

# ITEA PO Days 2023

## Welcome to the country information session of Belgium

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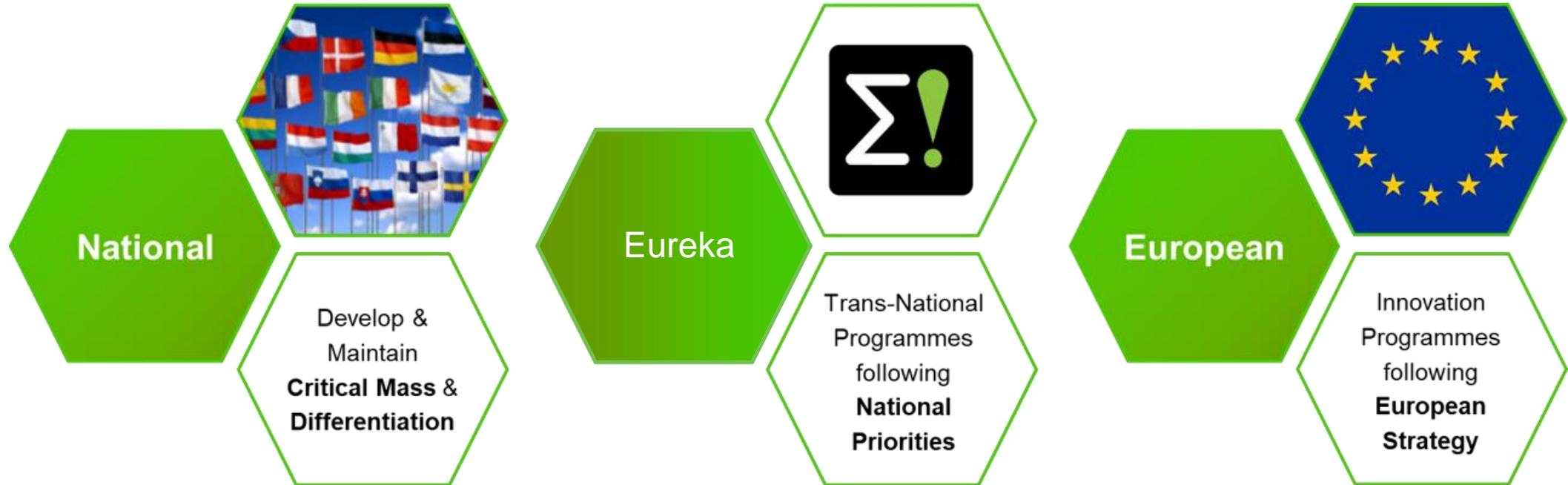
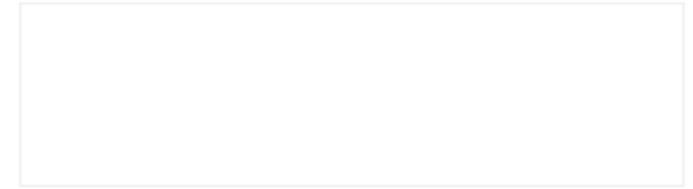
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# European innovation landscape



# ITEA

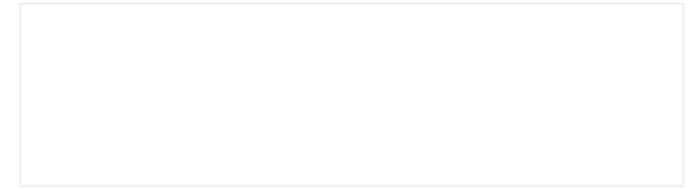
## The Eureka Cluster on software innovation and digital transition

Since 1998, ITEA is the Eureka RD&I programme on software innovation and digital transition. ITEA stimulates transnational and industry-driven R&D&I in the domain of **software innovation**. ITEA enables a large, open and international community to **collaborate in funded projects** that turn innovative ideas into new businesses, jobs, economic **growth and benefits for society**.

