



Fordonsstrategisk
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FFI – information meeting

Calls that drive road transport innovations for a sustainable society and strengthened Swedish competitiveness

A warm welcome!

- The presentation from the meeting (also in English) will be uploaded to FFI's website
- You can ask questions in the chat during the presentation, but we will answer questions after the presentation
- If you are looking for a project partner for your project, please write a short description of the project and contact information in the chat
- Do you want more information from FFI? Feel free to sign up for FFI's newsletter on www.ffisweden.se



Agenda

- FFI – Introduction
- Short presentation per sub-programme
- Important information and formal requirements
- Question Time



What is FFI?

Cooperation programme since 2009

- Cooperation programme between the state and the automotive industry.
- Funding research and innovation in road transport.
- One billion SEK annually for a sustainable transition of road transport and strengthened Swedish competitiveness.
- NOTE: There is no requirement for FFI's industrial partners to be included as parties in project applications

Our Partners

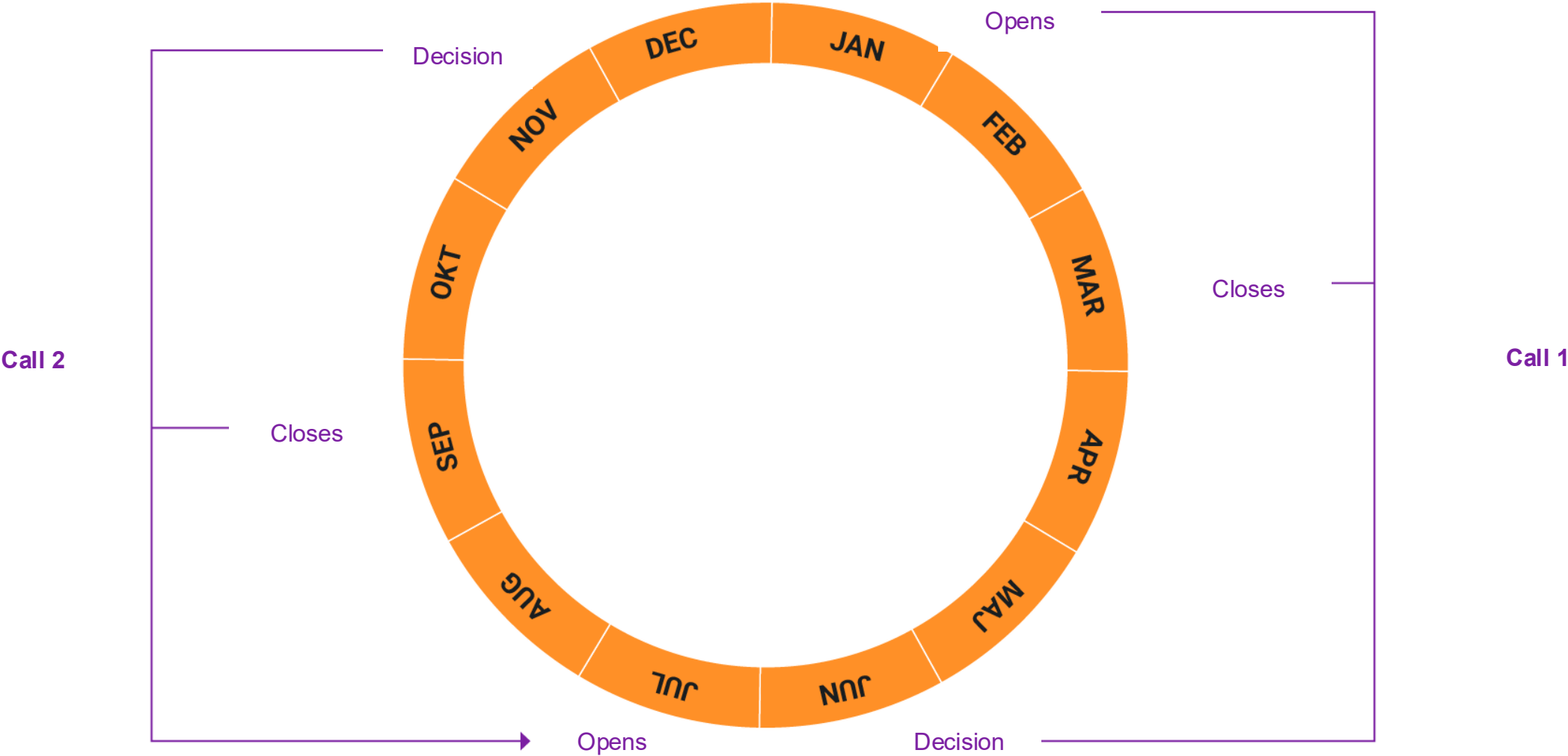
- The Swedish Energy Agency
- The Swedish Transport Administration
- Vinnova
- the Vehicle Components Group (FKG)
- AB Volvo
- Scania CV AB
- Volvo Car Group

