

March – end of July 2024

„INNOVATION EXPRESS CALL 2024“

for Circular Bioeconomy Value Chains!

- The call is open from **March to the end of July 2024**.
- Submissions can be made by: e.g. small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), research organisations, technology providers, large companies, universities.
- Each submission must involve at least 2 partners from different regions (the involvement of several partners is recommended).

Scope of the Call (full text: www.IEC24.info)

- 1) **Application and development of technologies for the implementation and expansion of bio-based solutions in the areas of**
 - a) Circular production
 - b) Bio-based materials and products
- 2) **Innovative solutions for climate protection and decarbonisation of value chains**
 - a) Sustainable supply chains
 - b) Decarbonised supply chains

IEC24 focuses on cross-regional circular bioeconomy value chains, key resources and sectors in **agriculture, food and beverages, chemistry, polymers, and energy** (www.IEC24.info, IEC24 thematic scope).

The Innovation Express Call 2024 (IEC24) enables

- cross-border cooperation and projects
- the development of supra-regional value chains in the circular economy
- the utilisation of new funding opportunities
- networking with suitable partners
- to measure the sustainability benefits of circular products and services
- developing new circular products and business models in collaborations

What are the Advantages of Participating in the IEC24?

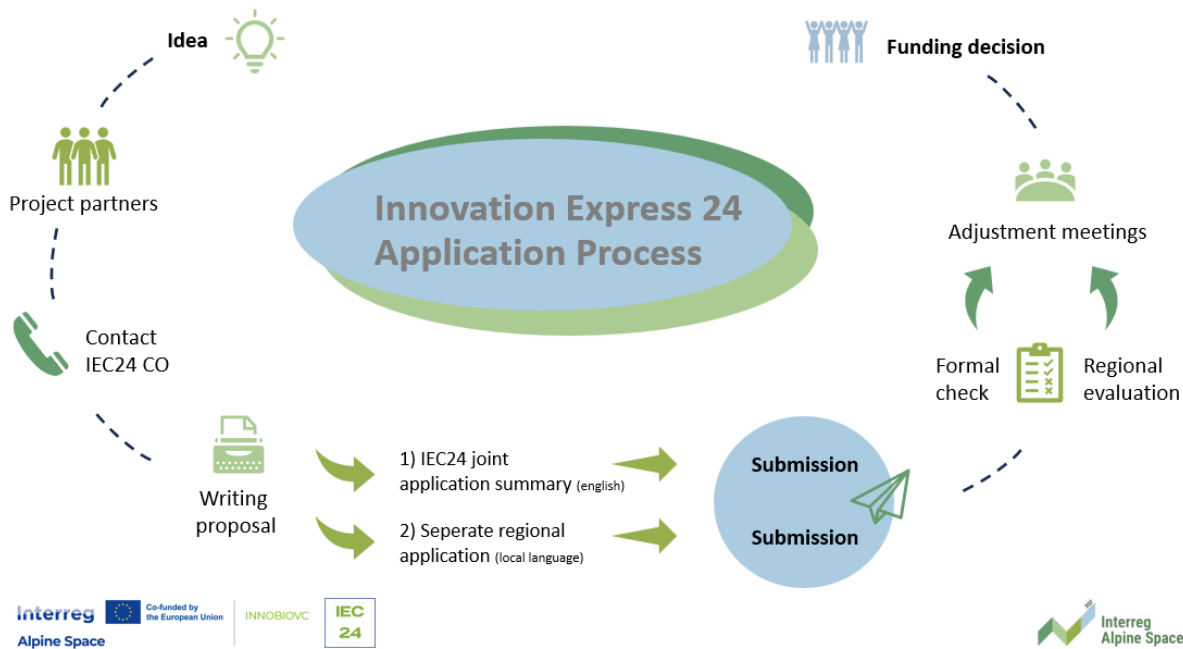
- co-operations with supra-regional partner institutions are financially supported
- support in the search for suitable co-operation partners
- support with project development
- regional contact despite supra-regional cooperation
- utilisation of additional services such as the **Value Chain Generator (VCG)** and the **Sustainability Assessment Tool (SAT)**



From the Idea to the Funding Approval: The submission process

It all starts with the idea and initial contact with the IEC24 Coordination Office. By contacting the IEC24 Coordination Office, initial project ideas can be discussed and questions, possible contacts and the next steps can be clarified. If all the necessary project partners are not yet on board, the search for partners begins. The IEC24 Coordination Office provides support, e.g. through matchmaking events and project development workshops.

Once all partners are on board, the project must be developed, and the application/proposal has to be written. **Important:** On the one hand, the IEC24 Joint Application Summary (1), which summarises the joint IEC24 application, must be sent to the IEC24 Coordination Office. On the other hand, the respective regional funding application (2) must be prepared and submitted in the national language in accordance with the regional funding guidelines and application procedures. The IEC24 Joint Application Summary will be formally checked for accuracy. The regional funding applications are evaluated by the regional funding bodies. The IEC24 Coordination Office organises coordination meetings for the respective funding bodies (if required), e.g. to coordinate the evaluation and notification of the funding decision.



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