ITEA is:

- Global and trusted cooperation in an industrial community
- Project financing through national public and private funding
- Commercialisation of research results
- Focus on high-quality process and support

# Countries supporting ITEA



Austria



Belgium



Canada



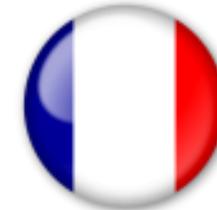
Czech  
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Denmark



Finland



France



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Luxembourg



The  
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# ITEA Key challenges



Smart city



Smart communities



Smart health



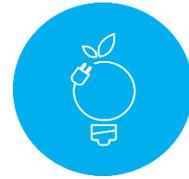
Safety and security



Smart mobility



Smart industry



Smart energy



Smart engineering

# Participation of Belgium in ITEA

## In numbers

Active in projects since the start of ITEA in 1998

140 participating partners

121 ITEA projects with Belgian participation:

- With a strong focus on Smart engineering (26 projects), Smart health (16 projects) and Smart communities (11 projects)
- Almost 100 completed ITEA projects:

	Number of projects with Belgian involvement
Labelled*	11
Running	13
Completed	97
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>121</b>

# Budget

## Belgium

- Open budget for the ITEA call
- No competition between projects
- Projects evaluated case by case

# Funding Organisations

## Belgium

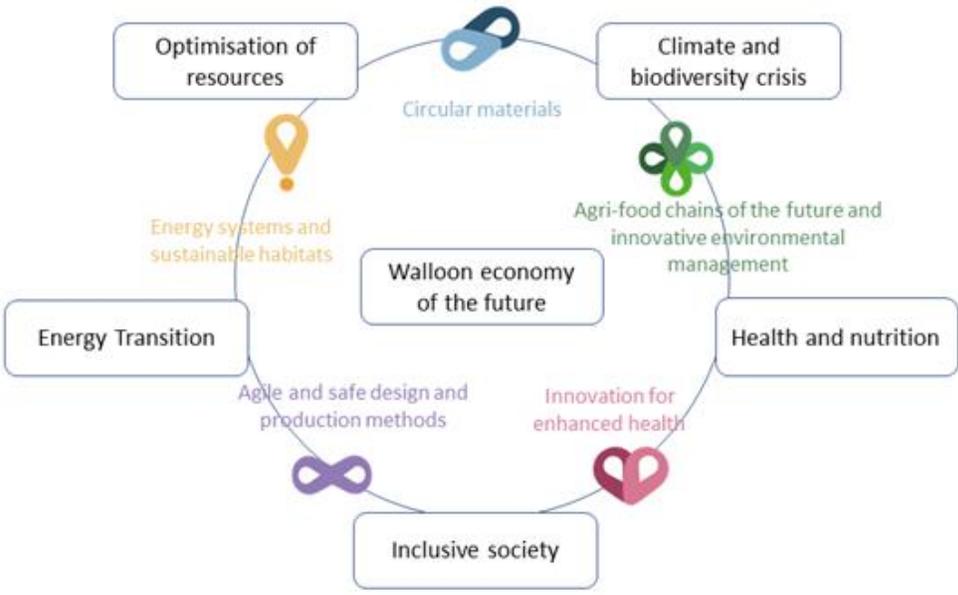
Funding organisation based on real location of the company requesting funding.

Region	Funding organisation
Flemish region	Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO) 
Brussels region	Innoviris 
Wallonia	Service public de Wallonie (SPW) 

Location of company = eligibility ! Apply at the right agency!

# Regional priorities

Bottom up approach

VLAIO (Flanders)	Innoviris (Brussels)	Wallonia (SPW)
<p><b>No thematical limitation</b>  <b>All ITEA topics are ok</b></p>	<p>6 Strategic Innovation Domains:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1 Advanced digital Technologies &amp; services</b></li> <li>2 Climate: Resilient Buildings &amp; Infrastructures;</li> <li>3 Optimal Resource Use;</li> <li>4 Efficient and sustainable urban flows for inclusive urban space management;</li> <li>5 Health &amp; Personalized and Integrated Care;</li> <li>6 Social innovation, public innovation and social inclusion)</li> </ol>	<p>Bottom-up approach within areas for strategic innovation (s3.wallonie.be)</p> 

# Research & Development projects

(Industrial) Research project	(Experimental) Development project
(Scientific) knowledge & new skills acquisition (beyond state-of-the-art in applicable industry)	Internal knowledge building, apply the results of industrial research
Important, high level of challenges & risks	Challenges & risks are present
From experimental proof to validation in a representative environment	From validation in a representative environment to a proof-of-concept/prototype in an operational environment
Far from market launch	Closer to the market: concrete view on new products, procedures or services
TRL 3-5	TRL 5-7

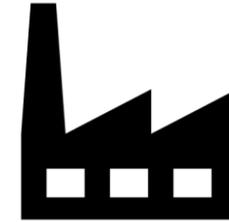
# Funding Rate – Company - Development

Development projects:

Grants: base funding rate: 25%

+ 15% collaboration ITEA

+ 10% (medium)/20% (small company)