FFI has three objectives

1. FFI demonstrates solutions that make society's road transport fossil-free, safe, equal and efficient.
2. FFI develops sustainable solutions that are implemented and accepted by users and society.
3. FFI contributes, through innovation, partnerships and collaboration, to the development of skills, infrastructure, new technologies, regulations and business models within the road transport system.



Annual cycle with two **planned** calls



Five sub-programmes



Circularity



Zero emissions



Accelerate



Transport and mobility solutions



Safe automated driving

Sub-programme Transport and Mobility Solutions



Transport and mobility solutions



Focus on developing innovative digital solutions for a more efficient and sustainable use of vehicles in the transport ecosystem. For example, it can be about new technology, smarter services or system solutions that make the transport system more efficient, accessible, equal and robust.

We would like to see initiatives that combine technology with new business models and forms of collaboration to prepare for future scale-up and implementation.

The projects funded must focus on at least one of the three challenges:

- Efficiency,
- Equality and accessibility
- Resilience

System perspective (at least one required)

- Behavioural Culture & Values, Business Models & Collaboration, Regulations & Standardisation, or Physical & Digital Infrastructure

Sub-programme Circularity





Circularity

Focus on helping to minimize the climate and environmental impact of the manufacture, operation and decommissioning of vehicles, covering the entire life cycle of the vehicle: from conception, design, manufacture and operation, to reuse and decommissioning.

Focus areas:

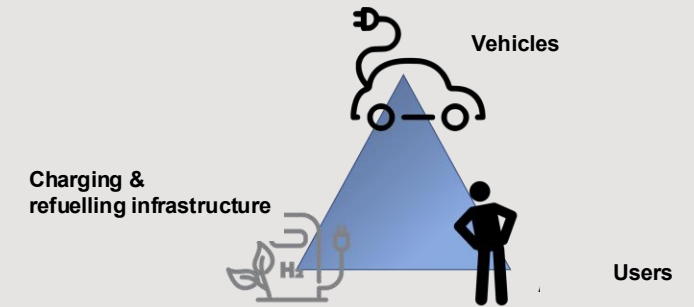
- **The product** - Design for circularity and reduced environmental impact
- **People** - Competence, cognitive and physical support, work environment and safety
- **Production system** - Climate-neutral manufacturing, maintenance and decommissioning

Sub-programme Zero Emissions





Zero emissions



Focus on achieving zero emissions and making the use phase of zero-emission vehicles more sustainable, including both road and work vehicles.

Examples of focus areas:

- Policy development complementing technology and societal progress to accelerate necessary measures and technologies.
- Hardware and software development for vehicles and charging and refuelling infrastructure.
- Innovations with strong potential to achieve FFI's impact goals.
- All aspects of the use phase, including vehicles and refuelling and charging infrastructure.
- Power electronics in vehicles and infrastructure.
- Vehicles as part of energy storage and infrastructure.

Sub-programme Safe automated driving





Safe automated driving

The focus is on increasing road safety and making road transport more sustainable. We do this by investing in safe, connected, automated vehicles prepared for the next generation of transport systems.

Focus areas:

- Safe automated vehicles
- Safety for road users inside and outside the vehicle
- Integration of vehicles into the transport system
- Enabling methods and techniques
- Demonstrations, pilots and field tests

Subprogram Accelerate





Accelerate

Focus on contributing to increasing the pace of the transition to sustainable road transport through broad collaborations and major system demonstrations. In Accelerate, innovative system solutions with high societal benefit will be demonstrated on a large scale.

The programme's projects will:

- ... be challenge-driven, large-scale and demonstrated in a real-world environment
- ... have strong cooperation throughout the value chain
- ... have high technical maturity, potential to be implemented, be scalable
- ... include all five dimensions of the system:
 - Business models
 - Regulations
 - Behaviors
 - Technology
 - Infrastructure

Accelerate Startup Partnership (ASP)

