovation Fund – Excellence Innovation Section</a>	All economic sectors except those excluded by GBER (Reg. EU 651/2014)	2021 – 2027 Deadline: December 31, 2029
Region of Veneto – Regional/local call	<a href="#">Veneto – Fondo Veneto Competitiveness</a> : Transition Section	All permitted sectors according to specified ATECO codes	2021 – 2027 Deadline: December 31, 2029
Region of Veneto – Regional/local call (rolling submission)	<a href="#">Veneto – Fondo Veneto Energia</a> : energy efficiency for enterprises	All sectors covered by ATECO codes in par. 4 of the call	2021 – 2027 Until funds are exhausted

### 3.5 Slovenia

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
ARIS (Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency)	<a href="#">RDI Programmes</a> (e.g. CRP, TRP, Targeted Research)	All sectors	1–3 years Annual or biannual calls
Eko sklad (Slovenian Environmental Public Fund)	<a href="#">Co-financing of environmental and energy-efficient projects</a>	Materials, Energy, Renewables	Typically 1–3 years Public calls and tenders
Slovenian Center for Circular Economy (SCCC – SRIP CE partner)	Knowledge & capacity building, cluster networking, innovation facilitation (non-funding) Website from July 2025	All sectors	SCCC established 12/2024, vouchers foreseen 2026 – 2029.
SPIRIT Slovenia	<a href="#">Various support instruments for technology development, internationalization, clusters</a>	All sectors	Typically short-term (1–2 years) Periodic calls and direct support mechanisms

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SPS (Slovenian Enterprise Fund)	<a href="#">Support to SMEs</a> (e.g. P2 – startup, P4 – green transition, P7 – digitalization)	All sectors	1–2 years Competitive calls (deadlines apply)
SRIP Circular Economy + Ministry of the Economy (MGRT)	<a href="#">SRIP Circular Economy</a> (Strategic RDI Partnerships in value chains)	All sectors	Typically 2–3 years Public calls via ARIS or MGRT

### 3.6 Switzerland

Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality
Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency	<a href="#">Different programmes of Innosuisse</a>	All sectors	
SNSF–Swiss National Science Foundation	<a href="#">Different programmes of the SNSF</a>	All sectors	Various open calls
Confederation and Canton of Fribourg	<a href="#">NRP–New Regional Policy</a> – Collaboration projects	All sectors	2023 – 2027 Continuously
School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg	HES–SO R&D Funds – Fund for application-oriented research and development	All sectors	Continuously

## 4 Comparative maps - Annex

Further details on the identified programmes related to the Cradle-ALP project partner regions are available in the 6 maps (Austria; Upper Austria and Vienna, France Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes & Bourgogne Franche Comté, Germany: Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, Italy: Veneto, Slovenia, Switzerland: Canton Fribourg) in the annex as pdf-document and excel-table.

Please be aware that this overview of the available local and national funding programmes is like a snapshot without long-term actuality, since funding programmes are constantly starting, expiring and are dependent on changes at political and budgetary level.

