

Process for funding pool 5 projects

INNO-CCUS call: *Accelerating Systemic Impact across the Danish CCUS Value Chain*

Budget: approximately DKK 69 million

The Innomission Partnerships and the projects funded by the above-mentioned call are governed by the [Guidelines Innomissions 2025](#). Supplementary guidelines and important specifications for this call are given in this document and the following documents available from the [call webpage](#):

- The call text
- Assessment Criteria for INNO-CCUS pool 5
- Instructions for applicants – INNO-CCUS pool 5
- Funding Rates, Cost Categories and State Aid Rules – INNO-CCUS pool 5

a. Call text and application format

The call text and application form invite applicants to demonstrate that:

- The expected outcome will have significant impact on the strategic learning questions raised in the call text and thereby contribute to paving the way for realising the Danish climate targets through CCUS
- The proposed work is innovative and breaks new ground
- The project team is excellent in terms of knowledge and experience in relation to the proposed work and has the required competences and capacity to complete the project
- The proposal is efficient and effective, with expected achievements that justify the requested resources and a reasonable level of confidence that the objectives will be met

The application template reflects the above-mentioned elements, and includes specific requirements for content, length and format of the application.

Applications must be submitted by email to application@inno-ccus.dtu.dk as one zip file containing all application documents as detailed in the “Instructions for applicants”-document. Applications that do not meet the formal requirements as stated in the call text and application template will be administratively rejected without prior active consideration. Any text exceeding the specified character- or page limits will be administratively shortened before being assessed. Applications that meet the formal requirements will proceed to substantive evaluation based on the submitted material. No supplementary material will be accepted after the deadline.

If the application is found to be not compliant with the call criteria and formal requirements, an administrative rejection letter will be sent in July, stating the reasons for the rejection.

b. Assessment criteria

All applications that meet the formal requirements will be assessed based on the following four main criteria:

- 1: Strategic fit to INNO-CCUS

- 2: Quality of the idea
- 3: Impact
- 4: Quality of execution

Criterion 1 is evaluated by the INNO-CCUS Board of Directors.

Criteria 2-4 are evaluated by international experts.

All four criteria contribute to the overall assessment of the individual application.

A more detailed account of the elements of the four criteria can be found in the document “Assessment Criteria for INNO-CCUS pool 5 projects”.

c. Assessment and consultation process

At least two recognized researchers will evaluate each proposal and give motivated scorings for evaluation criteria 2 (*Quality of Idea*), 3 (*Impact*) and 4 (*Quality of Execution*) in review reports. Applicants will be invited to comment on these review reports within two weeks of having received the reports. The main purpose of this consultation process is to enable the applicants to address potential factual errors or misunderstandings on the part of the reviewers, which will then be taken into account in the further evaluation of the proposal. No additional or supplementary information, data or material can be included in the consultation response.

The INNO-CCUS Board of Directors will assess the project applications in relation to criteria 1, (*Strategic fit to INNO-CCUS*). This includes qualitative assessments of the proposals’ relevance for the strategic priorities of the partnership as specified in the call text and for other CCUS initiatives and activities in Denmark. The strategic fit assessment of each proposal will be conducted by two board members.

Members of the INNO-CCUS Board of Directors cannot participate in the assessment of project applications in cases with conflict of interest, cf. the [INNO-CCUS Rules and Procedures on Impartiality for the Board of Directors](#), published on the INNO-CCUS website. Board Members must actively declare if they have conflict of interest with any project applications. Applicants can indicate in their applications if they see potential conflicts of interests with any of the members of the INNO-CCUS Board of Directors, which can be found [here](#).

Should a situation arise where it is not possible – for instance due to conflicts of interest – for the Board of Directors to assess an application’s strategic fit to the INNO-CCUS mission and roadmap, the INNO-CCUS Board of Directors will decide on appropriate course of action to ensure impartial and objective assessment of the proposal in relation to this criterion.

d. Interview

A number of applicants will be invited to brief online interviews with the INNO-CCUS Board of Directors. Interviews will be held on November 3 or 4, 2026. The main applicant/project leader and a few other core members of the project consortium are expected to participate in the interviews. Projects not invited for interviews will receive a rejection letter at this stage of the process.

e. Decision

The INNO-CCUS Board of Directors makes the final decision on which projects to grant funding. This final selection of projects for funding will be decided in a meeting of the Board of Directors by mid-

