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Norway

ENOVA

Energy efficiency, renewable energy, green transition.

Offers: Investment grants, advisory tools, technology development support.

All regions (NO) enova.no

Fylkeskommuner (County Councils)

Regional development, business growth, education, sustainability.

Offers: Regional funding programs, co-financing, advisory support.

All regions (NO) trondelagfylke.no

Inkubator / Katapulter

Business acceleration, prototyping, technology testing, scale-up support.

Offers: Access to test facilities, mentoring, R&D support.

All regions (NO) siva.no/katapult

Innovation Norway

Innovation projects, commercialization, new technology implementation, export promotion.

Offers: Grants, loans, advisory services, networks.

All regions (NO) innovationnorway.no

Kommuner (Municipalities)

Local business support, community development, sustainability initiatives.

Offers: Local grants, advisory services, networking.

All regions (NO) trondheim.kommune.no

NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation)

International development, sustainability, climate, education.

Offers: Grants, partnerships, project funding.

All regions (NO) norad.no

Nordic Innovation

Cross-Nordic collaboration, sustainable growth, entrepreneurship.

Offers: Funding calls, collaboration platforms, innovation programs.

Nordic Countries nordicinnovation.org

Norway Grants/EEA Grants

Reducing social and economic disparities in Europe, innovation, environment.

Offers: Project grants, partnerships, innovation funding.

All regions (NO) eeagrants.org

Norwegian Research Council (NFR)

Research and development, innovation, knowledge-building projects.

Offers: Research grants, project funding, innovation programs.

All regions (NO) forskningsradet.no

SIVA (The Industrial Development Corporation of Norway)

Business incubation, industrial development, innovation infrastructure.

Offers: Support for incubators, catapult centers, property and network programs.

All regions (NO) siva.no

Stiftelsen Teknologiformidling

Technology transfer, industrial innovation, competence sharing.

Offers: Grants, advisory services, technology development projects.

All regions (NO) teknologiformidling.no

Poland

National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)

Support for business.

Offers: It supports innovative research and development projects and brings science and business closer together.

All regions (PL) gov.pl/web/ncbr

National Economy Bank (BGK)

Support for business.

Offers: Offers financial support, including preferential loans.

All regions (PL) bgk.pl

National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management

Support for business.

Offers: Driving the green transformation by supporting effective initiatives that influence economic development and are aimed at achieving the public and environmental interest.

All regions (PL) gov.pl/web/nfosigw/narodowy-fundusz-ochrony-srodowiska-i-gospodarki-wodnej

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Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP)

EU and Polish funding for SMEs and startups.

Offers: Manages national and EU funds supporting the development of SMEs.

All regions (PL) parp.gov.pl

Polish Entrepreneurship Foundation (PFP)

Support for business.

Offers: It focuses on supporting the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises by offering training and loans.

All regions (PL) pfp.com.pl

Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH)

Support for business.

Offers: Supports entrepreneurs, especially in the context of exports and attracting investments.

All regions (PL) paih.gov.pl

Portugal

AICEP Portugal Global

Internationalization, Export, Investment.

Offers: Public agency supporting Portuguese companies in internationalization and attracting foreign investment. Provides advisory services, market info, and networking.

All regions (PT) portugalglobal.pt

ANI – National Innovation Agency

R&D, Innovation, Technology.

Offers: Promotes and supports technological innovation and collaboration between companies and research entities. Provides funding schemes and innovation support services.

All regions (PT) ani.pt

CCDR-A – Regional Development and Coordination Commission of Alentejo

Regional development, EU funds, environment, land planning.

Offers: Coordinates EU programs and regional development strategies in Alentejo, supports companies and local authorities with funding opportunities.

Alentejo ccdr-a.gov.pt

CCDR-Alg – Regional Development and Coordination Commission of Algarve

Regional development, EU funds, environment, land planning.

Offers: Manages EU funds for Algarve region, promotes regional competitiveness, sustainable development and cooperation between local actors.

Algarve ccdr-alg.pt

CCDR-C – Regional Development and Coordination Commission of the Centre

Regional development, EU funds, environment, land planning.

Offers: Supports regional development, manages EU funding at regional level, provides advisory services to businesses, municipalities and research centers.

Centre ccdrc.pt

CCDR-LVT – Regional Development and Coordination Commission of Lisbon and Tagus Valley

Regional development, EU funds, environment, land planning.

Offers: Manages regional programs, supports municipalities and entities in accessing cohesion funds, and coordinates spatial planning.