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Austria	aws - Austria Wirtschaftsservice / Austria Business Service	<a href="#">aws Twin Transition</a>	All sectors	2023 - 2026 First come - first serve	Companies with a business location and investment site in Austria that are international pioneers and are driving economic change towards digitalisation and green transition	Transformative demonstration and pilot plants in the field of digitalisation and greening. First industrial deployment to accelerate industrial development and initial production capacities after a pilot phase.	Project volume >= 4 Mio Funding max. in accordance with the possibilities under state aid law	n.a.	n.a.
Austria	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (Forest Fund, Republic of Austria)	<a href="#">THINK.WOOD.Innovation</a>	Wood	07/2021 - 01/2027	SME, big companies, universities, research institutions, start-ups	R&D, education	550 Mio. € in total (for the whole programme)		
Austria	Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology + EU ARF (NextGeneration EU)	<a href="#">Measure to increase the reusable quota for beverage containers (Maßnahme zur Steigerung der Mehrwegquote für Getränkegebinde)</a>	Packaging	04/2022 - 06/2025 until funding budget is exhausted	Companies	Industrial	110 Mio. € in total (for the whole programme), one- off non-repayable investment subsidy		
Austria	Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Innovation cheque with deductible (Innovationsscheck mit Selbstbehalt 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 - 12/2025 Continuously	SMEs	R&D	Max. 10.000 €/project	cooperation with scientific institutions	
Austria	FFG - Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft / Austrian Research Promotion Agency	<a href="#">Expedition Future Innovation (Expedition Zukunft INNOVATION)</a>	All sectors	06/2023 - 12/2026 Continuously	Start-ups, SMEs in the foundation phase	Innovation projects, new business models (with international expansion possibilities)	Max. 150.000 €/project respectively 50% of the total eligible costs		
Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management	<a href="#">FTI Initiative Circular Economy (FFG)</a>	All sectors	01/2024 - 12/2026 Until end of 2026	Companies, non-profit organisations, public institutions	R&D	92 Mio. € in total (for the whole programme)		Transregional cooperation possible (as consortium partner)
Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Impact Innovation</a>	All sectors	2017 - 2035 Continuously	Start-ups, SMEs in the foundation phase	Innovation of processes/organisation	Innovation cheque up to 10.000 €	just in the starting phase (no solution yet)	
Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Project.Start 2025 (Projekt.Start 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 - 12/2025 Continuously	Start-ups, SMEs	R&D, project preparation costs	Max. 6.000 €/project (project preparation costs)		Transregional cooperation possible
Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Basic program small project 2025 (Basisprogramm Kleinprojekt 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2024 - 12/2025 Continuously	Start-ups, SMEs	R&D, innovation	Max. 90.000/project	cooperation with scientific institutions possible	

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Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Basic program 2025 (Basisprogramm 2025)</a>	All sectors	01/2025 - 12/2025 Continuously	Start-ups, SMEs, big companies	R&D	Max. 3 Mio. €/project (about 50% of the project costs, in case of start-ups up to 70%)	cooperation with scientific institutions is welcome	
Austria	FFG, Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism	<a href="#">Fronrunner 2025</a>	All sectors	02/2023 - 12/2025 Continuously	SMEs, big companies	International R&D ("Green Fronrunner" - environmental and climate protection, "Transformative Fronrunner" - digital and sustainable economic transformation)	Max. 3 Mio. €/project (max. 45% of the eligible costs)		Transregional cooperation is welcome
Austria	VKS- Verpackungskoordinierungsstelle gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH	<a href="#">Promotion of waste prevention (Abfallvermeidungs-Förderung der Sammel- und Verwertungssysteme für Verpackungen)</a> Implementation and development of measures for the quantitative and qualitative prevention of waste according to § 29 (4a) AWG 2002 as well as for the related applied research.	All sectors	2025 21th call 16.6.- 6.10.2025	SME, big companies, Research institutions, universities, municipal offices and businesses, associations, educational and healthcare facilities NGOs and NPOs	These measures include in particular: - the replacement of input materials and operating resources that have a negative impact on the waste quality of a product or any by-products (design), - the reduction of production or packaging waste, - contributions to waste prevention by optimising logistics, - raising awareness/waste prevention networks, - the extension of the production life cycle by e.g. improving quality, increasing or enabling reparability, - reducing waste and environmental pollution during product use, - replacing products with services.	Max. funding rate: 30 % big companies, 70 % SMEs, municipal offices and businesses 100 % Research institutions, universities, associations, educational and healthcare facilities, NGOs and NPOs max. 120.000,-/project/year	max. 5 partners duration max. 3 years	
Austria: Upper Austria	Regional Government Office of Upper Austria, Directorate for Regional Planning, Economic and Rural Development Department of Economics and Research	Landesförderprogramm "Unternehmens- und Forschungskoooperationsförderung" - the regional funding programme for business and research cooperation contributes to the goals of the Upper Austrian economic and research strategy #upperVISION2030 <a href="https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/526010.htm">https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/526010.htm</a>	All sectors	2024 - 2026 Continuously	SME, big companies, R&D organisations (only in combination with one SME in Upper Austria)	Applied R&D, industrial research, experimental development; Technology projects & technology based organisational innovation projects	With R&D project partner: funding amount max 35 % (max. 250.000 / project, max. 50.000 / project partner  Without R&D project partner: 15 % funding amount, max. 100.000 / project, max. 20.000 / project partner	collaborative projects, min. 3 partners, at least 1 SME	Transregional cooperation possible; only Upper Austrian project partner are funded but a foreign project partner is counted as project partner

