



Green Labs DK

Call for applications for Green Labs DK 2024-I

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Deadline for applications

GLDK applications: 4 March 2024, 12:00 midday

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Call for applications for funding from the Green Labs DK programme 2024-I

Green Labs DK (GLDK) provides funding to establish facilities for testing and demonstrating innovative energy and climate technologies projects that help realise Denmark's political energy and climate goals and that generate Danish jobs and energy-technology exports.

GLDK is managed by an independent board consisting of seven members. The board makes decisions on all matters concerning GLDK, including on realisation.

This call for applications is based on the EUDP's and GLDK's strategy. The overall prioritisation framework is the targets in the Climate Act of a 70% reduction in CO₂ equivalents in 2030 and climate neutrality by 2045.

The strategy designates a number of challenges and focus areas on the route to achieving the Danish climate targets. This means that GLDK would like to see more applications for these focus areas. However, it is important to emphasise that GLDK does not preclude applications which lie outside the focus areas. If the idea is good, and the application lives up to the requirements for all applications, funding is possible.

1. Call for applications for Green Labs DK 2024-I

1.1 Funding

Funding of DKK 260 mill. is available for EUDP applications (see separate call for applications) and Green Labs DK applications*. Funds for Green Labs DK are therefore provided with the call for applications under the EUDP, and this is why applications for test facilities are exposed to competition with development and demonstration projects.

Financial framework

General funding for the EUDP and GLDK:

DKK 260 million*

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4 March 2024, 12:00 midday

Consultation period:

March to May

Decision:

Mid-June 2024

1.2 New for this round

In Annex 8 “Declaration of participation and incentive”, all applicants sign to confirm that the project and the project activities under application for funding has(ve) not commenced or will be commenced before a commitment of funding has been received.

The previous section in the application form in which the incentive effect was to be described has been deleted. All enterprises must instead describe how the funding is a condition for the completion of the project. Describe how the funding applied for is a precondition for participation by the enterprise in the establishment project (with respect to scope, extent or rate of work) in section 4.1. of the application form on organisation.

1.3 Legal framework

The legal framework for Green Labs DK and the Energy Technology Development and Demonstration Programme (EUDP) is:

- Consolidating Act no. 895 of 28. August 2019 (EUDP Act)
- Executive Order no. 133 of 27 February 2008.

1.4 EU state aid regulations

Another prerequisite for Green Labs DK legality is that the programme is administered in accordance with common provisions of Part 1 and Article 26a of the European Commission Block Exemption Regulation re. investment aid for infrastructure used for testing and experimentation activities. Funding may be granted to construct or upgrade infrastructure used by enterprises for testing and experimentation activities. Operation of the infrastructure for testing and experimentation activities is considered as economic activity defined as provision of services for enterprises.

2. Assessment criteria

The board assesses applications on the basis of the following assessment criteria:

Criteria	
1. Test facilities	There must be a clear description of how the facilities will contribute to energy-policy objectives and take account of Danish strongholds. Applicants must clarify how the facilities enable testing of innovative technologies, systems and solutions.
2. The establishment phase	The time schedule, structure and feasibility must be clearly described and organised in work packages with an appropriate number of relevant milestones.
3. The outcomes of the facilities	It must be likely that the facilities enable testing of new energy and climate technologies, for example with suppliers, producers and consumers, so that the test facilities indirectly support the green transition and contribute to carbon reductions.
4. Organisation	There should be description of the technical, professional and commercial expertise of the enterprise(s) which own(s) and operate(s) the facilities. If several enterprises together invest in the establishment, the ownership structure, rights and division of responsibilities with respect to operation must be transparent.
5. Budget and financing	The size of the budget must be reasonable in relation to the size and complexity of the facility. The assumptions for the primary budget items must be clearly described and all parties must confirm their participation.
6. Market potential and competition situation	The target group and demand for the facilities must be described. It is likely that the facilities can be operated with a robust business model under which ongoing operations can be financed by revenues from users of the new facilities. There is a description of professional management and marketing initiatives for the Green Labs DK facilities.
7. Operating phase	It must be likely that the test facilities can be used by many users under transparent and non-discriminatory conditions, and that the price demanded for using the facilities is set in accordance with the costs linked to using the facilities plus a reasonable margin. If enterprises invest more than 10% of the costs, it must be clear whether these enterprises will be granted favourable terms for access, what these conditions are, as well as how they will be published.

3. General information

3.1 Who can be granted funding?

Public and private enterprises or knowledge institutions can apply for funding under the GLDK programme, including universities and GTS institutes (approved technological service providers) registered in the Danish Central Business Register.

