



Announcement

6th German-Vietnamese Call for Proposals for joint R&D Projects

Deadline for proposal submission: January 28th, 2021

1. Scope

The Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam (MOST) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), intend to support joint German-Vietnamese research and development projects (R&D projects) in order to develop innovative products, processes or technical services from all technology and application areas.

Funding will be available for R&D projects in which new products, services or processes with high market potential are developed and subsequently transformed into marketable products.

In Germany, funding is provided through the Central Innovation Programme for SMEs (ZIM).

MOST and AiF Projekt GmbH (ZIM project management agency on behalf of the BMWi) support the applicants in the phase of submission of project proposals, in the evaluation and in the implementation phase. Due to procedures and decision-making processes in the administration of public funds in Vietnam, the evaluation can take up to six months.

2. Call Structure

The call invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D projects until January 28th, 2021 according to the following procedures.

2.1. Financing

Eligible project participants from Germany and Vietnam will finance their costs from national funding schemes and complementarily from their own resources. Provision of funding from one national scheme will neither indicate that funding from the other national scheme will be provided, nor bind the other national scheme in its provision of funds to the eligible project participants.

2.2. Minimum requirements

Project results will have to contribute to the development of commercial products, processes and / or technical services. The project proposals have to comply with the following guidelines:

- The partners must include at least one Vietnamese and one German commercial company and one Vietnamese research institute/university (though participation of further research organisations and companies is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations).
- Companies and/or research organisations from other countries may also participate. These partners' participation is not funded by MOST or BMWi.
- The project should focus on the development of new products, services or processes of industrial application leading to commercialisation in the domestic and/or global markets.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and differentiated value proposition resulting from the cooperation between participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial needs, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The maximum duration of the project should ideally not exceed 3 years.
- The project should demonstrate a balanced technological contribution by the participants from both countries, and must be equally significant to all participants.
 - In a project with two cooperating partners, no partner may contribute more than 70% of total person months in the project.
 - In a project with more than two cooperating partners, no partner may contribute more than 50% of total person months.
 - All research organisations involved in the consortium may altogether not contribute more than 50% of total person months.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria may apply to the present announcement in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

3. Submission

Between the opening of the call on September 28th, 2020 and the call deadline on January 28th, 2021, all participants file one short common proposal in English language, legally signed by all organisations participating in the project.

The common proposal form is available on: www.zim.de/vietnam (Germany) or www.most.gov.vn (Vietnam).

The completed common proposal must be sent electronically to MOST (namphuong@most.gov.vn) and AiF Projekt GmbH (zim-international@aif-projekt-gmbh.de)

In addition to the common proposal, project partners that want to apply for funding within this call must submit a national application according to the respective rules (see below).

3.1. Germany

Each German project partner submits an individual ZIM application to AiF Projekt GmbH. Every German SME, in accordance with the relevant EU regulations, as well as medium-sized companies with less than 500 employees (full-time equivalents), which carry out R&D for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services, are eligible to apply. Other medium-sized companies with less than 1,000 employees are eligible to apply for funding if they cooperate with at least one SME in accordance with EU regulations and whose project is being funded. Research and technology organisations are eligible to apply as cooperation partners of eligible companies.

Detailed criteria for submitting applications and the ZIM application form can be found on the ZIM website (www.zim.de); you may also contact AiF Projekt GmbH directly as described below. The application must be written in German and comply with the regulations of the ZIM guideline.

3.2. Vietnam

Each Vietnam project partner submits the following documents to MOST:

1. The common proposal in English language and the Vietnamese translation thereof.
2. A Vietnamese full project proposal according to Article 11 (2) and Article 12 of the Circular No. 10/2019/TT-BKHCHN dated October 29th, 2019, regulating the procedure for management of joint research projects with foreign partners.

Electronic documents are submitted online at: <http://stm.most.gov.vn> and the originals are submitted directly or by post to the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam, 113 Tran Duy Hung, Trung Hoa, Cau Giay, Hanoi before 5 pm on January 28th, 2021.

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