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Austria: Upper Austria	Regional Government Office of Upper Austria, Directorate for Regional Planning, Economic and Rural Development Department of Economics and Research	<a href="#">Easy2Research</a> <a href="#">Implementation of R&amp;D</a> <a href="#">projects that are realised with</a> <a href="#">an R&amp;D facility</a>	All sectors	2024 - 2026 Continuously	SME	R&D activities in the area of 'experimental development' with significant novelty value and corresponding technological risk.	Max. 50% funding rate Max. 25.000 € (min. 15% of the eligible costs used for research institution)		
Austria: Vienna	Vienna business agency / Wirtschaftsagentur Wien	Vienna Planet Fund	All sectors	01/2024 - 10/2025	SMEs, Start-ups, companies,	Supports companies and founders in implementing climate-friendly projects in Vienna by funding investments, personnel, and services that contribute to climate neutrality, such as sustainable technologies, energy efficiency, and emission reduction			

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France: Auvergne- Rhône-Alpes & Bourgogne Franche Comté	ADEME - France 2030	ORMAT (Objective: Material Recycling) call for projects supports investments in waste over-sorting and preparation for recycling, the production of recycled raw materials (RRM), their incorporation into products, as well as the repurposing, remanufacturing, and refurbishment of batteries. ORMAT aims to support studies and investment projects that promote raw material efficiency, industrial resilience, and decarbonization in France through recycling. This may include over-sorting of waste, production of Recycled Raw Materials (RRM), or incorporation of RRM. A balanced increase in recycling and RRM incorporation capacities, along with improved performance of existing processes and enhanced RRM quality, are key goals for deploying material recovery chains in France.	Six main "material" themes: Plastics, Textiles, Metals and batteries, Wood, Paper and cardboard, Glass and mineral materials.	To be renewed for 2025	Enterprises	Two types of project categories: Axis 1: Diagnostics, studies, performance testing, and experimentation. Funding for enterprises between 50k to 100k€ dedicated to feasibility studies. Axis 2: Investments (creation, capacity increase, incorporation rate improvement, quality enhancement, or performance improvement). Funding to enterprises (minimum 5 partners in a consortium) for up to 2M€ dedicated to finance investment to adapt manufacturing processes to the use of materials from recycling.	50 to 100k€ or 2M € for consortium of 5 enterprises		
France: Auvergne- Rhône-Alpes & Bourgogne Franche Comté	Auvergne Rhone Alpes regional authority	Sustainable materials in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Chemistry, Polymers, Packaging, Textiles, Composites, Wood, Materials, ...	2022 - 2028	Enterprises	Companies of all sizes based in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. Research and knowledge dissemination organizations (universities, research centers, industrial technical centers, engineering schools) whose research teams are located in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.			

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France: Auvergne- Rhône-Alpes & Bourgogne Franche Comté	Re-fashion (eco-organism)	Re_Fashion Challenge Innovation : circularity of textiles	Textiles	2025	Enterprises	Refashion is the eco-organism in charge of insuring the circularity of the textile sector in france and respect the regulation's objectives for this sector. It organizes every year a call for R&D projects to optimize the recycling of non-reusable used textiles and footwear and to accelerate the circular development of the sector in France and Europe			