Lisbon & Tagus Valley ccdr-lvt.pt

CCDR-N – Regional Development and Coordination Commission of the North

Regional development, EU funds, environment, land planning.

Offers: Coordinates implementation of regional operational programs (Portugal 2030), supports companies and municipalities in accessing EU funds, provides regional planning and environmental licensing services.

North ccdr-n.pt

IAPMEI - Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation

SMEs, Entrepreneurship, Innovation.

Offers: National support agency for SMEs and entrepreneurs. Offers information, funding opportunities, certification, and advisory services.

All regions (PT) iapmei.pt

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IEFP – Institute of Employment and Vocational Training

Employment, Training, Entrepreneurship.

Offers: Provides programs for job creation, vocational training, and support for entrepreneurship and self-employment.

All regions (PT) iefp.pt

Startup Portugal

Entrepreneurship, Startups.

Offers: National strategy and platform to support startups, incubation programs, mentoring, and access to financing.

All regions (PT) startupportugal.com

Slovenia

12 Regional Development Agencies

Support for businesses and startups.

Offers: Promoting Regional Development.

12 regions gov.si

ABC Accelerator

Support for businesses and startups.

Offers: Offers continuous mentoring and hands-on assistance, helping businesses overcome challenges and capitalize on new opportunities for lasting growth and success.

All regions (SI) abc-accelerator.com

Ljubljana University Incubator

Support for startups.

Offers: Helping all ambitious startups, with a special focus on transforming breakthrough technologies into successful companies and developing the deep tech ecosystem.

All regions (SI) lui.si

Primorska Technology Park

Support for businesses and startups.

Offers: The Primorska Technology Park was founded in 2000 and has been building a dynamic startup ecosystem in the Goriška region ever since. It has been connecting successful and innovative companies with research institutions, thus creating favourable conditions to start, develop and scale up companies.

Primorska primorski-tp.si

Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia

promotes links between public research institutes and users.

Offers: The Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (ARIS) performs professional, development and executive tasks related to the implementation of the adopted Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia (RISS) within the framework of the valid budget memorandum and the state budget, as well as other tasks of promoting research activity, in accordance with the purpose of its establishment.

Slovenia aris-rs.si

SID bank

Finansial program of credits for business.

Offers: As a national promotional and development bank, it complements the offer of commercial banks with long-term resources in areas of market gaps, which primarily include small and medium-sized enterprises, internationalization, technological development, research and innovation, environmental and energy projects, infrastructure and the like.

All regions (SI) sid.si

Slovenski podjetniški sklad (Slovenian enterprise fund)

Support for business.

Offers: Financial incentives (Start-up incentives, Early-stage growth capital, Growth capital, Loans, Guarantees, Special incentives for sustainable development), specific incentives (Vouchers, Mentoring programs, Training and networking programs, Pre-incubation, incubation and horizontal accelerator programs, Investment accelerators, STEP Slovenia), development partnerships, promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation.

All regions (SI) podjetniskisklad.si

SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency

Support for business.

Offers: SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency is entrusted with the regulatory, expert and development tasks serving to increase competitiveness of Slovenia's economy in the area of investment, entrepreneurship, and internationalisation.

All regions (SI) sloveniabusiness.eu

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Technology Park Ljubljana

Support for businesses and startups.

Offers: International technology centre where cutting-edge technologies come together, the best development companies meet and new technologies are developed. The best place and the best technology community for top technology companies.

All regions (SI) tp-lj.si

The Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport

Support for business.

Offers: The Ministry provides support for further strengthening the international competitiveness of Slovenian companies and the economy.

All regions (SI) gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-the-economy-tourism-and-sport

Sweden

Almi Företagspartner

Funding and business support.

Offers: Provide financing in the form of loans and venture capital, as well as support and guidance in business development for small and medium-sized enterprises.

All regions (SE) almi.se

Business Blekinge

Support to expand, invest and establish.

Offers: Legal matters and permits, Finance, Meetings and conferences, Land and property.

Blekinge businessblekinge.se

Business Region Kronoberg

Support to expand, invest and establish.

Offers: Investment and establishment services.

Kronoberg businessregionkronoberg.se

Business Sweden

All areas.

Offers: Business Sweden cooperates with regional investment promotion agencies (IPA) to help international companies invest and expand in Sweden offering services on local, regional and national levels to efficiently support companies to identify business opportunities, set up and expand their business. Link to list of 18 regional partners and showing the geographical areas that each partner covers.

All regions (SE) business-sweden.com

Invest in Sweden

Business Sweden helps international companies invest and expand in Sweden.