	VLAIO	Innoviris	SPW
Small company	60%	60%	Grant 60% / loan 70%
Medium-sized company	50%	50%	Grant 50% / loan 60%
Large company	40%	40%	Grant 40% / loan 50%

# Funding Rate – Company - Research

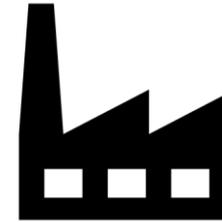
Research projects:

Base funding rate: 50%

+ 15% collaboration ITEA

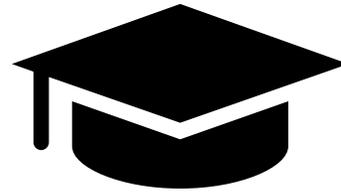
+ 10% (medium)/20% (small company)

Maximum : 70% (VLAIO) / 80% (Innoviris/SPW)



	VLAIO	Innoviris	SPW
Small company	70%	80%	80%
Medium-sized company	70%	75%	75%
Large company	65%	65%	65%

# Funding Rate – Universities & Research Centres



	VLAIO	Innoviris	SPW
<b>Funding rate</b>	N/A – research centres and universities are subcontractors/research partner to the company(ies)	100%	N/A – research centres and universities are subcontractors to the company(ies)
<b>Eligibility</b>	Only indirect funding  non-funded part of the budget of the research organisation is paid by the company	Located in Brussels Capital region	subcontracting max. 20% of the total research budget of the Walloon industrial partners

# Funding Rate – Cities & municipalities

- Currently no direct funding for cities & municipalities yet
- Participation as subcontractor: contact public authority
- VLAIO investigates participation of cities & municipalities in industry driven international projects.
  - Cities & municipalities are invited to indicate their wish to participate in PO Proposals

# Financial viability of a company

- Companies should check “Undertaking in difficulties”
  - Are not in difficulty, in accordance with the European legislation
  - Eligibility issue!
- Financial viability of the company will be investigated
  - Can show their ability to finance their share in the project
  - additional financial conditions are possible

# Evaluation criteria - Quality

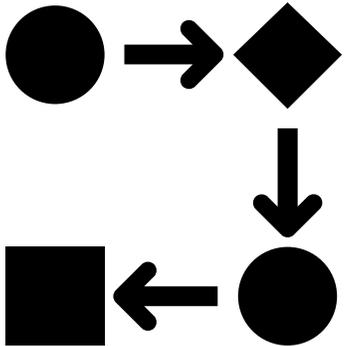
- Innovation goals clear and realistic?
- Knowledge acquisition?
- Feasibility?
- Contribution State-of-the-art
- Challenges?
- Quality of the approach?
- Available expertise?
- Track record?

# Evaluation criteria - Impact

- Quality of the business plan
  - Strategic importance for the company
  - SWOT
  - impact on your business
  - Impact on employment & investments in the region
  - societal added value
  - Track record
- Incentive effect of the financial aid

# Process

- International application
  - PO Submission: deadline 13/11/2023
    - Feedback : 19/12/2023
  - FPP Submission: deadline 19/2/2024
    - Feedback : 25/3/2024
- National/regional application
  - Deadline next call: 31/5/2024
    - More detailed proposal:
      - Regional activities
      - Precise WPs and budget
      - Regional valorisation/impact company & business implementation plan
    - Budget sheet
  - Meeting with advisor(s) (VLAIO&Innoviris)
  - Evaluation in a written procedure with (external) experts
    - Development projects/with lower budget can have a shorter procedure using internal experts or in an oral procedure at VLAIO/Innoviris
  - Regular decision meetings (monthly)



# Innoviris

- Innoviris advice after typically 3 months, formal decision after +/- 5 months
- Adequate valorization information is part of eligibility for Innoviris application
- Have fulfilled their obligations in the context of previous support initiatives granted by the Region : eligibility
- Preliminary discussion with Innoviris adviser is strongly recommended, especially for companies with no or little experience with Innoviris funding after ITEA4 PO evaluation

## Contact details

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# SPW

- Proposal in French,
- Use submission system:
  - Deadline submission on ONTIME platform is the same as the ITEA FPP deadline!
- Mandatory to contact public authorities prior to submitting a proposal

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# VLAIO

- Proposal in Dutch or English
- Strong advice to contact us before submission!

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Website for more information: <https://www.vlaio.be/itea-3>

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<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/begeleiding-advies/coaching-en-advies/vlaio-bedrijfsadviseurs>

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Q&A

Any further questions?  
Just ask!

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