Note that the funding intensity is defined as that funding is granted to infrastructure used for economic activity, and therefore universities' funding intensities are at the same level as for private enterprises¹.

The main applicant must be registered in the Danish Central Business Register with a CVR number.

Who may not be granted funding?

Funding cannot be granted to enterprises that have not complied with the requirement to repay funding that, in a previous decision, the European Commission has declared to be illegal and incompatible with the single European market. In this respect complete [Annex 10](#).

The applicant must not be an enterprise in difficulty, as defined in Article 2 no. 18 of the Block Exemption Regulation. Complete [Annex 11](#) in this respect.

The GLDK programme may not grant funding to actors listed in the annex to EU Regulation 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 with subsequent amendments introducing sanctions against initiatives that undermine or threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence. Neither directly nor indirectly. Applicants must therefore certify that the payment of funding to the enterprise from GLDK does not constitute a breach of the Regulation or other sanctions adopted by the EU or UN.

3.2 How much funding for can be applied for?

It is possible to apply for max DKK 100 million per infrastructure.

In general, funding intensity for applications is 25% for large enterprises, 35% for medium-sized enterprises and 45% for small enterprises.

The funding intensity applied for may be increased by 5% if at least 80% of the facilities' capacity is allocated to small and medium-sized enterprises. Note that, in this case, a business strategy for how the facilities will target small and medium-sized enterprises must be attached, and GLDK must have evidence in annual operating reports for a period of five years after the facilities have been put into operation.

Funding intensities	Small enterprise	Medium-sized enterprise	Large enterprise
Infrastructure	45%	35%	25%
Infrastructures whose capacity is used by SMEs 80% is	50%	40%	30%

3.3 Who can be granted funding?

Funding may be granted to facilities that can be test beds, pilot lines demonstrators, living labs and similar supporting services

Eligible costs

¹See section 11 of the ANNEX to the COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION Approval of the content of a draft for a Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty and Regulation (EU) 2022/2473 declaring certain categories of aid to undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.

Green Labs DK provides funding in accordance with the EUDP and Green Labs Act, as well as the common provisions in Part 1, and Article 26a of the European Commission Block Exemption Regulation. Funding is granted for:

Tangible assets: Assets comprising buildings, plant, machinery and equipment.

Intangible assets: Assets such as patents, licences, know-how or other intellectual property. In other words assets that do not have physical or financial embodiment.

Ineligible costs

The following costs are *not* eligible for funding:

- Internal payroll costs in connection with the establishment and operation of the test facilities.
- Costs to develop business models, market analyses, direct sales promotion and other commercial market activities, including deploying existing technology or commercial operation of plant and similar.
- Costs to implement preproduction planning or to streamline production or control processes and similar.²
- Complete already commenced projects or project activities (all project participants must declare in Annex 8 that the project has not commenced prior to attainment of a commitment)³.

Language

The application form (Annex 1) must be completed in English if the application is for more than DKK 3 mill. If the amount of funding applied for the project is less than DKK 3 mill. the application may be written in English or Danish. It is possible to apply for exemption from having to write the application in English if the amount of funding is less than DKK 15 mill.

4. Processing applications

Applications for GLDK 2024-I received will be processed according to the following time schedule:

- Deadline for applications: 12:00 midday on 04 March 2024.
- Assessment of applications, March to June 2024. Applications will generally be assessed by external experts. The external experts must not have any conflict of interest and will be under obligation to process all application materials with confidentiality.
- Consultation of parties from March to May 2024 In cases where external expert advice is obtained, and the assessment is unfavourable for the applicant, the applicant will have a consultation with a possibility to comment on the external assessment. The aim is to clarify whether the external assessment is based on misunderstandings in relation to the application.
- The GLDK board will decide on funding in mid-June 2024.
- After the decision by the board, the experts linked to the specific project will be able to examine each other's evaluations.

Direct rejection

² See the OECD Frascati Manual.

³ Funding from the EUDP must have an incentive effect, see Article 6 of the EU Block Exemption Regulation. This means that funding cannot be granted to projects or project activities that have already commenced.

Applications can be rejected immediately if:

- The application has not been submitted within the deadline and with the annexes required.
- The project is assessed to fall outside the purpose of the programme.
- The project has already commenced.
- The application form, including the budget form, has not been completed according to the requirements in the Call and Guidelines.

5. If funding is granted

When a commitment of funding for a project has been obtained, the following will happen: Information about the projects that have received a commitment of funding is published on the Danish Energy Agency's platforms and GLDK's platforms with the project title, the main applicant, the project summary, participants, budget as well as contact information for the project manager.