Offers: Helps international companies navigate business opportunities in Sweden and make well-informed decisions.

All regions (SE) business-sweden.com/invest-in-sweden

Invest in Skåne

Support to expand, invest and establish.

Offers: The official investment promotion agency for Sweden's southernmost region. Provide industry-specific data, regional business opportunities, site visits, contacts with stakeholders, help with company registration, office leasing and integration into regional ecosystem, assistance with market expansion into the Skåne region, the Nordics and the rest of Europe.

Skåne investinskane.com

IUC Kalmar län

Manufacturing industry.

Offers: Knowledge in new technology, automation, digitalization, robotization and new materials, help meet the future demands for sustainable development, guide to the public support system, strengthen cooperation between the county's twelve municipalities, business stakeholders and industry and industry-related companies.

Kalmar iuc-kalmar.se

IUC Syd

Manufacturing industry.

Offers: Strengthen growth and competitiveness in manufacturing companies in Skåne. A neutral, company-related and personal contact for companies.

Skåne iucsyd.se

Packbridge

Packaging industry.

Offers: Networking, knowledge sharing, innovation support, bridging connections between industry and academia.

All regions (SE) packbridge.se

Region Kalmar län

Financial support.

Offers: Support for new investment in buildings, machinery or equipment, external consultancy services, for start-ups, Investment support for archipelago companies, commercial services and Regional investment support.

Kalmar regionkalmar.se

Swedish Chambers International (SCI)

Misc.

Offers: Swedish Chambers of Commerce has in 38 key locations where companies with Swedish connections can do business. | Seminars, meetings and conferences | Networking with official Swedish and regional stakeholders | Presentation material about Sweden and Swedish businesses | Policy Questions | Collaborations with foreign and Swedish universities | Delegation Trips | Social events.

All regions (SE) swedishchambers.se

Swedish Institute

All areas.

Offers: General advice and a lot of links to different organisations including a list of Swedish startup incubators.

All regions (SE) si.se

Techtank

Manufacturing industry.

Offers: Industrial cluster and regional development actor in Blekinge with a mission to strengthen the competitiveness of industry.

Blekinge län techtank.se

Tysk-Svenska Handelskammaren

Business support.

Offers: Market Entry, Business partners and addresses, Market analysis, Active marketing, Intercultural seminars/Coaching, Trade Fairs, Legal Services, Tax, Payroll, Bookkeeping.

All regions (SE) handelskammer.se

Verksamt

All areas.

Offers: Verksamt.se is a website from Swedish authorities offering information and services for business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Contact information to all different authorities helping assisting with all different matteris in connection with setting up a business.

All regions (SE) verksamt.se

Ukraine

Diia.Business

National program for enterpreneurs and business.

Offers: An online portal and network of business support centers that provides information, advice, and assistance in obtaining financial instruments, including grants.

All regions (UA) business.diia.gov.ua

Entrepreneurship Development Fund

Finansial program of credits for business.

Offers: A financial organization created to provide financial support to entrepreneurs, including through a lending program.

All regions (UA) bdf.gov.ua

EU4Business in Ukraine

EU funds in Eastern Europe Partnership.

Offers: The European Union's EU4Business Initiative ultimately serves SMEs as the beneficiaries of EU support in the Eastern Partnership countries — Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

All regions (UA) eu4business.org.ua

Office of Entrepreneurship and Export Development

National agency for enterpreneurs and business.

Offers: A government agency working to promote the development of SMEs and the export of Ukrainian goods and services.

All regions (UA) epo.org.ua

State Finance Institution for Innovations (SFII)

National finace agency for business.

Offers: The institution was established to provide financial support for the innovative activities of business entities of various forms of ownership, as well as to attract domestic and foreign investments for the development of the real sector of the economy, increase the domestic potential for the export of products manufactured at enterprises of the national economy, and protect and support national producers.

All regions (UA) sfii.gov.ua

Ukrainian Startup Fund

Support for startups.

Offers: It finances innovative projects and technological startups at early stages, supporting the development of high-tech businesses in Ukraine.

All regions (UA) usf.com.ua

About EU-UA Sunrise

The EU-UA SUNRISE project is committed to create **resilient, decentralised and smart energy systems** by promoting cross-border collaborations between SMEs and other energy stake-holders in six countries – Norway, Sweden, Slovenia, Portugal, Poland, and Ukraine.

The project provides matchmaking between SMEs with a focus on RES (solar, wind, biomass), energy efficiency, energy storage (including hydrogen), and smart energy management.

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