

STRIM

Planning grant for leverage of STRIM projects

A call for proposals within the Strategic innovation programme for the Swedish mining and metal producing industry

1 Summary

The Strategic Innovation Programme for the mining and metal producing industry (STRIM) is part of a joint venture in strategic innovation areas by Vinnova, the Swedish Energy Agency and Formas. The aim of the venture in strategic innovation areas is to stimulate international competitiveness and sustainable solutions for global societal challenges.

The strategic innovation programme STRIM and Vinnova invite all stakeholders who have or have had projects financed by STRIM to apply for **planning grants** to leverage their projects through EU or international initiatives. Leverage may apply to entire projects or parts of projects, and the grant is aimed at writing applications, build an international consortium and associated activities that can lead to funding of continued work based on activities and results from projects funded by STRIM.

The purpose of this call is to improve the competitiveness of the mining and metal producing industry, to improve the sustainability of the sector, to improve resource and energy efficiency across the entire sector's value chain, as well as to develop and introduce new knowledge and new technologies to find new ores through the leverage of STRIM projects.

The call is open from 18 December 2018, and proposals will be assessed continuously until 14 November 2019 when the call closes.

The call covers all areas of the STRIM road map and each project may apply for a maximum of 300,000 SEK. No co-financing is required.

More information about SIP STRIM is available at www.sipstrim.se.

2 Who may apply?

The call is addressed to all stakeholders who is participating or have participated in STRIM-funded projects.

3 Description of the call

3.1 Objectives for the call

One of the objectives of SIP STRIM is to leverage the funds of the programme through projects financed by private funds and funds from, for example, EU or international initiatives. Another goal is internationalisation and capacity building.

3.2 Content and implementation

Each project proposal should clearly describe how the future project addresses the overall vision of the STRIM road map, as well as a description of how the planning grant will be used.

The call is aimed at planning grants for projects based on an entire, or a part of, a project funded by STRIM and aimed at realising the goals defined in the STRIM Agenda. The call includes all areas in the STRIM road map.

3.3 Expected results and effects

The call aims at defining and financing the planning of projects that clearly contribute to expected outcomes and long-term effects of STRIM (see www.sipstrim.se).

The leverage projects should result in a completed application for a new project aimed at other international or national funding agencies based on results from projects funded by STRIM.

4 What do we fund?

4.1 Budget

Leverage projects can apply for a maximum of 300 000 SEK. No co-funding is required.

4.2 Eligible costs and state aid rules

In this call, grants are given to companies according to EU Regulation No. 1407/2013. The form 'certificate of negligible support' must be attached to the application.

For more information, see Vinnova's website: <https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/>.

5 Timetable

The following dates apply for the call. Please note that dates and times are preliminary. For latest information, visit www.vinnova.se.

Call open 2017–2018

Call opens:	18 December 2018
Call closes:	14 November 2019
Date of decision:	Continuous
Earliest date of project start:	Continuous
Last date of project start:	10 December 2019

6 Formal requirements

For a proposal to be eligible for assessment in accordance with the criteria stated in 8.2, the following requirements must be met:

- Project partners should be legal entities.
- The project cannot start prior to the submission of the proposal.
- The proposal must contain everything requested in paragraph 8.2; project description and attachments.
- The project proposal should be fully or partly based on a STRIM-funded project.
- The project should start no later than 10 December 2019 and the maximum length of the project is 8 months.

7 Assessment

7.1 Assessment process

The assessment process is designed to identify the best proposals in terms of leverage potential.

The assessment of a proposal is made by representatives from the STRIM programme office and Vinnova. The assessments are made under confidentiality.

Schematically, the evaluation and decision-making process is as follows:

1. The proposal with all required attachments is submitted via a dedicated link to the eServices portal.
2. Proposals that meet the formal requirements will be assessed on a continuous basis using the assessment criteria (see 7.2).
3. Vinnova decides which projects are to be financed in consultation with the others in the assessment group.
4. Decisions are communicated to applicants and STRIM's management is informed of the outcome.

7.2 Assessment criteria

Leverage projects are assessed according to the following criteria:

Potential

- The relevance of the leverage project for intended call.

Feasibility

- Quality of organisational structure, methods and implementation.
- Credibility in work plan and budget.
- Resource allocation (personnel, equipment, etc.).

Stakeholders

- Competence and relevant experience of the individual project members.

8 How to apply

Proposals are to be submitted electronically via the application service (eServices portal). A link is available from the programme office.

The proposal consists of an electronic form that are filled in by the applicant. A project description, a CV, and the certificate of negligible support if this is the support requested should be attached to the proposal.

The proposal will not be assessed if any mandatory attachment is missing, if the attachments are not written according to the template below or if the attachments do not meet the requirements of maximum page number and formatting.

Project description:

The project descriptions should be a maximum of three A4 pages (font size 12 pt) and contain the following headings:

- **Project title** *in Swedish and English, and the registration number of the project to be leveraged*
- **Purpose and goal of the planning project**
 - *Objectives of the project – what the planning grant should be used for.*
 - *Description of which of the challenges defined in the STRIM Agenda that the future project will address (the agenda can be found at www.sipstrim.se).*
 - *Description of which call to address in the planning grant*
- **Potential of the future project**
 - *Summary of the previous results or projects on which the future project will be based and how the future project relates to and further develops them.*
 - *The application should describe at which TRL level the future project will lie. Defined according to TRL description on www.sipstrim.se.*
- **Execution of the planning project**
 - *Project plan for the planning grant, including time for activities, resources and deliveries.*
 - *Procedure.*
 - *Description of expected results.*

- **Consortium of the planning project**
 - *Composition of the consortium (planning project) with defined roles.*
 - *Organisation number and workplace for all parties involved in the planning project.*
 - *Planned composition of the future project consortium.*

Mandatory attachments:

CV: CV attachment with relevant CV for the project manager and key personnel in the project team. For these, name, age, gender, title or function and level of activity must be given. Each resume must be maximum two A4 pages with font size 12 pt.

The form 'Certificate of negligible support' if requested (i.e., if a company applies for a grant in this call).

9 Terms and conditions

For the call, Vinnova's general terms and conditions applicable at the date of decision apply for contributions. The terms contain rules on reporting, project agreements, follow-up, audits and conditions for payment, etc. The terms are found under "Terms and Conditions" on Vinnova's website. Additional special conditions may apply to individual projects.

As the call takes place within the framework of the Strategic Innovation Programme STRIM, there are also instructions that govern reporting, follow-up and communication, etc to the SIP STRIM programme office (contact the programme office for more information on reporting).

10 Confidentiality

Applications for this call will become official documents. As a general rule, the public is entitled to take part of these documents. This also applies to applications that are rejected or revoked. Even decisions and decision-motivations are official documents. However, Vinnova is obliged to confidentially disclose all information about an individual's business or operating conditions, inventions and research results if it can be assumed that the individual will suffer financial damage if the data is published.

Further information on privacy rules during application can be found on the website.

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