Furthermore, there are a number of requirements to be met in connection with implementation of the project, These requirements are stated in the [EUDP Rules](#) for payment of funding. They include the following:

Project agreement

After receipt of commitment, the commitment holder and the other participants in the project have **one month** to accept the project agreement with a commitment of funding under the conditions given. The project may not be commenced until an agreement has been made between the project parties and GLDK. The agreement may lay down that there must be clarification of milestones and outcome targets or other matters before initiation.

Collaboration

agreement

There must be a collaboration agreement, signed by all parties, on the allocation of rights between the parties and on financing, etc. by no later than **six months** after the date on the letter of commitment, unless otherwise agreed with the GLDK Secretariat. Funding will not be paid to projects for as long as this condition is not met.

Coordination, reporting and accounting obligations

The person responsible for the enterprise/institution is responsible for the budget and progress in the project and is responsible for contact with GLDK. This entails, among other things, collecting information about financial and technical conditions from the other partners as well as forwarding funding to them.

After start-up of the test facilities

If the capacity of the test facilities is allocated to at least 80% use by small and medium-sized enterprises and the funding intensity is increased accordingly, this use should be documented to GLDK in annual operating reports for a period of five years after start-up of the facilities. Failure to comply with the requirement for 80% use of the capacity by SMEs may lead to claims for repayment of funding.

Dissemination and exploitation of results as well as rights

Project results must be made available to the public, although taking into account any patent applications. In exceptional cases, GLDK may allow that the results not be published.

The enterprise responsible for the project may, during the project, be asked to supply pictures of the project activities and production for the webportals.

Payment of funding

Funding will generally be paid in accordance with the EU Block Exemption Regulation. A condition for payment of funding is that the *activity does not commence* prior to a commitment of funding. Funding is paid in accordance with the project agreement. Note that funding will be paid on the basis of calculations of the actual, eligible expenditure incurred, including actual salaries. Funding will *not* be paid on the basis of budget figures. The project's technical progress must be reported in connection with payment of funding. Funding is generally paid twice a year, although more than two payments per year may be agreed with the GLDK Secretariat.

Annex A: Guidelines for completion of the application form

To apply for funding from GLDK, submit an application via the [application portal](#). See also the guidelines on the application form (Annex B), the budget form (Annex C), as well as guidelines for the Gantt chart (Annex D). On the portal, you can create a new application and see any previous applications. Applications should be submitted using the employee NemID from your enterprise. It is NOT possible to use a private NemID. An application must include the following documents, and they are all available here:

- Annex 1: Application form GLDK
- Annex 2: Establishment budget GLDK
- Annex 3: Time schedule for establishment (Gantt_Chart_GLDK)
- Annex 4: Business Model Canvas
- Annex 5: Operating and investment budget
- Annex 6: Business strategy if the facilities aim at small and medium-sized enterprises
- Annex 7: CVs of relevant key persons involved in the establishment or operating phase (combined in a single file)
- Annex 8: Declaration of participation and incentive
- Annex 9: SME declaration
- Annex 10: Declaration on repayment of funding
- Annex 11: Declaration that the applicant is not an enterprise in difficulty

Contact the GLDK Secretariat with any questions about the application materials, the purpose and framework of GLDK, and to clarify a project idea.

Annex B General guidelines on the application portal

Portal

Applications must be submitted electronically via the programme [application portal](#).

Applicants should set themselves up as users on the portal using **MitID Erhverv**. Use the MitID Erhverv issued for the business registration number (CVR number). **It is not possible to use a private MitID.**

Create an application on the portal

The application should usually be created and submitted by the person with primary responsibility. Everyone who works on the portal should have their individual **MitID Erhverv**.

Invite the person with primary responsibility (created on behalf of the person with primary responsibility)

If another participant creates the application on behalf of the person with primary responsibility (proxy), this participant should mark the field under the heading “Invite the person with primary responsibility” and state the name and e-mail address of the person with primary responsibility.

When the application has been completed, the proxy should invite the indicated person with primary responsibility to submit the application. The proxy will no longer have access to the case, after the invitation has been sent to the person with primary responsibility.

The person with primary responsibility must have a **MitID Erhverv** in order to submit the final application.

NB: The application should not be submitted before the person with primary responsibility has accessed the application on the portal and clicked final submit.

Application

The application comprises a number of annexes, which can be downloaded from GLDK's website. On the portal the applicant should:

- State the **basic data**, including the project type, project period, participants and project budget (transferred from the project budget file).
- Attach **annexes** included in the application. See the list in Annex table 1 – List of annexes below.

Annexes 1-12 must always be submitted by appending them to the portal.

