



FACTS & FIGURES

2025

Competence Centre for Research
and Innovation Funding in Bavaria,
Europe and the World



Bavarian
Research Alliance

The Bavarian Research Alliance

■ Organisation, tasks and objectives

The Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) is an organisation committed to promoting Bavaria as a centre for science and innovation within the European Research Area (ERA). It was set up at the end of 2006 on the initiative of the Bavarian universities and universities of applied sciences to strengthen their networking at regional, national and international level and help them prepare to meet the requirements for European research funding.

BayFOR supports and advises Bavarian scientists and industry stakeholders in the competition for regional, national and European funding for research, development and innovation. BayFOR is a partner organisation in the Bavarian Research and Innovation Agency (www.research-innovation-bavaria.de).

■ Areas of activity

BayFOR's **Information and Support Center for EU-funded Research and Innovation Projects** connects Bavarian stakeholders from science and industry at European level and assists them with acquiring EU funding. The focus is directed at the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe". Scientific experts provide subject-specific information and offer strategic advice and active support for initiating projects, setting up international research consortia and submitting proposal applications. Upon successful evaluation, BayFOR is able to provide support during project preparation and, when requested, can carry out project management and communication activities as a project partner throughout the project duration. The key thematic areas include: **health research, biotechnology and food, information and communication technologies, nanosciences, new materials**

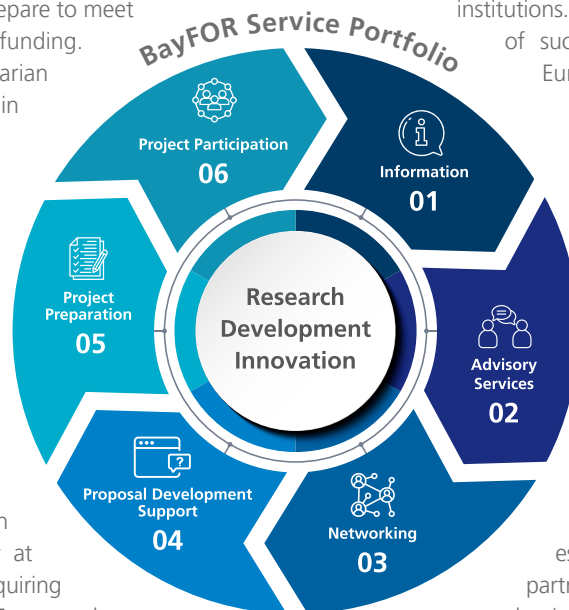
and production, transport and aviation, environment, energy and bioeconomy, social sciences, humanities, and security and defence research.

In addition, **BayFOR's EU Liaison Office in Brussels** represents the interests of Bavarian universities at European level. It increases their visibility and acts as their point of contact with European institutions. This significantly increases the chances of success for Bavarian applicants within the European Research Area. Another objective is to boost the participation of Bavarian companies, particularly SMEs, in funding programmes. BayFOR therefore also acts as an interface between science and industry in the **Enterprise Europe Network, a consulting network for SMEs.**

BayFOR manages the **Bavarian funding programme for the initiation of international research collaborations (BayIntAn)** on behalf of the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts. This funding is intended to establish or strengthen international research partnerships involving Bavarian state universities and universities of applied sciences.

In addition, BayFOR supports the **Bavarian Research Associations** with their public relations activities, and helps them to network with each other and at a European level.

BayFOR's **Scientific Coordination Offices** provide support for bilateral and multilateral research and innovation projects carried out by Bavaria in cooperation with the Canadian provinces Québec and Alberta, with some of its other strong partner regions, as well as with Israel and Africa.



Highlights 2025

The Draghi Report on the Future of European Competitiveness, published at the end of 2024, brought Europe's capacity for innovation and technology to the forefront of political debate. In 2025, this was reflected in numerous research and innovation initiatives. The European Union and national and regional funding bodies made targeted investments in key future areas such as energy supply, digitalisation, and sustainable transformation.

