



Amorçage Europe **[Seed Capital in Europe]**

Access to European and international funding

Objective

In the context of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes 2022-2028 Plan for the economy, employment, training and innovation and the Regional Plan for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Schéma Régional de l'Enseignement Supérieur, la Recherche et l'Innovation - SRESRI), approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Regional Council on 29 and 30 June 2022, the Region intends to turn to the scientific and academic stakeholders in the Region to reinforce their participation and success in programmes with European or international funding.

I. Applications expected

Backing will be given to files to be submitted to a clearly identified European or international funding window in the fields of higher education, research or innovation. The files submitted may include actions in project development phase or in the course of project feasibility or set-up studies.

II. Eligible structures

The following are eligible: public higher education institutions, institutions granting diplomas certified by the Commission of Engineering Titles (Commission des Titres d'Ingénieurs - CTI), the major universities certified by the Conference of Grandes Ecoles (Conférence des Grandes Ecoles - CGE), research bodies and University Hospitals (CHU). They must be based in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

The following are not eligible: project leaders applying to another national public funding scheme for the same subject, or those benefiting from generic national funding for this purpose.

III. Eligibility and selection criteria

III.1. Eligibility criteria

The file submitted for regional support must:

- identify precisely the intended European or international funding window;
- be scheduled for submission to the European or international funding window within 18 months of the Permanent Commission voting in its favour;
- be accompanied by a letter from the head of the institution backing the application and arguing in favour of its quality and benefit to the institution;
- not have previously received support from the Region.

III.2. Selection criteria

The Region selects projects by considering the following aspects:

a) For a file submitted in the context of Amorçage Europe:

- Quality of summary, precision and explanation for the non-specialist audience;
- Demonstration that the application fits with regional priorities.

b) For a planned project at European and international level:

- Match between the proposal (activities, means, resources and calendar) with the expectations of the intended European or international funding programme;
- Relevance of the project application (project maturity, quality of the individual application or proposed consortium);
- Regional impact in the event of selection and funding of the proposal (amount of European or international funding for the benefit of regional partners, prospects for economic and scientific impact in the region).

The Region reserves the right to limit the number of projects supported for the benefit of an institution if the institution should submit a large number of projects for the same budget year.

IV. Project deadlines and duration

Applications via the Region's Aid Portal must be made at least 3 months before the project is submitted to the intended funding window.

The finalised proposal must be submitted to a European or international funding window within 18 months of the Permanent Commission's vote. Without proof that this has been done, the balance of the regional subsidy will not be paid.

Activities carried out under an "Amorçage Europe" file can be financed for up to 24 months from the Permanent Commission's vote. Implementation deadlines will be stipulated in the funding award documents.

V. Eligible expenditure

The following constitute eligible expenditure:

- External services to support and assist in setting up and drafting the project;
- Expenses for having an expert assessor review the application;
- Communication expenses (including events in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes for the launch of the project if it is successful, translation costs);
- The salaries and mandatory employer's contributions for the institution's temporary staff directly involved in setting up the project;
- Costs of missions directly linked to setting up the project.

The following are not eligible: in-house costs.

Expenditure is eligible from the date the project is submitted via the Aid Portal. The projected budget must be balanced in terms of income and expenditure.

The Region's support is between €5,000 and €30,000.

VI. Procedure

Files are submitted via the Region's Aid Portal by the eligible institutions. The institution head approves the applications of the project leaders. This approval is formalised by a letter enclosed with the funding application.

Files can be submitted throughout the year and are appraised by the Region's departments within a period of two months before being put to the vote of the Permanent Commission.

VII. Beneficiary's communication obligation

The beneficiary undertakes to communicate to the Region the result from the relevant funding window and the total financial support, if any, obtained for the project and the breakdown of the subsidies for each of the regional partners.

The beneficiary undertakes to provide information about the Region's support at events and on all communication media, whether printed, audiovisual or digital (press, websites, social networks, technical presentations, etc.). It shall use the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region logo in accordance with its charter (which can be found on the Region's website). The beneficiary must provide proof of compliance with this obligation; failure to comply may result in payment of the subsidy being suspended or cancelled.

Specifically:

- the institution undertakes to mention the Region's support in setting up European and international projects on its website (whatever the results from the European or international funding window);
- if the proposal obtains European or international funding, the beneficiary must mention the Region's support in all communications relating to this success and at the launch event. The Region's departments must be informed of this sufficiently in advance to allow the Region to create concerted communication and appropriate representation.