- A new financing offer within FFI aimed at innovation collaborations between innovative start-ups and more established need owners, who together can contribute to a sustainable transition in the road transport area and strengthened Swedish competitiveness.
- Two types of project types can be applied for, where only the start-up company can be a grant recipient. The project types are linked to established maturity levels in technology and business maturity:
 - Validation projects (TRL and BRL 2-4)
 - Implementation projects (TRL and BRL 5-8)
- The objective of the call is to offer a viable funding alternative for start-ups and partners, based on smooth and frequent application opportunities with measurable benefits for the parties involved.
- ASP has two calls left in 2026 - on September 16 and October 29
- [Separate information meeting for ASP on August 28 at 13.00](#)

Important information and practicalities

News and changes from previous calls

- New rules regarding requirements for co-financing from the business sector
 - Co-financing from the business sector (publicly or privately owned companies) must amount to at least 25 per cent of the project's total budget, of which at least 10 percentage points must come from the private sector.
- Partially updated templates – make sure to use the latest versions of the templates
- FFI Accelerate - application is made in Digital forms
- Partially updated assessment criteria

Formal requirements - project parties

- All parties to the project must be legal persons. Natural persons or sole proprietorships are therefore not eligible to participate.
- The coordinating partner must be a Swedish legal entity and conduct business in Sweden. The project manager must be employed by the coordinating party in the project.
- At least two project parties must be involved in the project. This includes the coordinating partner. (other requirements for Accelerate)
- Before deciding on funding, we also make an overall assessment of the organisational and financial status of those who receive funding.



Formal requirements - application

- The application must be written in Swedish or English.
- The application must contain all requested appendices for the sub-programme from which funding is sought. Please note that no attachments other than those specifically stated may be attached to the application. All mandatory appendices must follow the structure of each template.



What do we assess?

- **Potential:** We analyse what effects and what value we can expect from the project, i.e. how innovative it is and what potential it has to contribute to FFI's and the call's objectives.
- **Actors:** We assess the participants' competence and ability to implement the project and achieve the desired results and effects, as well as active participation and budget from need owners, users/customers, product/process/system owners and actor(s) with the intention of taking forward the expected results.
- **Feasibility:** We assess how realistic and credible the project plan is, both for implementing the project and for achieving the desired results and disseminating them.
- **Gender equality:** We assess gender equality in the composition of the project team and how well gender aspects such as sex or gender perspectives that may be important to take into account have been integrated into the project plan and its implementation.

Means to apply

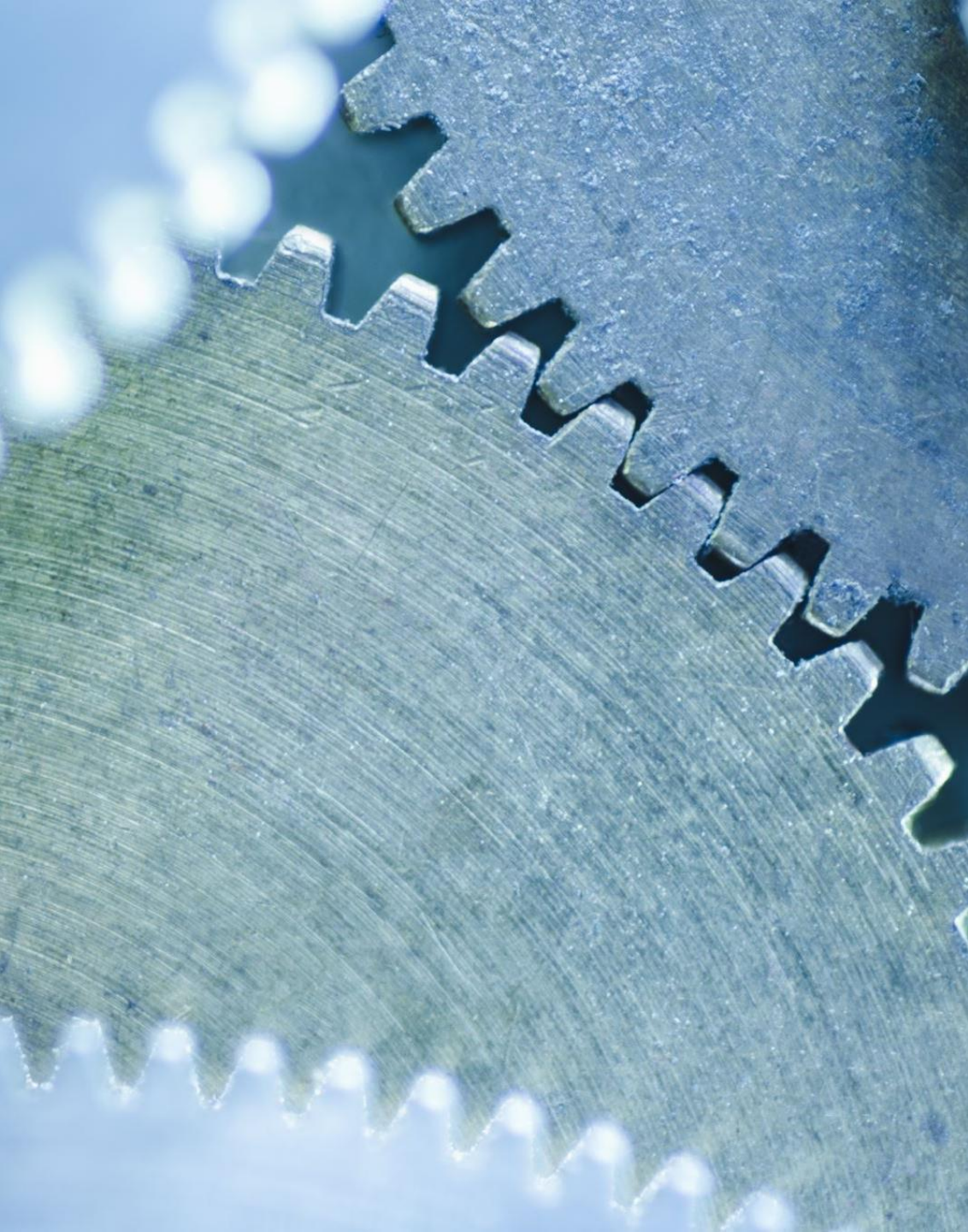
- FFI awards grants of a maximum of 50% for the programme as a whole
- Co-financing from the business sector (publicly or privately owned companies) must amount to at least 25 per cent of the project's total budget, of which at least 10 percentage points must come from the private sector.
- The maximum amount for grants for **feasibility studies** and minor studies is SEK 500,000
- No maximum amount for full-scale projects
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 - Maximum amount of preparation project SEK 900,000
 - Requirement for at least 50% co-financing for full-scale system demonstrator
 - The total budget for the system demonstrator must be at least SEK 10 million

