

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 grants for preparing a project application (**called planning projects**) to leverage their STRIM projects through initiation of the new project (**called leverage projects**). Leverage projects may be related to entire STRIM projects or parts of projects. The planning project grant is aimed at writing applications, building an international consortia and associated activities that lead to additional funding from EU or international programmes for continuing development based on activities and results from projects funded by STRIM.

The leverage projects are to support STRIM's overall objectives 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.

The call is open from 13 January 2020, and proposals will be assessed continuously until 12 November 2020 when the call closes.

The call covers all areas of the STRIM Agenda 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

The objective this call is to initiate new projects financed by international and private funding from, for example, EU or international initiatives which build upon results of STRIM projects. Another goal is internationalisation and capacity building.

3.2 Content and implementation

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

The call is aimed at funding planning projects for preparing project proposals for leverage 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 Agenda. See STRIM's Agenda at www.sipstrim.se.

3.3 Expected results and effects

The expected result of the call is the leveraging of SIP STRIM's projects into EU or other internationally funded projects to contribute to STRIM's expected outcomes and long-term impacts

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

4 What do we fund?

4.1 Budget

Leverage projects can apply for a maximum funding from Vinnova 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' (försumbart stöd) must be attached to the application. Not-for-profit research institutes and academia are not required to submit this form.

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 2020

Call opens:	13 January 2020
Call closes:	12 November 2020 at 14.00
Date of decision:	Continuous
Earliest date of project start:	Continuous
Last date of project start:	10 December 2020

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 planning 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 planning project proposal should be fully or partly based on a STRIM-funded project.
- The project should start no later than 10 December 2020 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 evaluation and decision-making process is as follows:

1. The proposal with all required attachments is submitted via a dedicated link to the Vinnova eServices portal (Intressentportal) at www.vinnova.se. Contact lawrence.hooey@sipstrim.se for the link.
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

Planning project applications are assessed according to the following criteria:

Potential

- Contribution of the leverage project to STRIM's objectives.
- The relevance and suitability of the leverage project for the intended call.

Feasibility of the planning project

- 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 planning project members

8 How to apply

Proposals are to be submitted electronically via a dedicated link available from SIP STRIM Project Office. Contact lawrence.hooey@sipstrim.se for the link.

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 required 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 STRIM project to be leveraged
- **Purpose and goal of the planning project**
 - Objectives of the planning project – what the financing would be used for.
 - Description and relevance of the call the leverage project proposal is to be submitted
- **Potential of the leverage project**
 - Summary of the previous results or projects on which the leverage project will be based and how the leverage project relates to and further develops them in support of SIP STRIM's objectives
 - The application should describe at which TRL level the leverage project will lie, defined according to TRL description on www.sipstrim.se.
 - Planned composition of the leverage project consortium.
- **Execution of the planning project**
 - Project plan for the planning project, including activities, schedule, budget, resources and deliveries
 - Description of expected results including e.g. how the planning project will improve the leverage project proposal, expand the consortium etc.

- **Consortium of the planning project**
 - *Composition of the consortium with defined roles. This may be one or more organizations.*
 - *Organisation number and workplace for all parties involved in the planning project.*

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 received by Vinnova become public documents however we do not release data of individual business or operating conditions, inventions and research results in cases where it can be assumed that the individual could suffer damage if the information were to be made public.

Further information on privacy rules during application can be found on Vinnova's website.

Documents sent to the organization responsible for the strategic innovation programme (STRIM Programme Office) are not covered by Vinnova privacy policy.

11 Contact

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