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Germany	BMWK – Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action	Förderprogramm Industrielle Bioökonomie/Funding program Industrial Bioeconomy	All sectors	2025 - 2028 Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Scaling and transferring biobased products and processes to industrial use and adaption.	300k - 25 Mio€	n.a.	
Germany	Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Action / Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz	ZIM (international cooperation)	All sectors	Continuous (several calls) Depends on the specific call	SMEs, (research organisations)	Support for international cooperation projects and the implementation of joint technological projects with extraordinary market perspectives.	depends on the specific call	n.a.	
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research	Fona <sup>3</sup> - Framework Program Research for Sustainability _ Rahmenprogramm Forschung für Nachhaltige Entwicklungen	All sectors	Depends on the specific call	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Support for international cooperation projects. Focus on "Reallabore".	depends on the specific call	n.a.	Application only in response to calls for proposals
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research	KMU innovativ	Biomedizin, Bioökonomie, Elektronik & autonomes Fahren, IKT, interaktive Technologien, Klima & Energie, Materialforschung, Medizintechnik, Photonik & Quanten, Ressourcen & Kreislaufwirtschaft, Zukunft der Wertschöpfung	Depends on the specific call	SMEs	Support for SME in case of F&E to accelerate innovation.	depends on the specific call	n.a.	
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research: Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)	Innovative SMEs: resources and the circular economy (KMU innovativ: Ressourcen und Kreislaufwirtschaft)	All sectors	Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October	High-risk research and pre- competitive development projects by SMEs as individual projects or in collaboration with other SMEs, universities, non- university research institutions	Products, processes and services must contribute to the protection and sustainable use of natural resources or to the expansion of the circular economy	Max. 500.000 € of eligible project- related costs		Application only in response to calls for proposals (apart from KMU- innovativ: Ressourcen & Kreislaufwirtschaft)
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research: Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)	Innovative SMEs: Bioeconomy (KMU-innovativ: Bioökonomie)	Chemistry & Materials, Polymers	Call deadlines every 15. April and 15. October	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Individual and joint projects Establishment of resource-saving, biological processes in the chemical or processing industry, new biorefinery concepts for biofuels and highly refined fine chemicals, bio- based methods for environmental protection and biological recycling processes	Funding rate of max. 50 %, proportionately financed		

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Germany	Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection: Projectmanagement: Jülich	Call for funding Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy _ Förderauf Ruf Ressourceneffizienz und Circular Economy	Chemistry & Materials, Polymers & Composites, Packaging & Textiles	Depends on the specific call	SMEs, enterprises & research organisations	Development of innovative materials, resource-efficient industrial processes, and digital systems for material flow tracking; implementation of circular economy strategies and sustainable business models with measurable energy and resource savings.	Companies must provide at least 50% own contribution. SMEs may receive fundings rates of up to 80%		
Germany	Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt	Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt: Thematic and open project funding	All sectors (focus on sustainability and ecology)	Continuous Call deadlines every 15. January and 15 June	SME, start-up	Thematic funding: - Environmentally friendly products - Resource-efficient procedures, production processes and materials - Recycling management/Circularity  Open-topic funding	Funding is generally provided on the basis of on the basis of the total project costs. Project funding in the form of pro rata, fixed amount or shortfall funding		
Germany	Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e. V.	FNR: Funding program Sustainable Renewable Resources Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe: Förderprogramm Nachhaltige Erneuerbare Ressourcen	Wood, chemicals, materials	2025 call deadline 30.06.2025	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	- Current call on development of biobased additives <a href="https://foerderung.fnr.de/fileadmin/P/rojekte/2025/FA/Foerderung/Biobasierte-Additive.pdf">https://foerderung.fnr.de/fileadmin/P/rojekte/2025/FA/Foerderung-Biobasierte-Additive.pdf</a> - Current call on wood-based materials <a href="https://foerderung.fnr.de/fileadmin/P/rojekte/2025/FA/FA-Holzwerkstoffindustrie-40.pdf">https://foerderung.fnr.de/fileadmin/P/rojekte/2025/FA/FA-Holzwerkstoffindustrie-40.pdf</a>	Max. grant rates as % of eligible costs/expenditure Basic research: 100% industrial research: 80% Experimental development: 70% Feasibility studies: 70%		Low financial capacity (check with managing authority)
Germany: Baden-Württemberg	L-Bank	InnoGrowth BW, 2023	All sectors	2024 - 2026	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Investments in innovative start-ups and SMEs Focus on scaling technologies, new business models, and sustainability Venture capital support to accelerate commercialization	Equity investment (amount depends on company/project)		