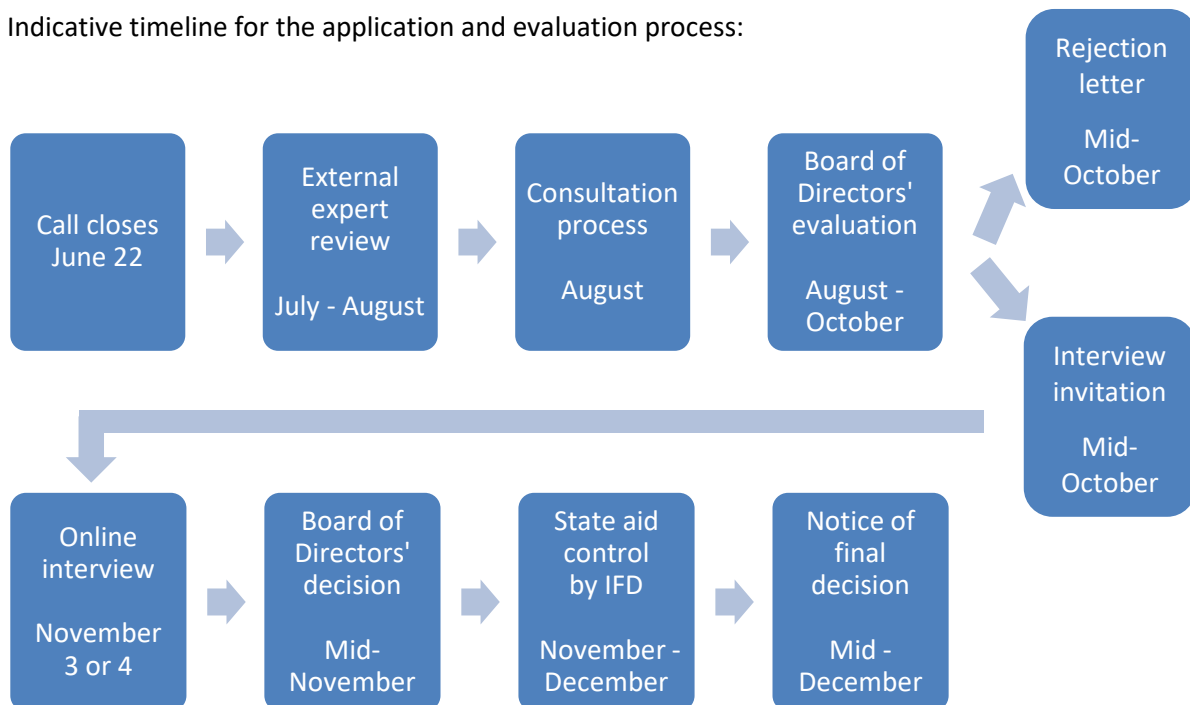
November, observing the rules of procedure regarding conflict of interest. The entire Board of Directors will participate in the final discussions and deliberations about the full pool 5 project portfolio.

A representative from Innovation Fund Denmark participates as an observer at the meetings of the Board of Directors where selection of projects takes place.

When the Partnership Board of Directors have selected which project proposals to grant funding, the Innovation Fund Denmark is responsible for formalities check regarding compliance with conditions and regulations pertaining to the Innomission funding scheme, including adherence to rules about state aid.

Final decision letters will be sent by email to the main applicant of each project proposal having participated in interviews after the formalities check by Innovation Fund Denmark, expectedly by mid-December.

Indicative timeline for the application and evaluation process:



f. Administrative support during the application phase

Any questions regarding the call documents prepared by the INNO-CCUS Partnership should be directed to the INNO-CCUS Secretariat at application@inno-ccus.dtu.dk. The secretariat is not allowed to advise on the specific content of an application, and neither are members of the Board of Directors.

g. Fitting project budgets to available investment budget

The INNO-CCUS Board of Directors will seek to fund projects from the top of their list of prioritized projects. Final approval is dependent on each project partners' accession to the INNO-CCUS Partnership Agreement, and the conditions specified in project grant information letters. The Board of Directors

may decide to fund a lesser amount than applied for, requiring adjustments to the project.

Should a project default during the grant preparation phase or prior to accepting the project grant, it is at the discretion of the Board of Directors to decide if the next project on the list should be selected for funding.

h. Rejections

Letters of rejection will be sent to applicants who are not selected for funding. The letter will refer to the evaluation criteria and be sent to the main applicant by e-mail. Applicants not invited to interviews will receive letters of rejection by Mid-October. Applicants who have been interviewed but not selected for funding will receive letters of rejection by Mid-December.

i. Objections regarding the procedures of INNO-CCUS

Any objections regarding the submission or evaluation process must be directed to the Innovation Fund Denmark (kontakt@innofond.dk). Innovation Fund Denmark is the governing body for the funding used in this call and will take any objections into account for the audit and control of fulfillment of the Investment Agreement between INNO-CCUS and Innovation Fund Denmark.

Objections must be received by the Innovation Fund Denmark at the latest two weeks after receipt of the decision letter (rejection or acceptance for funding) from the INNO-CCUS partnership.