

Germany-Singapore SME Funding Programme

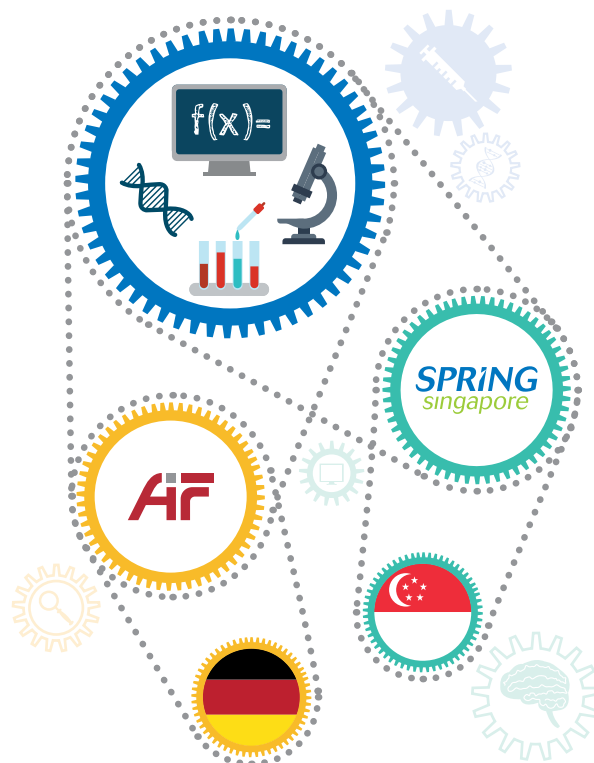
for joint R&D projects



What is the Germany-Singapore SME Funding Programme about?

The Germany-Singapore SME Funding Programme is launched by SPRiNG Singapore and AiF Projekt GmbH (on behalf of the German Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy) to encourage partnerships between German and Singaporean SMEs.

The Programme provides funding support for joint research and development (R&D) projects between German and Singaporean SMEs from their respective governments. Projects should focus on the development of new and innovative products, technology-based services, or processes with strong market potential.



What should the joint R&D project be about?

The project must involve at least one German and one Singaporean SME for the development of new products, services, and processes of industrial application leading to commercialisation in the domestic and/or global markets. For both parties to benefit, it should have an obvious advantage and differentiated value proposition resulting from the cooperation.

For example, the project should lead to an increased knowledge base, result in an enhanced ability to meet commercial needs, and/or create new fields of application for existing technologies or capabilities.

What is the application process?

STEP 1 Find the right partner

If you are looking for a partner for the joint R&D project, visit the Enterprise Europe Network (<http://een.ec.europa.eu/>) which provides a very good partner search-tool, or the European Patent Office (www.epo.org) database for holders of patents in your technological field as potential project partners. You can also approach SPRING Singapore and we can help you source for a potential partner.

STEP 2 Scope the project

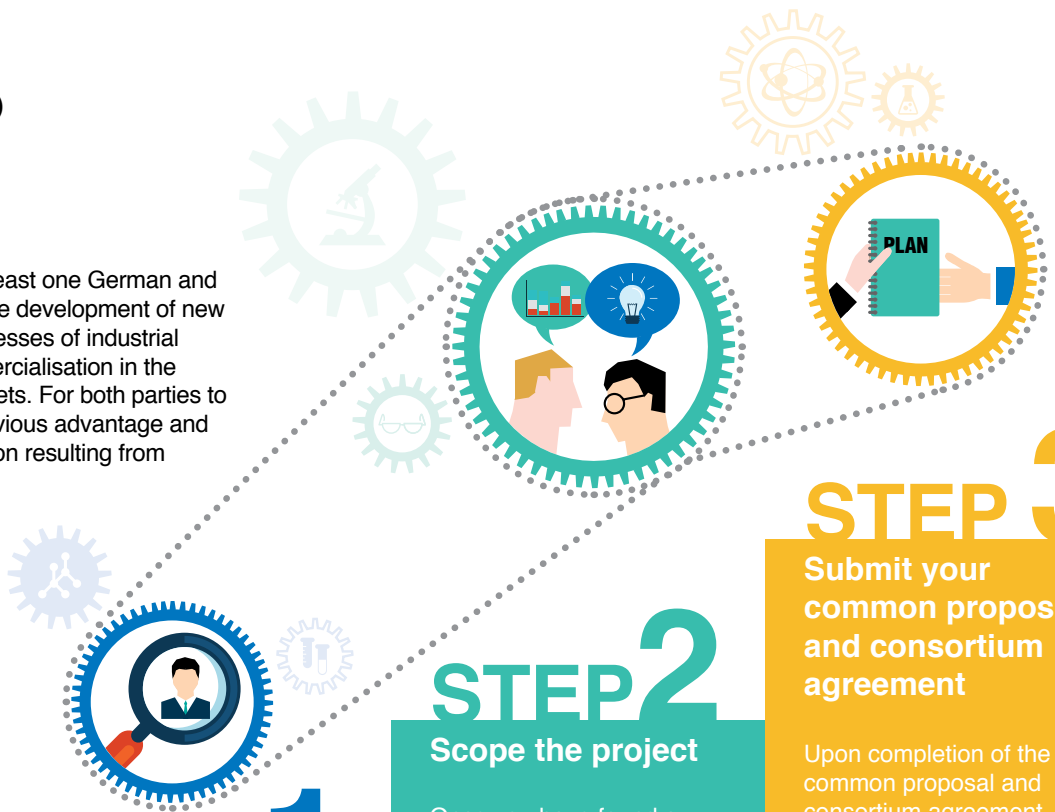
Once you have found a suitable partner, jointly scope the R&D project and develop a proposal and consortium agreement between partners.

We highly recommend you to initiate early stage consultations with SPRING Singapore (for companies in Singapore) and AiF Projekt GmbH (for companies in Germany) when you are scoping the joint R&D project. The common proposal form is available at www.zim-bmwi.de/internationale-fue-kooperationen and www.spring.gov.sg/CDG.

STEP 3 Submit your common proposal and consortium agreement

Upon completion of the common proposal and consortium agreement, email them to AiF Projekt GmbH (c.fichtner@aif-projekt-gmbh.de) and SPRING Singapore (international@spring.gov.sg).

After submitting the common proposal and consortium agreement, project partners must submit a separate application for national funding schemes.



What are the national funding schemes?



Central Innovation Programme for SMEs (ZIM Programme)

BMW ZIM Programme (Administered by AiF Projekt GmbH)

Up to 55% of maximum eligible project costs of €380,000

Employment <500
Annual Turnover <€50 million or a balance sheet of <€43 million

German partners must file one ZIM application to AiF Projekt GmbH. More detailed criteria can be found on www.zim-bmw.de/kooperationsprojekte (in German only). The application has to be in line with the ZIM regulations (i.e. it has to be in German language).

Singapore partners must meet the criteria for the CDG, and file an application for the CDG through the SPRING Grant Portal (<https://grantportal.spring.gov.sg/>).



Capability Development Grant (CDG)

Capability Development Grant - CDG (Administered by SPRING Singapore)

Up to 70% of qualifying developmental costs

Employment ≤200
Annual Turnover ≤S\$100 million
Registered and operating in Singapore
At least 30% local shareholding



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