This development involved Bavarian universities, research institutions, companies and local authorities. BayFOR connected them with international partners, supported them in developing successful project proposals, and guided them through to project launch. Where necessary, BayFOR also provided support during project implementation. **As a result, funding commitments have been secured for 37 projects, bringing a record total of around €141 million to Bavaria's research and innovation community. This makes 2025 one of the most successful funding years in BayFOR's history.**

A significant factor in this extraordinary success was the funding approval for two EU Innovation Fund applications supported by BayFOR. The two projects, involving the Bavarian companies Knorr-Bremse and Reverion, stood out in the European competition and received funding commitments in the double-digit millions. They are developing innovative technologies to reduce CO₂ emissions, thereby making an important contribution to the transformation of the economy and industry. Bavaria also made significant contributions in 2025 to the development of new European innovation ecosystems. With the launch of the EU-funded 'SYSTEMEU' project, BayFOR has become part of a 'European Innovation Ecosystem'. Other projects launched in 2025, such as 'NIRFUS', 'GroundWork' and 'BIOARC', are also driving forward the development of novel medical imaging techniques, sustainable livestock farming and agricultural systems, ecological construction methods, and resource-efficient circular systems.

Several projects involving BayFOR as a project partner were successfully completed in 2025. These included the New European

Bauhaus flagship project, 'Creating NEBourhoods Together', as well as 'TwinVECTOR', 'InShaPe' and 'RecyLIB'. The NEBourhoods project in Munich-Neuperlach, a European model project, demonstrated how sustainable, inclusive and liveable urban neighbourhoods can be designed.



In the field of applied research, future-oriented topics such as green hydrogen, battery technologies, and micro- and nanoelectronics shaped numerous events and collaborative initiatives organised by BayFOR. In 2025, the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) began its new funding period (2025–2028). As an EEN partner, BayFOR supports small and medium-sized enterprises with research and innovation projects, international collaborations, and securing European funding.

BayFOR's Scientific Coordination Offices (WKS) strengthened international research collaborations in 2025. Research visits, delegation trips and events organised by the WKS Bavaria–Québec/Alberta/International, Bavaria–Israel and Bavaria–Africa brought together researchers, businesses, political decision-makers and funding organisations. These led to new project ideas, long-term collaborations and joint initiatives in the fields of energy, biotechnology and sustainable development.

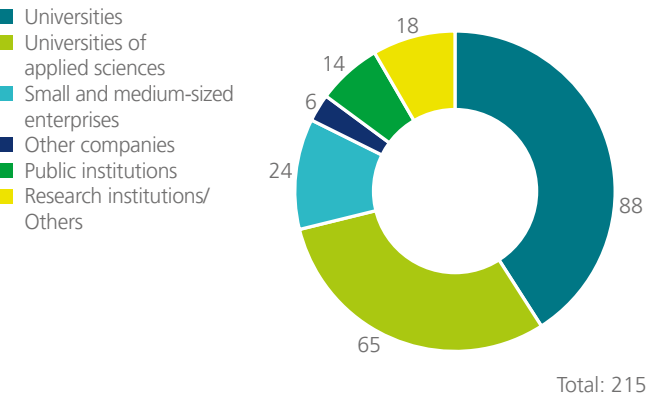
Our 2025 annual review makes it clear that, in an increasingly challenging international environment, strong networks and reliable partnerships are more important than ever. BayFOR supports Bavarian stakeholders in establishing international collaborations and making the most of European funding opportunities. In this way, it sustainably strengthens the Free State's capacity for innovation and competitiveness.

The BayFOR EU Funding Centre: Facts & Figures

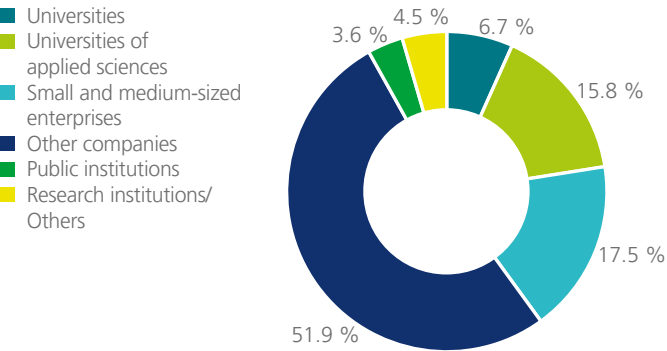
Which applicants did BayFOR support in 2025? How are the submitted applications distributed among the various funding programmes? Here is an overview of the most important figures.

