

One-page summary of grant funding sources for business-led innovation in the Chemical-using industries (prepared by the [Knowledge Transfer Network \(KTN\)](#), Updated October 2016)

This table provides signposting to the key sources of grant funding available for business-led innovation for the chemical-using industries. It includes funding available through the EU, as well the UK on a national and regional basis. Note, grant funding competitions come and go each month and each competition will have different selection/ funding criteria. As such, the grant funding system is complex to navigate. Please [contact KTN](#) for free support & advice on which funding competition is most appropriate for you and who might be suitable innovation partners. KTN can also provide advice around alternative financing and funding options (e.g. private or corporate investment).

Location	Funder	TRL *	Programme Name	Programme Details
EU	EU Commission	3-7	Horizon2020 (H2020) **	There are a vast number of funding calls open at any one time that might be relevant to this audience and as such this is a very complex programme to navigate. The most relevant sections of the H2020 programme include: Industry leadership – Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Processing and Biotechnology ; SME Instrument (targeted support for SMEs) ; Cross-cutting activities (covering: Pilots, Factories of the Future, Sustainable Process Industries (SPIRE), circular economy) ; Fast Track to Innovation Pilot . The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking is a Public-Private Partnership operating under H2020 which also has funding for development of a bio-based industry sector.
EU	EU Commission	3-6	Eureka EuroStars **	Aimed at innovative SMEs wanting to take part in collaborative research with partners across Europe and associated countries. Innovate UK manage UK applications.
UK	Innovate UK	4-7	Innovation grants for business ***	2016-17 Delivery Plan outlines key sector focus of: emerging and enabling technologies; infrastructure systems; health & life sciences; manufacturing & materials. The most relevant grant competitions for this audience are the <i>Manufacturing & Materials Competition</i> and <i>Open Competition</i> however you should review the Innovate UK website as other competitions will appear that are not on the Plan. Innovate UK also often encourage collaboration with overseas markets through mechanisms like the Newton Fund Participation in Innovate UK's Lead Customer Programme may be attractive for large companies looking to accelerate innovation.
UK	Innovate UK & others	5-7	KTPs	The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme helps businesses to innovate and grow by linking them with a university and graduate to work on a specific project. So each KTP project is a three-way partnership between a business, an academic institution and a graduate. A KTP is part-funded by a grant, the rest coming from the business.
UK	BBSRC/ EPSRC	1-4	BBSRC NIBBS	BBSRC, with support from EPSRC, have funded 13 unique collaborative Networks in Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy (BBSRC NIBB). Each NIBBS allocate funds to Proof of Concept competitions (which are academic led but supported by an industry partner) and Business Interaction Vouchers which encourage academic-industry collaboration. Refer to the BBSRC website for details. NIBBS of particular relevance include: Biocatnet (Network in Biocatalyst Discovery, Development & Scale-Up) ; C1NET (Chemicals from C1 Gas) ; HVCfP (High Value Chemicals from Plants Network) ; LBNNet (Lignocellulosic Biorefinery Network) ; & PHYCONET (Unlocking the IB potential of microalgae)
England (Regions)	LEPS (England)	2-7	ESIF & others	There are 39 LEPS operating across England. Each offers different support for local businesses. Many LEPS have been successful bidding for support from the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) which helps develop regional business, job creation, skills & infrastructure. The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is the most relevant part of ESIF for innovation.
Wales	Welsh Gov.	2-7	Wales Gov Funding Support	Provides funding for businesses in Wales through all phases of R&D, from initial feasibility to market exploitation. Grant funding competitions vary from time-to-time but include <i>Innovation Vouchers</i> . Refer to website for details.
Scotland	Scottish Gov.	2-7	Scottish Enterprise	Scottish Enterprise offers various grants and funding options to businesses of all sizes for research and development, co-investment and technological innovations. Interface funds collaborations between research & business. Refer to website for details.
NI	NI Gov.	2-7	Invest NI	Provides funding for businesses in Northern Ireland through all phases of R&D, from initial feasibility to market exploitation. Grant funding competitions vary from time-to-time but include <i>Innovation Vouchers</i> . Refer to website for details.

* TRL = [Technology Readiness Level](#); ** [Treasury will underwrite all European funding](#) secured before we leave the EU for the duration of the projects; *** Relevant for 2016-17 and assumed to be the same in forthcoming years.