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Germany: Baden- Württemberg	L-Bank	Three Innovation Vouchers: Innovation Voucher BW (max. grant of 7,500 € at a funding rate of 50%) for scientific activities; Innovation Voucher Hightech BW (max. 20,000€ grant at a funding rate of 50%) for SMEs for scientific activities in the preliminary stages; Innovation Voucher Start-up BW (max. 20,000 € grant at a funding rate of 50%) for start-ups up to a maximum of five years after foundation	All sectors	2023 - 2026	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Sustainability Projects and companies	Max. grant of 7,500 € at a funding rate of 50%		
Germany: Baden- Württemberg	L-Bank (in cooperation with agricultural authorities)	Environmental & Consumer Protection – Agriculture & Food	All sectors	Open call (continuous application possible)	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Sustainable and environmentally friendly production methods Measures to improve food safety and reduce environmental impact Projects targeting CO <sub>2</sub> reduction, biodiversity, circular agriculture	Variable, based on project size and scope		
Germany: Baden- Württemberg	Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg (Program managed via Invest BW portal)	Invest BW	All sectors	Varies by call – typically multiple calls per year	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations	Innovation projects (e.g., R&D, technology transfer) Investment in new production lines, digitalization, and energy efficiency Open to individual companies or consortia Especially supports SMEs and projects with sustainable impact			
Germany: Baden- Württemberg / Stuttgart	City of Stuttgart - Klima- Innovationsfonds	Klima-Innovationsfonds	All sectors	Actual deadline 15.04.25. Next in Q3	Corporates, startups, educational & research institutions	The focus is on transferring forward- looking concepts into practice and scaling up pilot projects in order to successfully implement them in a major city like Stuttgart.	Funding rate max. 90%, depending on institutions type and size. Max. 500k €, total budget 20 Mio €		Project has to be located / rolled out in the city of Stuttgart.
Germany: Bavaria	"Future technologies for the Bavarian economy	Bavarian Research Foundation - Bayerische Forschungsstiftung	All sectors	06/2025 - 06/2027	SMEs, enterprises, research organisations/universities	Basic research, industrial research, experimental development among others in the sector of Process and production technology with a focus on additive manufacturing, sustainable production with a focus on recyclability, reparability and the use of biodegradable materials	Small scale projects between 100.000 - 1.000.000€; Research network with up to € 3.000.000		non-Bavarian project participant may be possible

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Germany: Bavaria	Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie	BayBioökonomie Scale-up	All sectors	No current call	SME	Construction of industrial bioeconomy production facilities that process renewable raw materials or predominantly biogenic residual and waste materials and have a high climate protection effect	Funding rate is up to 10 % for medium- sized companies and up to 20 % for small companies. The eligible expenditure must amount to at least € 250.000		Investment funding and currently no open calls
Germany: Bavaria	Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	Innovation Voucher Bavaria _ Innovationsgutschein Bayern	All sectors	2019 - 2025 Continuously	SMEs, start-up (<50 employees)	Services provided by external research and development institutions	Innovation voucher standard min € 4.000 and max € 30.000; Innovation voucher min. 30.000 € und max 80.000 €	R&D partner (company or RO, also from outside Bav.)	
Germany: Bavaria	Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	BayTOU - Bavarian program for the promotion of technology-oriented start-ups	All sectors	2019 - 2025 Continuously	start-ups and young companies	Projects with a significant technical and economic risk. Development of a new product, process or technical service with significant competitive advantages and market opportunities.	25 % of the eligible expenditure, max. 150.000 €		Program for individual projects, no collaborative projects
Germany: Bavaria	Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	BayTP+ - Bavarian Technology Promotion Program plus _ Bayerisches Technologieförderungs- Programm Plus	All sectors	2019 - 2025 Continuously	SMEs	Development of technologically new or significantly improved products, production processes	A grant for development project or a loan for application projects. Funding rate 25% - 50% for grants and max. 100% for loans		Program for individual projects, no collaborative projects
Germany: Bavaria	Bayerische Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie: Projektträger Bayern	Program to promote the validation of research results and inventions (validation program)	All sectors	Until 2026 Continuously	Bavarian universities	Aims to validate technological innovations in order to transfer their potential to industrial research. Accelerate the introduction and dissemination of modern technologies and services in industry	To cover up to 100% of personnel and material expenses, travel costs; max. € 300.000 per project; Project duration max. 18 months		Program for individual projects, no collaborative projects

