

## From idea to research project in the public sector

Do you have an idea for a project and wonder whether the Research Council might be able to assist you? We have the tools, expertise, funding and networks you need for getting started.

### The Project Canvas

The Research Council's Project Canvas tool (available in Norwegian only) can help you to identify the strengths and weaknesses of your idea and to develop an overview of your project before you contact a Research Council adviser.

### Advisers throughout Norway

The Research Council's regional representatives can answer questions and discuss opportunities that can help you to move forward. These representatives are located throughout the country and are usually based at Innovation Norway's regional offices.

[Contact your nearest regional representative.](#)

### The EU and Horizon 2020

Do you have questions about calls for proposals from the EU and Horizon 2020? The Research Council's National Contact Points for the EU can answer questions and provide information about the opportunities available through European calls for proposals. A list of the National Contact Points for the various subject areas is available here. You can also contact the EU networks established by the Research Council to help to increase participation of enterprises in funding opportunities under Horizon 2020.

[Contact our National Contact Points \(NCP\) for advice on EU funding.](#)

### Looking to cooperate outside Europe?

The Research Council has contact persons for individual countries and geographic regions who can answer questions and provide information about opportunities for research and innovation cooperation in non-European countries.

#### The Project Canvas for the public sector

Is your idea a good basis for an Innovation Project for the Public Sector? The Project Canvas tool helps you to design and develop your idea into a project. Use it to identify potential shortcomings and present your idea to prospective partners.

[The Project Canvas in PDF](#)

#### > Seven tips for filling in your grant application

Completing a grant application to the Research Council is time-consuming and there are many potential stumbling blocks. Here are some tips for how to fill in and submit your application successfully, well in advance of the deadline.