

■ National priorities

- BF's ITEA call focuses on digital innovation in all areas



Bio-economy



Cleantech



Health



ICT / Digi



AI

- In 2020, the two BF programmes Digital Trust and Artificial Intelligence have a specific interest.

■ Eligibility criteria

- The eligibility of a Finnish applicant is close to eligibility in national calls. Start-ups, SMEs, midcaps, big companies, universities, research organisations each have their specificities. The composition of the consortium (those from Finland) is crucial, and the applicants will be advised in the PO phase. Strong medium and midcap size company involvement is a must.
- National funding applications of ITEA (EUREKA) projects are evaluated by Business Finland's experts on technology, growth impact, management and financing.

■ Other considerations

- Business Finland is the main public funding body for Finnish participants. Good ITEA consortia have been funded with no specific Euro limit, with project lengths usually under 3 years.

ITEA projects in Finland 2020

- We see the prospects for ITEA consortia as good, for 2020.
- Funding may be granted to all areas of technology and there is a continuous call. Business Finland meets ITEA's timeline well.
- BF's funding is intended for challenging and innovative research and development projects in SME companies, large companies, universities and research institutes. The main target group are SMEs seeking growth in internationalization. International cooperation and its impact should be visible. Companies should have a credible internationalization plan and real business goals including export targets.
- Funding may be a low-interest loan or a grant, depending on the stage of the innovation and the nature of the proposed project. A project may also involve researcher mobility.

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