

GUDP Programme



Purpose

The Green Development and Demonstration Programme (GUDP) supports climate and environmentally friendly solutions within the food industry with a budget of approx. DKK 100M. Grants can be provided for projects and activities related to:

- Applied research
- Development
- Demonstration
- Networking

The main goal is to provide funding for business-oriented innovation in the Danish food industry through green transformation. Projects should address the significant challenges in the Danish agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and food industry.

Who Can Apply

GUDP supports research institutions, producers, and other actors within the food industry, for example:

- Business-registered individuals
- Private companies (CVR registered)
- Industry associations
- Associations
- Self-governing institutions
- Research institutions

Focus Area

While all green areas remain eligible, the Board will particularly prioritise projects contributing to:

- Production with lower climate impact - Reduced climate footprint of food production
- Reduction of nitrogen losses - Especially from agriculture



Project Pools

Development & demonstration projects

- Grants between DKK 250,000 - 15M
- Projects may include research activities
- Project duration of max. 4 years

Network projects

- Grants between DKK 250,000 - 2M.
- Grants may cover up to 50% of the eligible expenses
- Project duration of max. 2 years

Early dialogue option

Applicants may submit a 1-page project description to the GUDP Secretariat for early feedback on eligibility and fit.

Deadlines

Round 1 deadline - 19 February 2026 at 12:00
Replies are expected in June 2026

Application Elements

The application consists of six application forms.



Evaluation Criteria

GUDP supports projects mainly moving TRL ~4 to 8, and focuses on industries within the following fields:

- Climate (especially green transition in agriculture)
- Aquatic environment (reduction in emissions of nitrogen, phosphorus, and pesticides)
- Efficient resource utilisation

Network projects and projects which represent all parts of the value chain are prioritised. A value chain with strong industry anchoring and SME involvement are favoured. Furthermore, GUDP emphasise on 1) Product development, 2) Demonstration, and 3) Market readiness.

Projects are evaluated on the projects' TRL and quality.

GUDP requires that projects follow the principle of "double bottom line", which means that all projects must promote both a green and economic impact.

FUNDING RATES

Project form	Research & Knowledge Dissemination Institutions*	Small Businesses		Medium-sized Businesses		Large Businesses	
		Individual Collaboration		Individual Collaboration		Individual Collaboration	
Applied research (Industrial research)	90%	70%	80%	60%	75%	50%	65%
Development activity (Experimental development), including demonstration activities for non-agricultural products*	90%	45%	60%	35%	50%	25%	40%
Demonstration concerning agricultural products*		70%					
Network		50%					

* Further explanations apply, reach out to us for more details.

GUDP Process

Nordic Innovators takes the lead on the preparation of a high-quality written application. Our collaborative approach to developing a GUDP application ensures timely delivery of a strong application.