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Italy	European Investment Fund – Mediocredito Centrale - National call / PNRR	Invitalia – InvestEU Financing	All economic activities allowed by the bank's credit policies	2021 - 2027 Until funds are exhausted	SMEs (<250 employees) and Small MidCaps (250–499 employees) operating in any sector admitted by the bank's credit policies and meeting FEI eligibility criteria	Two types of investments: (1) InvestEU Innovation & Digitalisation, (2) InvestEU Sustainability, supported by the European Investment Fund guarantee	Medium/long-term loan with FEI partial guarantee	no	
Italy	Mediocredito Centrale – Invitalia - National call / PNRR	Mediocredito Centrale – SACE Green Financing	All sectors (including fishing/aquaculture) within the turnover requirement	2021 - 2027 Until funds are exhausted	Large enterprises, SMEs, micro-enterprises, and professionals with turnover ≤ € 500 million	Covers eligible costs (past or future from January 1, 2020) related to climate change mitigation/adaptation, protection of water/marine resources, circular economy, pollution prevention/reduction, and biodiversity/ecosystem conservation	Medium/long-term loan with 80% SACE Green guarantee	no	
Italy	Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy – CDP Venture Capital SGR - National call / PNRR	MIMIT – Green Transition Fund: support for start-ups and venture capital in the ecological transition	Green/ecological transition sectors (e.g., renewables, mobility, circular economy, energy efficiency, etc.)	2021 - 2027 Deadline: June 30, 2026	Target enterprises: start-ups, SMEs with high growth potential, including spin-offs established after Feb. 1, 2020, or newly created via venture building; possibly foreign-based holding companies with actual business or development plans in Italy	Eligible investments: direct (equity, quasi-equity, debt) into start-ups/SMEs with green projects or indirect via third-party VC funds with a green focus, complying with DNSH principles and furthering climate objectives	Equity or quasi-equity capital investments (direct or indirect via venture capital funds)	no	
Italy	Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy - National call / PNRR	MIMIT – Industrial Transition Support Fund (PNRR)	Manufacturing	2021 - 2027 Deadline: April 8, 2025	Enterprises of any size (including social enterprises/benefit corporations) operating in the manufacturing sector (ATECO C)	Investments must be between € 3 million and € 20 million, aimed exclusively at improving environmental performance (energy/resource efficiency, limited capacity expansion), to be completed within 36 months (with a possible 12-month extension). The project must not cause double funding or harm to environmental objectives and must comply with the DNSH principle.	Non-repayable grant	no	
Italy	Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (MIMIT) - National call / PNRR	MIMIT – Nuova Sabatini Green	All eligible sectors (except financial and insurance)	2021 - 2027 Until funds are exhausted	Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in all sectors (except finance/insurance) with a registered office in Italy	Eligible costs include purchase or leasing of brand-new goods for productive use, functionally autonomous, to be located at the firm's business unit. Loans can have a maximum term of 5 years, with amounts between EUR 20,000 and EUR 4 million	Bank financing/leasing plus interest-rate contribution (grant)	no	

