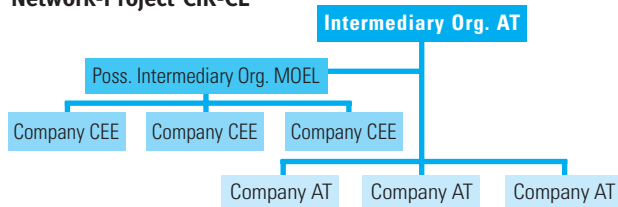
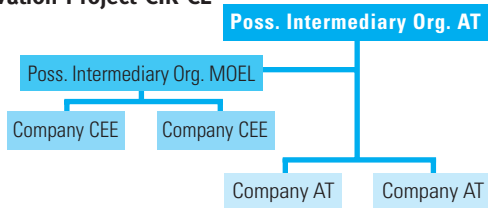


The applicant needs to be located in Austria and all projects have to be organised in form of consortia with several partners. See below the graphs for the Minimum Consortium: Applicant (Intermediary Organisation AT) + Mandatory Partners (additional partners possible)

Network-Project CIR-CE



Innovation-Project CIR-CE



What costs are eligible for network projects and innovation projects?

- Costs for staff and outside personnel services
- Prorated overhead
- Material and testing costs
- Costs for external studies
- Travel and subsistence expenses
- Consulting and maintenance costs
- Costs for Awareness and Public Relations

Advisory Service

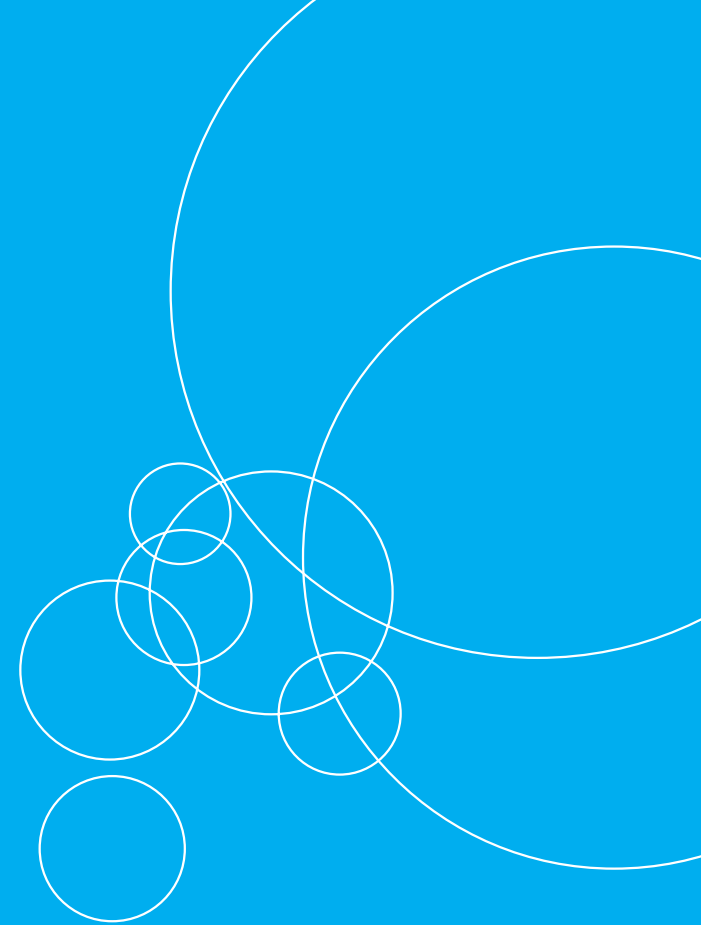
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Co-operation in Innovation and Research
with Central and Eastern Europe

The geographic proximity of Austria and the Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries offers a vast variety of opportunities. Viewed from a long-term-strategy-perspective, research, technology and innovation are important success factors.

It is time to take action! The programme CIR-CE offers a framework for transnational networks organised by intermediary organisations (such as competence centres, technology centres, clusters) to encourage transnational projects covering R&D, technology transfer, benchmarking, quality assurance etc. Enterprises, intermediaries and research institutes are likewise addressed. Take a look at the required partner structures below, find your partners and take the challenge!

CIR-CE is a strategic core activity of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour. The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) is responsible for the programme management and offers guidance for prospective applicants and partners.

Objectives of CIR-CE projects

Establishment and expansion of transnational, business-driven innovation networks (particularly SME) between Austria and CEE countries for the development and implementation of innovation and for increasing and strengthening R&D cooperation and technology transfer.

What are the project categories?

NETWORK projects (NP)	INNOVATION projects (IP)
establishment of cooperation with proof of direct benefit for SME technical feasibility studies possible duration: up to 1.5 years	projects with focus on commercialisation/ technology transfer projects with ambitious element of RTDI and applicability duration: up to 3 years
complementary training project possible	

What are the maximum levels of public funding?

NETWORK projects (NP)	INNOVATION projects (IP)
up to 75 %	up to 45 %
up to 150.000 Euro	up to 400.000 Euro

Funding for partners from Central and Eastern Europe

- up to 25 % for one partner country
- up to 35 % for two partner countries
- up to 40 % for more than two partner countries

What are the criteria for evaluation of success?

- Content of project / potential impact
- Quality of consortium and management
- Cost structure and cost efficiency
- Contribution of project towards programme objectives

Potential partner countries:

Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia

Which applicants are eligible?

- Impulse centres
- Company clusters
- Competence centres
- Cooperative research institutions
- Research organisations fulfilling the function of intermediary institutions (focus on technology and knowledge transfer)
- Companies as network coordinators

From CIR-CE-perspective, the enterprise sector is crucial. In addition, the inclusion of research institutes might be most useful in order to achieve the technological goals and provide solutions for the enterprise partners.