Grounds for aid and state aid

- The amount of funding a participating organisation can receive depends mainly on:
 - the size and operations of the organisation
 - which activities the organisation will carry out in the project
- Read more at [Rules for grants | State aid for economic activities \(undertakings\) | Vinnova](#) and/or Appendix 1 in [FFI Zero emissions – develop and integrate fossil-free and electrified vehicles](#)
- Contact us if you have any questions

Budget and eligible costs

- Eligible costs:
 - Salary costs
 - Equipment, land and buildings
 - Consulting and licensing costs
 - Other direct costs
 - Indirect costs
- The general rule for indirect costs (overhead) is that project parties may include actual indirect costs in their budget, but up to an amount equal to 30% of their eligible salary costs. Exceptions exist for universities/colleges and certain research organisations and government agencies that conduct research
- For more information, see [Instructions for eligible costs](#) and/or Appendix 1 in [FFI Zero emissions – developing and integrating fossil-free and electrified vehicles](#)
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Project partners

- At least **two** project partners in Zero Emissions, Circularity, Transport and Mobility Solutions and Traffic Safe Automation
- I Accelerate at least **three** project partners in pre-project and at least **five** project co-opters in system demonstrations

General Important Information

- Please read the call text carefully
- Describe the project clearly and easily understandable - let a person who is not familiar with the area read the application.
- Explain any abbreviations
- Use only recommended templates and download the latest version, as well as be careful with the correct attachments
- Ensure you meet all formal requirements



