

BRIDGE Discovery – Self-Assessment

Use this self-assessment to quickly verify whether your project aligns with the expectations of the BRIDGE Discovery funding scheme. Each item should be answerable with a clear “yes”.

1. Innovative potential

- Does the project aim to **develop an innovation** (application, service, method, process) rather than extend basic research or implement best practices?
- Are the **unique selling propositions (USP)** clearly articulated and is your approach novel?
- Are the **novelty and improvement** compared to existing solutions for users/customers clear?

2. Scientific content

- Are the **scientific objectives** clearly defined, high quality, and aligned with a concrete societal, economic, environmental or technological need?
- Have you described your own achievements with respect to the **current state of research**?
- Are the proposed **methods suitable** and appropriate for achieving the stated objectives?

3. Feasibility

- Does the work plan include **realistic work packages, milestones and deliverables**?
- Are the **validation steps** clearly described, including measurable expected results?
- Have you identified **risks** (scientific and implementation-related) and proposed mitigation strategies?
- Is the **requested budget** well justified and aligned with the planned work?

4. Implementation

- Is there a convincing **roadmap** showing how results will reach users, markets, or relevant societal partners?
- Is there a credible plan for **stakeholder involvement** and ensuring adoption of the innovation?
- Have you addressed the competitive landscape, **targeted market or end-users**, scalability, regulatory aspects, and intellectual property situation?

5. Applicants' qualifications

- Do you (and your partners, if applicable) demonstrate both **scientific excellence and innovation-related competencies** (entrepreneurial, managerial, technical)?
- If a consortium exists, are the partners' competencies **complementary**, and is the collaboration structure clearly described?