

*FONDATION FRANCO-NORVEGIENNE  
POUR LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE ET  
TECHNIQUE ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT  
INDUSTRIEL (FFN)*

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## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

**1983:** Agreement between the French and Norwegian government to promote French-Norwegian cooperation within scientific and technical research and industrial development. To organize this cooperation on a practical level, the **French-Norwegian Foundation for Scientific and Technical Research and Industrial Development (FNS)** was created.

**1986:** Signature of the Troll Agreement: supply of important quantities of natural gas from Norway to France for decades. The **Foundation** becomes an instrument to promote industrial and scientific relations between the two countries, and a yearly budget is allocated.

Since 1986, The Foundation promotes long-lasting French-Norwegian cooperation through the financing of joint R&D projects in which both industry and research institutes and universities are involved with the aim of creating cooperation lasting beyond the project-period. SMEs are prioritised.

**The Foundation organizes or supports workshops and seminars with the purpose of creating new projects in prioritised areas in cooperation with interested parties.**

## GOAL AND ROLE OF THE FOUNDATION

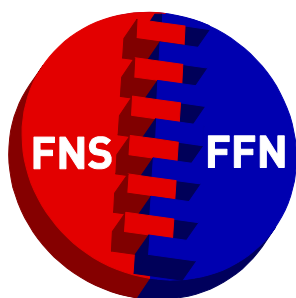
- Promote long-lasting French-Norwegian co-operation through joint R&D projects

### Main objectives

- Support joint R & D projects where French and Norwegian industrial firms are main partners
- R & D projects have to lead to processes and products with industrial applications
- Connect French and Norwegian industry partners
- Organize and support workshops and seminars
- Promote cooperation between French and Norwegian researchers and industrialists

### Research priorities

- aquaculture and food industry
- biotechnology and biomedical industry
- informatics and information technology
- environmental technologies and energy
- marine science and technology
- material science and technology
- oil and gas exploration and production



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### **One common project – funding from two countries**

Requirements for proposal and project funding are described on the web-pages of the Foundation. Applications should be submitted before April 1 and October 1 to the Secretariats in both countries. The Board has two meetings a year (May and November).

### **FUNDING IN NORWAY**

The Norwegian part of the Foundation receives an annual budget from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

A Norwegian company participating in a project **receives grants directly** from the Foundation. Grants to Norwegian companies can be up to 50.000 €/per year, or 150.000 € in total for two/three years.

The Foundation also supports bilateral seminars and exchange of specialists between France and Norway (Åsgard-program).

More information:

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### **FUNDING IN FRANCE**

No funding can be obtained directly from the Foundation so the French applicant involved in a proposal has to apply for public funding to relevant agencies, such as Agence Nationale pour la Recherche (ANR), OSEO, ADEME, or specific public funding organisms. The French secretariat will assist the public or/and private research laboratories and the French companies involved in an application to obtain such funding. Grants to French Partners are in general of about the same size as the Norwegian grants from the Foundation.

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