

Application for Innovation Fund Grants - Nordic Program on Circular Procurement (NPCP)

The innovation fund for circular solutions is a funding scheme for municipalities and other local and regional contracting authorities in the Nordic countries. The thematic areas eligible for funding are circular ICT, logistics optimization and circularity in transport.

The fund targets projects addressing common barriers to implementation of circular solutions and logistics-optimization, aimed at reducing public consumption and costs.

Deadline: June 1 2026

Please respond to this application form in English or a Scandinavian language (Norwegian, Swedish, Danish).

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General information

Please provide us with information about the organization who applies and contact information

1. Name of organization *

2. Department/unit *

3. Country *

- Norway
- Sweden
- Denmark
- Finland
- Iceland
- Greenland
- the Faroe Islands

4. Contact person (Full name and title) *

5. Contact person phone number (including country code) *

6. Contact person email address *

Project information

Please provide information about the project you would like funding for. Note that projects must align with NPCP topics, and that maximum funding available is 750 000 DKK.

7. **Which focus area(s) does your project relate to?** *To be eligible for funding, the project must align with one of the NPCP networks. You can find more information about these on our website. **

- Circular ICT Network** (Promoting reuse and refurbishment of ICT equipment in procurement)
- Zero-Emission Delivery Network** (Promoting logistics-optimization in public deliveries, and promoting circularity in transport (such as increasing life-span of vehicles or improved fleet management))
- Procurement Behavior** (Contribute concrete insights toward achieving circular goals through behavior change)

8. **Describe the specific challenge your project aims to address and explain why the current situation is unsustainable or inefficient.** *Please be concrete and avoid technical jargon. (Max 300 words) **

9. **To what extent is this challenge shared by other Nordic countries?** Please describe how your project addresses a common barrier and how the results could be relevant or scalable across the Nordic region. (Max 300 words) *

10. **Outline the main goals of the project. Define the expected outcomes and the added value this project will create within your specific context.** (Max 300 words) *

11. **How will the project's outcomes be implemented once the project is completed?** Describe your plan for managing the results and ensure they lead to lasting change. *

12. **Describe your strategy for training staff and embedding the project's learnings into your organisation's operating procedures for procurement and future tenders.** *

13. Which NPCP goals does your project support? *

- Develop solutions to common barriers Nordic municipalities face in implementing circular solutions and/or optimizing logistics
- Reduced consumption
- Reduction of costs for municipalities

14. Explain the connection between your project outcomes and the NPCP goals you have selected. *

15. Provide a step-by-step breakdown of your planned activities. Include the expected duration and estimated costs for each phase. Focus on the practical execution of the project from start to finish. Clearly explain what will be done, by whom and when. (Max 300 words). *

16. How can the project's results be scaled or replicated in other municipalities or regions? Explain what makes the solution transferable. *

17. How will you measure the success and impact of the project? Please define relevant key performance indicators (e.g., lower consumption, CO₂e reduction, increased reuse or cost savings) and describe the methodology you will use to track them. *

18. Please specify the grant amount requested for this project. (Available funding per project is from 100 000 to 750 000 DKK). *

19. **Could this project grant a specific supplier/company a direct economic advantage?**

Beyond standard contract payments, this includes subsidised testing, de-risking of R&D, or free access to proprietary data/equipment. *(The question is related to EEA State Aid rules) **

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20. **Does the project involve activities that compete with private businesses? Please specify if your organisation will be charging fees or selling products/services.** *Examples: Selling salvaged materials, offering paid repair/sorting services, or running a logistics hub that could competes with commercial operators. (The question is related to EEA State Aid rules) **

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Commitment

Please check the boxes to indicate your organization's commitment to the project.

Note that you must commit to participate in the relevant network related to either Circular ICT or Zero-emission Delivery & reduced transport.

Leadership support is a requirement to receive funding. We will ask you to send a signed letter of leadership support if your project is eligible for funding.

21. As an applicant, your organization commits to the following *

- Participate in NPCP networks and workshops
- Submit required progress and final reports
- Share results publicly, acknowledging NPCP and the Nordic Council of Ministers
- Provide NPCP with a signed letter of support from organization leadership

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