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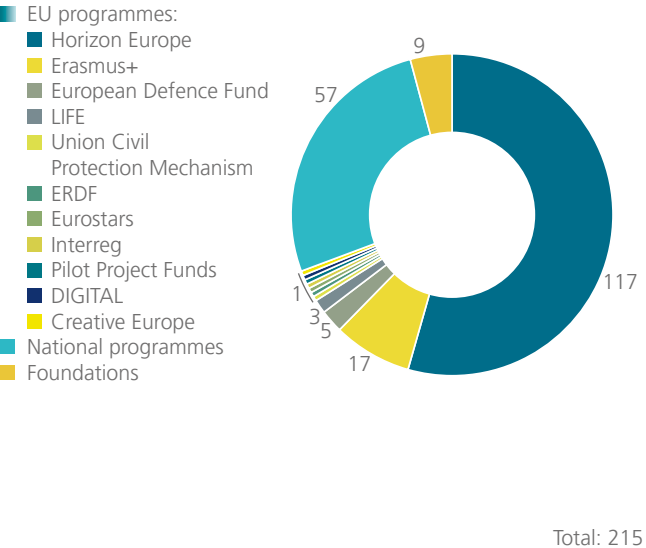
Applicants



Share of BayFOR target groups in the funding acquired



Funding programmes applied for

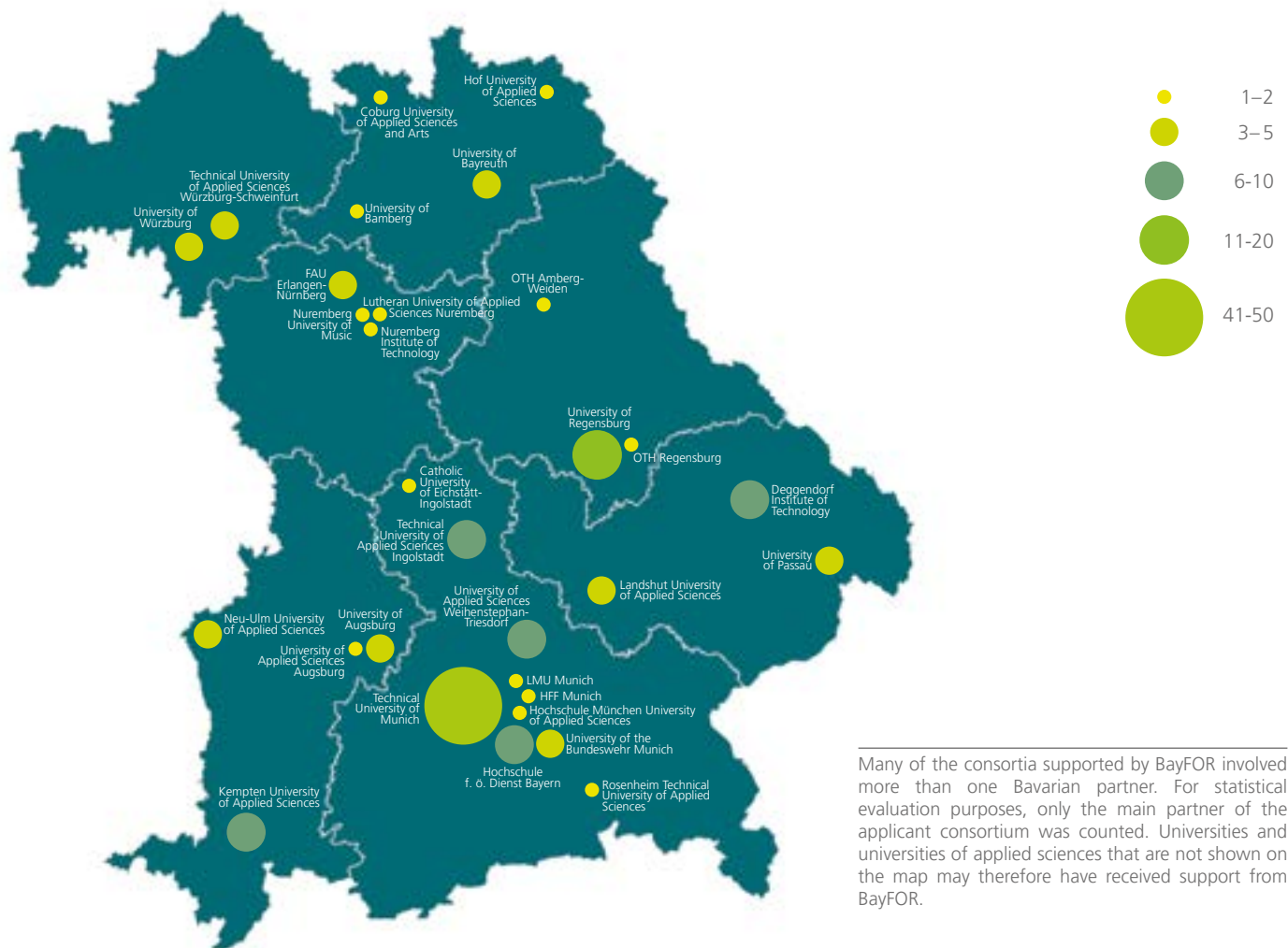


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Due to the often long timeframe between preparing an application and signing the grant agreement, the funds approved for 2025 largely stem from applications submitted in 2024. Many of the consortia supported by BayFOR comprised more than one Bavarian partner. For statistical evaluation purposes, only the main partner of the application consortium was counted. In addition to the 215 projects submitted with BayFOR's support, BayFOR provided numerous funding consultations throughout Bavaria that did not directly result in an application.

Track record for 2025

Project proposals submitted	215
Funding approved (in EUR).....	266,867,486
Of which for Bavarian stakeholders (in EUR).....	141,331,594

Applications submitted by universities and universities of applied sciences



Many of the consortia supported by BayFOR involved more than one Bavarian partner. For statistical evaluation purposes, only the main partner of the applicant consortium was counted. Universities and universities of applied sciences that are not shown on the map may therefore have received support from BayFOR.

In 2025, BayFOR was a partner in the following EU projects:

	BIOARC Programme: Horizon Europe, Climate, Energy and Mobility BayFOR's role: Project management	https://bioarc.eu	
	CirCoFin Programme: Horizon Europe, Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment BayFOR's role: Project management	www.circofin.eu	
	CIRCOTRONIC Programme: Interreg Central Europe BayFOR's role: Project partner WP1 and WP3	https://bit.ly/circotronic	
	ClimTip Programme: Horizon Europe, Climate, Energy and Mobility, Climate Science and Solutions BayFOR's role: Project management	www.climate-tipping-points.eu	
	EDIH DiNO Programme: Digital Europe and EFRE BayFOR's role: Associated partner (training)	https://bit.ly/edih-dino-en	
	EEN2EIC Programme: Horizon Europe, European Innovation Council (EIC) BayFOR's role: Consortium Innovation Leader, Local Node for Women Entrepreneurs and Seal of Excellence (SoE) beneficiaries.	https://een2eic.eu	
