



Applying for consortium funding under the ForskEL programme

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The ForskEL programme offers the possibility of applying for large funding (for example in the range of DKK 25-40 million) to set up consortia. As such, a distinction is made between standard projects and consortia.

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Standard projects are the type of projects that make up the main part of projects receiving funding under the ForskEL programme. In this case, a temporary organisation tailored to solve a defined, difficult task is set up.

A consortium is a large project where the partners jointly develop knowledge or technology benefiting not only individual enterprises but entire business sectors in Danish industry. When assessing consortium applications Energinet.dk places emphasis on the following points:

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A consortium...

- must be built up around a large, coherent project involving cooperation between several enterprises and research institutions.
- must be based on a common vision and a central idea implemented in a comprehensive work plan covering several years, involving substantial efforts.
- can have foreign partners.
- must promote the prioritised focus areas of call 2010.
- should be divided into stages making it possible to assess the progress of the activities and make adjustments as required.
- must have competencies in the entire chain from R&D to demonstration. There should not, however, be overlapping competencies/competitors in the project. The coherence of the project is assessed on the basis of the consortium partners' total sum of qualifications, their earlier cooperation, organisation and division of roles.
- must enter into a cooperation agreement.
- must provide a large part of the funding.
- must draft a business plan. The future potential of the consortium depends on the commercial strengths described in the business plan. The business plan must also cover the time after project completion.
- should prepare a risk assessment to be used at a later stage when the risk is allocated to the individual partners.

The application deadline for consortia is 18 September 2009 at 3 pm, ie the same deadline as for standard projects. The preparation of a consortium application is a comprehensive task, and Energinet.dk therefore offers to assess declarations of interest and give its opinion as to whether it would be relevant to submit an actual consortium application.

If potential applicants want a project idea assessed in a declaration of interest, such declaration must be sent to Energinet.dk forskel@energinet.dk not later than Friday, 7 August 2009. Energinet.dk will on 21 August 2009 at the latest send a reply as to whether it would be relevant to prepare a complete consor-

tium application. The declaration of interest, which must not exceed the equivalent of an A4 page, must include a brief description of the purpose of the project, partners, project finances and time schedule.

It is emphasised that the assessment of declarations of interest is an offer to potential applicants. All potential applicants interested in submitting a complete consortium application must do so before the expiry of the original deadline, 18 September 2009, even if it has not been assessed as a declaration of interest.