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Italy	Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (MIMIT) - National call / PNRR	MIMIT – Measures to support the enhancement of natural (including recycled) textile fibers and leather tanning processes	Textile; Leather	2021 - 2027 Deadline: Not available	Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises active under ATECO 13 (Textile Industries) and 15.11 (Leather tanning)	Projects must fall under one or more lines of intervention: (a) growth and innovation (new processes and capacity/efficiency improvements in a sustainable manner) or (b) environmental sustainability (acquisition of equipment, processes, and certifications to reduce environmental impact and increase traceability), to be completed within 12 months from grant approval	Mixed financing (grant + subsidized loan)	no	
Italy	SIMEST - National call / PNRR	SIMEST – Digital and/or Ecological Transition	All sectors (no explicit restrictions, subject to SIMEST criteria)	2021 - 2027 Until funds are exhausted	Enterprises (all sizes) in active status, with at least two complete financial statements, and meeting minimum export turnover requirements	At least 50% of the requested amount must be used for digital/ecological investments; up to 50% may go to additional strengthening investments. Threshold can rise to 70%, 80%, or 90% under certain conditions (energy cost increase, export share, Western Balkans, or flood-affected areas)	Concessional financing, with partial grant possible	no	
Italy	Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy - National call / PNRR	MIMIT – Investments in the natural textile fiber and tanning supply chain	Textiles; Leather	2021 - 2027 Deadline: June 3, 2025	Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises operating under ATECO 13 (Textile Industries) or ATECO 15.11 (Leather tanning and finishing)	Interventions related to 'Growth and Innovation' (increasing production capacity, ensuring environmental sustainability, and reducing waste) and 'Environmental Sustainability' (acquiring equipment, certifications, using natural or recycled materials)	Non-repayable grant, with possible subsidized financing	no	
Italy: Province of Padova (Veneto)	Chamber of Commerce of Padova - Regional/local call	CCIAA Padova – Contributions to support the dual digital and ecological transition of SMEs	All sectors (except those active exclusively in primary fish/aquaculture or primary agriculture production)	2021 - 2027 Deadline: April 3, 2025	Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises of all economic sectors with a registered office or local unit in the Province of Padova (some exclusions apply)	Measure A: AI-related projects, sustainability improvements through digital technologies. Measure B: digital/eco transition projects with specified technologies. Eligible costs: consultancy, equipment, training (≥4 hours). For the "ecological transition" portion of Measure B, only consultancy costs are eligible.	Non-repayable grant	no	

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Italy: Province of Vicenza (Veneto)	Chamber of Commerce of Vicenza - Regional/local call	CCIAA Vicenza – Contributions to support the digital and ecological transition of enterprises 2025	All sectors (excluding exclusively primary fish/aquaculture or primary agriculture), companies funded under the 2024 edition are also excluded	2021 - 2027 Deadline: March 28, 2025	Large enterprises, SMEs, micro-enterprises, cooperatives, social enterprises/benefit corporations, startups. All sectors (some exclusions) with a registered office or local unit in Vicenza and in good standing with annual fees	Consultancy/service costs (excluding tangible goods) related to innovation, enabling technologies, digital marketing, ecological/energy transition. Training necessary for software/platform usage is eligible if provided by the same service provider	Non-repayable grant (De minimis)	no	
Italy: Veneto	Region of Veneto - Regional/local call	Veneto – Veneto Research, Development and Innovation Fund – Excellence Innovation Section	All economic sectors except those excluded by GBER (Reg. EU 651/2014)	2021 - 2027 Deadline: December 31, 2029	Enterprises, universities/research centers (single or partnership projects; research organizations can only participate with at least one enterprise)	Projects in industrial research (new knowledge for new products/processes/services) and experimental development (prototyping, testing, validation), aligned with priority areas: Smart Agrifood, Smart Manufacturing, Smart Health, Smart Living & Energy, Culture & Creativity, Space economy, Bioeconomy	Mixed: non- repayable grant + subsidized financing	no	
Italy: Veneto	Region of Veneto - Regional/local call	Veneto – Fondo Veneto Competitiveness: Transition Section	All permitted sectors according to specified ATECO codes	2021 - 2027 Deadline: December 31, 2029	Micro, small, medium enterprises (PMI), mid-cap companies, and professionals with active VAT status, with an operational site or tax domicile in Veneto and operating within specified ATECO codes (B, C, D, E, F, G [some exclusions], H, I56, J, K66, M, N, P85.52, Q [excluding 86.1], R, and S [only divisions 95 and 96])	Innovative programs introducing new technologies in product/process, especially under “Transizione 4.0” measures or green/circular economy. Investments must be launched after application submission and conform to S3 focus areas (Smart Agrifood, Smart Manufacturing, etc.)	Mixed financing (low-interest loan, lease, optional grant component)	no	
Italy: Veneto	Region of Veneto - Regional/local call (rolling submission)	Veneto – Fondo Veneto Energia: energy efficiency for enterprises	All sectors covered by ATECO codes in par. 4 of the call	2021 - 2027 Until funds are exhausted	Enterprises and self- employed professionals with an operational site in Veneto (ATECO codes listed in the call), including large enterprises, SMEs, micro- enterprises, cooperatives, startups	Energy efficiency projects in production processes and/or company buildings (e.g., replacing fossil-fueled machinery, improving insulation, installing renewable energy systems for self-consumption), with at least 30% reduction in primary energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions	Mixed: partial non- repayable grant + subsidized loan (revolving fund)	no	