Files may not contain links to other documents, or be read-only, or contain emails.

Application materials need not be signed, except Annexes 8-12.

Such annexes cannot replace filling in the application form and all of the fields in the application form must be fully completed.

An application includes the following **information and annexes**:

Application includes	
Basic data on the portal	Must be stated on the portal
Annex 1: Application form (text)⁴	Must be appended to the portal (Word file)
Annex 2: Establishment budget form⁵	Must be appended to the portal (Excel file)
Annex 3: Gantt chart (time schedule)⁵	Must be appended to the portal (Excel file)
Annex 4: Business Model Canvas⁵	Must be appended to the portal (Word file)
Annex 5: Operating and investment budget	Must be appended to the portal
Annex 6: Business strategy if the facilities aim at small and medium-sized enterprises.	Must be appended if it is planned to allocate at least 80% the capacity of the test facilities to small and medium-sized enterprises
Annex 7: CVs	Must be appended to the portal for all relevant participants - combined in a single file
Annex 8: Declaration of participation and incentive⁵	Must be appended to the portal for the project participants - combined in a single file
Annex 9: Declaration on repayment of funding⁵	Must be appended to the portal for the project participants - combined in a single file
Annex 10: Declaration on status as an SME	Must be appended to the portal for the project SME participants - combined in a single file
Annex 11: Declaration that the applicant is not an enterprise in difficulty⁵	Must be appended to the portal for the project participants - combined in a single file

Annex table 1 – List of annexes.

⁴ Annexes 1-7 must be completed using files from [the website](#). Hyperlink skal rettes!

Annex C Guidelines for budget (Annex 2)

Introduction

The *budget form* is composed of an Excel file, which should be appended to the portal when it is completed. This need not be signed for the application. The file is on [the website](#).

Information and explanations to the budget and financing should be disclosed on the *application form*.

The budget file contains:

- One tab with budget and project financial statements (Budget & total). Only this should be used for the application. There is space for 15 participants.
- 15 tabs (P1 to P15) for periodical reporting and payment (use if funding is obtained). The tabs are made visible, as required, by right-clicking and selecting.

Note that the following can be selected in the budget file in row 3:

- Language (Danish/English).
- xls version (Danish/English, cell AS3).

Enterprise information

Only the yellow fields can be edited. In the budget spreadsheet, first complete information regarding:

- Enterprise.
- CVR number (central business reg. no.).
- Type of enterprise.
- Types of activities - select Green Labs DK here
- Size of enterprise. The size should be stated based on the EU definition of small and medium-sized enterprises, taking into account ownership details.

Once this information has been registered, the funding rate can be inserted in the form.

Budget items

When preparing the budget, it must be assessed whether the costs are necessary for implementation of the project.

Only the yellow fields can be edited. Brief information about the budget figures can be entered in the comments field in the budget file. Project costs should be calculated in the following categories:

- A) Tangible assets: Assets comprising land, buildings and plant, machinery and equipment.
- B) Intangible assets: Assets such as patents, licences, know-how or other intellectual property.
- C) Any revenues.

[Re. A\)](#) Tangible assets: Assets comprising buildings and plant, machinery and equipment.

[Re. B\)](#) Intangible assets: Assets such as patents, licences, know-how or other intellectual property. In other words assets that do not have physical or financial embodiment.

Re C) Any revenues in connection with the project to be deducted from the funding basis can be stated here.

Note that, in the event of a commitment, the application budget should be used to request payment of funding. See also "General Terms and Conditions for payment of funding, reporting and financial reporting etc. for commitments from Green Labs DK".

Note also that funding granted under the EU Block Exemption Regulation is not paid on the basis of the approved budget figures, but on the basis of the *costs actually paid*.

Annex D: Guidelines for Gantt chart (Annex 3)

The Gantt chart is composed of an Excel file, which should be appended to the portal when it is completed. The file is on [the website](#).

- The project must be divided into work packages. Tab 1 should be completed with the name of the **work package** and the length of time for each work package.
- Relevant **milestones** must be set for the establishment phase. Insert also number and name of milestones (both technical and commercial) and mark the timing for these with vertical columns. A milestone is a planned, measurable and visible event which indicates that an assignment or a large deliverable has been completed. There will generally be a limited number of crucial milestones in a typical establishment process, usually around 3-5 milestones over a three-year process.
- It may be relevant to use **stop/go milestones** to determine when the project is to be stopped before time or proceed as planned. Such milestones can be used in the event of authority approvals, crucial test results, or similar.
- If the project is granted funding, GLDK will use the milestones to assess the progress of the establishment phase.
- State in tab 2 the **budget** broken down by **work packages**.