

**Call text: Funding for Partnerships for a Green Transition of the Danish Agri-Food System**

1. Application Deadline: 17 April 2023 at 12 noon CET  
Project duration: 1-4 years  
Total budget for this call: Approximately DKK 75 million  
Investment per project: From minimum DKK 3 million to maximum DKK 15 million

**About the AgriFoodTure Partnership**

The vision of the AgriFoodTure partnerships is to position Denmark as the leading country in the innovative and disruptive green transition of agriculture and food production. AgriFoodTure wants to empower a new generation of green solutions and export opportunities accommodating climate, environment, and biodiversity, while safeguarding both food production and employment.

The ambition of AgriFoodTure is to start projects and attract funding for a green transition of the Danish agri-food system over the coming years. In April 2022, Innovation Fund Denmark granted DKK 201 million to the AgriFoodTure partnership. The first DKK 50 million has already been invested in 11 approved projects. The AgriFoodTure partnership and Innovation Fund Denmark are now launching a call for investment of the next projects.

Background

The goal of the Danish agriculture and food sector is to become climate neutral in 2050. Today, 35% of Denmark's total greenhouse gas emissions comes from this sector. The green transition of the agricultural sector and food production will be a large and complex task, which can only be solved in partnerships and with broad societal support.

The ambition of the AgriFoodTure partnership is to be the platform for initiating new project partnerships and cross-cutting collaborations with actors from the entire value chain to flourish and accelerate the green transition. So far, more than 40 partners are involved in the mission.

The AgriFoodTure partnership consists of national and international universities, knowledge institutions and companies with green ambitions for transforming the agriculture sector and food production in Denmark. A broad partnership with interdisciplinary collaboration is AgriFoodTure's DNA and the cornerstone in driving the green transition. The basis and background of the AgriFoodTure partnership is a technical roadmap with contributions from more than 300 researchers from all Danish universities, knowledge institutions and industries.

The partnership goals are to secure impact by creating the potential for the sector to deliver on the overall mission goals:

- Contribute to achieve the target of 70% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Denmark by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Protect the environment.
- Support nature and biodiversity.
- Contribute to increased competitiveness of Danish business and industry.

## 2. What is called for?

The AgriFoodTure partnership invests in ambitious, cross-cutting research and innovation projects that can create new, concrete solutions to issues and challenges towards 2030 and 2050 as outlined in the published [AgriFoodTure roadmap](#).

Therefore, the AgriFoodTure partnership is now calling for project applications within all topics and areas described in the [AgriFoodTure roadmap](#).

The projects should focus on ambitious results with high value creation, whether in the form of new knowledge, improved and/or new processes, systems, products or solutions. The projects must create societal value and/or economic value in the form of a green transition related to agriculture and food production within Danish public and private companies and/or with customers in society e.g., among citizens, state, regions and municipalities.

To be considered, a project should consist of partners that are active participants in both the design of project, the realization of the project and the active implementation of the results from the project. Relevant collaborations across enterprises, research institutions and public institutions must also be striven for.

### Who can apply?

Enterprises, research institutions or public institutions in or outside Denmark and directly involved in the project activities are eligible to apply, participate and receive funding. The lead applicant must hold a Danish CVR number.

## 3. What can be applied for?

Examples are co-financing of salaries and other expenses that are directly linked to the implementation of the project.

The rules for this AgriFoodTure call for investment follows the Innovation Fund Denmark rules for investment in Grand Solutions (Grand Solutions Guidelines: [Innovation Fund Denmark Grand Solutions Guidelines](#) and [General Terms and Conditions for Grand Solutions](#)).

### What are the criteria?

Projects must be related to the AgriFoodTure roadmap, and details on how they are linked to the roadmap must be described in the application.

The part of the project that require investment by AgriFoodTure must be located from TRL 3 and up to TRL 7.

The project period can last a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 4 years.

Within this call the partnership wishes to see larger projects that has potential for substantial impact towards 2030 and beyond.

The AgriFoodTure partnership does not accept applications where a successful outcome is dependent on receiving additional funding for further research and development from AgriFoodTure (e.g., projects that involve financing in multiple phases to create results).

The above is the type of investments that can be applied for. The total budget with co-funding from project partners can be larger. Please find rules for co-funding in the [Innovation Fund Denmark Grand Solutions Guidelines](#)

#### 4. Important dates

- Call opens: 16 January 2023
- Call opens in Filkassen: February 2023
- Deadline for application: 17 April 2023 at 12 noon
- Expected response date: 1 September 2023
- Expected earliest launch date: 1 October 2023

#### 5. Evaluation criteria

First and foremost, the project applied for must fit within the roadmap and with one or more of the tracks. Applicants will be asked to indicate which track the project mainly regards.

The evaluation criteria are described in detail in the "[Assessment Criteria - AgriFoodTure Pool 2](#)".

- a. Potential effect on climate, environment, and biodiversity (Please see sub-scoring below)
  - b. Height of innovation
  - c. Circularity and side streams
  - d. Excellence
  - e. Scalability – both national and international
- Contribution to the speed of implementation of the green transition
  - Competitiveness and business potential including growth and employment potential.

Regarding "a. Potential effect on climate, environment and biodiversity" the following sub-scoring will be used:

1. Effect on climate (contribution to national and global reduction targets as well as reduced product LCA footprint)
2. Reduction of NOx to water
3. Reduction of pesticides via alternatives
4. Reduction of ammonia emissions
5. Contribution to increased biodiversity

#### 6. Evaluation Process – short.

AgriFoodTure is using the Filkassen-system, which is the application portal of Innovation Fund Denmark. Applications must be submitted via [Filkassen](#). The call opens 16 January 2023 and Filkassen opens in February 2023. Please note that applicants will receive a receipt for submitting the application.

The evaluation process is described in detail in the [Innovation Fund Denmark Grand Solutions Guidelines](#) and "[Process for Investment in Pool 2](#)" and briefly outlined below.

A scientific/technical assessment will be carried out on each application by an international panel from the EUREKA expert database. Applicants will receive the EUREKA evaluation via the Filkassen submission system and be invited to submit their response via Filkassen.

Projects with the highest total score and which corresponds to a total budget that is twice as high as determined to be granted, will be evaluated by the AgriFoodTure Board of Directors.

After evaluation by the EUREKA experts and the AgriFoodTure Board of Directors, applicants are notified of the decision via e-mail from the AgriFoodTure administration.

Complaints regarding the submission or evaluation process must be guided to Innovation Fund Denmark.

After an application has been approved the application will enter investment negotiations

It is expected that the project applications will receive either invitation for investment negotiations or rejection of application in September 2023, after which the investment negotiations can be initiated with an expected project start in Q4 2023

## 7. **Guidance and Inspiration**

Applicants within this call must take into account the following:

- [Process for Investment in Pool 2”](#)
- [AgriFoodTure Pool 2 call](#)
- [Assessment Criteria AgriFoodTure Pool 2](#)
- [Innovation Fund Denmark Grand Solutions Guidelines](#)
- [A Q&A session will be held on 24 January 2023 at 13:30-15:30 CET](#)

## 8. **Contact info**

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