

Proof of Concept

Promoting the valorisation of scientific research results
by obtaining proof of concept for innovations
resulting from research projects

Beneficiary

Research bodies that have at least one operating office in the Brussels-Capital Region.

Funding rate

100% of the budget

Modalities

Submission of applications at any time

Duration of 6 to 15 months

Follow-up in 2 or 3 stages depending on the duration of the project

Attention : In the event of selection, the evaluation process and the granting of funding takes approximately 6 months.

Objectives of funded projects

To obtain proof that the innovation concept emerging from prior research can actually lead to the development of an innovation that is viable both scientifically and economically.

To provide the information needed to make a decision on whether to pursue an experimental development and commercialization project (GO/NO GO).



Prerequisites



Objectives to achieve

The following are expected when submitting an application to the programme:

The aim of POC funding is to provide the information needed to make a decision on whether to pursue an experimental development and commercialization project (GO/NO GO).

At the scientific level

- Your project is based on research results obtained in whole or in part within the promotor's department.
- Your project is at a tipping point in the innovation process between the research phase and the development phase.

- You have demonstrated that the concept of innovation can indeed lead to the development of a viable innovation.
- You have consolidated the research results to ensure a less risky transition to further development with a view to economic exploitation.

From a business point of view

- You have a good perception of the socio-economic interest of the innovation.
- You have identified the societal or market need to which the innovation is likely to respond.
- You have identified the development prospects in the Brussels-Capital Region.

- On the basis of validated market needs, you have demonstrated the socio-economic interest of the innovation.
- You have identified the best way of developing it (licence or spin-off).
- You have estimated the impact of the development on the region.

Evaluation

- An initial analysis of the eligibility is carried out by Innoviris based on the programme's eligibility criteria* and prerequisites.
- Eligible applications are evaluated by Innoviris' scientific advisors.
- Projects are assessed on the basis of the innovative character and scientific quality of the work concerned by the proof of concept, the relevance and feasibility of the project as a whole, the skills of the team responsible for carrying out the project and the potential for value creation and impact for the region (environmental, social impact and impact on the regional ecosystem).
- As part of the evaluation process, Innoviris reserves the right to request any additional information needed to properly assess the application, to meet with the team in charge of the project and to call on external expertise.

Specific point of attention

- A POC project may not be carried out simultaneously with or following a SPIN-OFF project aimed at exploiting the same results.

* <https://innoviris.brussels/program/proof-concept>