D.3.3.1 Comparative maps of local and national funds to trigger circularity in industry	Funding Authority	Name of the Programme   Goal (thematic Scope)	Cradle-ALP Sectors: Chemistry & Materials   Packaging (paper & plastics)   Polymers & Composites   Textiles   Wood & Furniture	Funding Period   Application/Call Modality	Type of Applicants	Type of Activities	Funding amount per partner and per project	Partnership Requirements	Notes, e.g. if transregional coop is possible
Slovenia	ARIS (Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency)	RDI Programmes (e.g. CRP, TRP, Targeted Research)	All sectors	1–3 years Annual or biannual calls	Research institutions, companies (in cooperation)	Basic/applied research, prototypes, feasibility studies	Up to approx. €300.000 per project	Requires cooperation between R&D and business	Cross-border cooperation limited; needs alignment
Slovenia	Eko sklad (Slovenian Environmental Public Fund)	Co-financing of environmental and energy-efficient projects	Materials, Energy, Renewables	Typically 1–3 years Public calls and tenders	Companies, municipalities, individuals	Green investments, energy efficiency measures	Varies by scheme (€10.000–€500.000)	Not required, but joint applications possible	National only, but complements EU climate goals
Slovenia	Slovenian Center for Circular Economy (SCCC – SRIP CE partner)	Knowledge & capacity building, cluster networking, innovation facilitation (non-funding)	All sectors	SCCC was just established (12/2024). Vouchers are foreseen from 2026 - 2029 Ongoing activities, not call-based (at least not yet)	Companies, stakeholders in circular economy	Workshops, matchmaking, project facilitation	Not a funding body – support in kind	Participation in networks encouraged	Acts as facilitator for cross-regional EU projects
Slovenia	SPIRIT Slovenia	Various support instruments for technology development, internationalization, clusters	All sectors	Typically short-term (1–2 years) Periodic calls and direct support mechanisms	SMEs, business support orgs, clusters	Investment promotion, export support, tech transfer	Often up to €100.000 or co-financed vouchers	Not always required	Transregional cooperation sometimes supported (via clusters/EEN)
Slovenia	SPS (Slovenian Enterprise Fund)	Support to SMEs (e.g. P2 – startup, P4 – green transition, P7 – digitalization)	All sectors	1–2 years Competitive calls (deadlines apply)	SMEs	Innovation, commercialization, internationalization	€50.000 – €600.000 depending on call	Individual or SME-led consortia	Cross-border rarely supported directly; can combine with EU schemes
Slovenia	SRIP Circular Economy + Ministry of the Economy (MGRT)	SRIP Circular Economy (Strategic RDI Partnerships in value chains)	All sectors	Typically 2–3 years Public calls via ARIS or MGRT	Companies, research institutions	R&D, pilot projects, product development	Up to approx. €500.000 per partner (depending on call)	Consortiums (industry + research)	Transregional cooperation possible via complementary schemes

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Switzerland	Innosuisse - Swiss Innovation Agency	Different programmes of Innosuisse	All sectors		SMEs, Start-ups, companies, research institutions, Organizations	Collaborative projects	Unlimited		
Switzerland	SNSF-Swiss National Science Foundation	Different programmes of the SNSF	All sectors	Various open calls	Research institutions	Research			
Switzerland: Canton Fribourg	Confederation and Canton of Fribourg	NRP-New Regional Policy - Collaboration projects	All sectors	2023 - 2027 Continuously	Research institutes, companies	Applied R&D. Focus on pre-competitive collaborations.	Max. 250.000 CHF		Used for Innovations Express 2024
Switzerland: Canton Fribourg	School of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg	HES-SO R&D Funds - Fund for application-oriented research and development	All sectors	Continuously	HES-SO researchers and Institutes	Research and Development	Unlimited		Used for Innovations Express 2024