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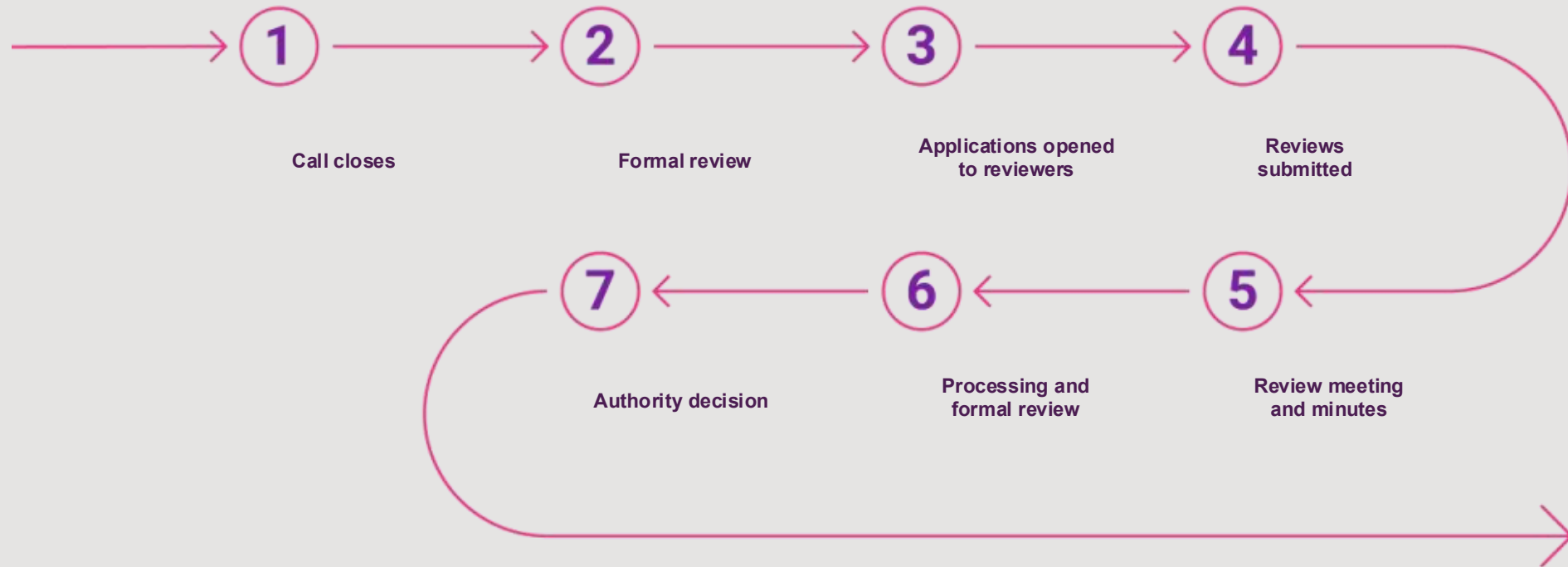
- Set a reasonable timetable for the project, the authorities are now more restrictive with project extensions
- Be on time with questions
- Contact us if you are unsure which sub-programme is relevant for your project
- Check the closing time for the sub-programme you are applying to and do not wait until the last minutes to submit your application



Common reasons for rejection

- Application does not meet formal requirements (number of project parties with budget, too many pages in the project description, used wrong templates, does not comply with budget rules, etc.)
- The description of collaboration is not clearly described, i.e. how the project parties will collaborate and what benefits they derive from each other
- The description of the implementation (method, timetable, etc.) is inadequate.
- The project proposal is too weak in relation to the competition
- The project proposal is not considered to have the potential to meet FFI's or the call's objectives
- The project is not innovative enough, but is more about product development or pure investment.

Assessment and decision-making process



Important dates

- Opening date July 1
- Application deadline 15 September
- Decision will begin to be communicated in November
- The earliest and latest project start dates vary between the sub-programmes



Application portals

- Application portal for the Zero Emissions sub-programme at the Swedish Energy Agency
 - minasidor.energimyndigheten.se
- Application portal for other sub-programmes at Vinnova
 - [E-services Vinnova](#)



Important links

- More information about the calls – [Vinnova](#) and [FFI Zero emissions – sustainable and energy-efficient vehicles](#)
- Roadmap – [Roadmap](#)
- Färdplan in English – [Roadmap](#)
- How to apply? About government support and financing? [Templates and guidance FFI](#)
- Q&A - [Questions and Answers FFI](#)
- More information can be found on FFI's website www.ffisweden.se

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FFI Conference 2026

- During the day, you will, among other things:
 - Have the opportunity to meet new partners
 - Be inspired by the diversity of collaborative projects within FFI
 - Get new perspectives from exciting speakers
 - Increase our competence through thematic parallel sessions
- Date: 24 September 2026 10.00–16.15
- Location: Lindholmen, Gothenburg
- Participation in the conference is free of charge -
[Registration FFI conference 2026](#)



Webinar internationalization 4 Sept at 10.00

- Purpose/goal
 - Increase the knowledge of actors within FFI about the possibility of applying for Vinnova's planning grants for international applications (closes 6 October), especially within Horizon Europe.
 - Provide an overview of relevant international calls within Cluster 5 (climate, energy and mobility).
 - Inform about strategic collaboration initiatives such as Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) and Trilateral Innovation Platform (TIP).
 - Inspire and facilitate Swedish actors to build strong international consortia, especially in collaborations with Germany and France.
- Register here → [Webinar on opportunities for internationalisation for actors within FFI](#)



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Digital Q&A session on 7 September at 10.00
See link on www.ffisweden.se



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