	Enterprise Europe Network/ Bavaria2Europe Programme: Single Market Programme (SMP COSME) BayFOR's role: Full Partner – responsible for R&I funding programmes	www.bayfor.org/een/en	
	GH2 Connect Bavaria-Kenya Programme: Bund-Länder-Programm (BLP) BayFOR's role: Networking	https://bit.ly/gh2-connect-en	
	INCiTiS-FOOD Programme: Horizon Europe, Food Systems BayFOR's role: Project management	www.incitis-food.eu	
	InShaPe Programme: Horizon Europe, Green, flexible and advanced manufacturing BayFOR's role: Project management, dissemination	www.inshape-horizoneurope.eu	
	IntelliMan Programme: Horizon Europe, Digital, Industry and Space BayFOR's role: Project management, dissemination	www.intelliman-project.eu	
	NEBourhoods Programme: Horizon Europe, NEB – New European Bauhaus BayFOR's role: Project management, dissemination	www.nebourhoods.de/en	
	RecyLIB Programme: Horizon 2020, Industrial Leadership BayFOR's role: Associated partner (dissemination)	https://recylib.eu	
	RTIT Programme: Interreg Danube Region BayFOR's role: Associated partner (funding support)	https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/rtit	
	SMHYLES Programme: Horizon Europe, Climate, Energy and Mobility BayFOR's role: Business planning, dissemination	https://smhyles.eu	
	STREAMING Programme: Horizon Europe, Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment BayFOR's role: Project management	www.streamingproject.eu	
	SYSTEMEU Programme: Horizon Europe, European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE) BayFOR's role: Networking, support for 'cascade funding'	www.systemeuvalley.eu	
	TwinVECTOR Programme: Horizon Europe, Widening participation and spreading excellence BayFOR's role: Project management, dissemination, capacity building	www.twinvector.eu	
	UPSCALE Programme: Horizon 2020, Societal Challenges BayFOR's role: Project management	https://upscale-h2020.eu	
	WE-ACT Programme: Horizon Europe, Innovation Actions BayFOR's role: Project management	https://weact-project.eu	

Bavarian funding programme for the initiation of international collaborations in research and innovation: **BayIntAn**

In the wake of globalisation, transnational cooperation has become an indispensable part of research and innovation. This is why the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts, in cooperation with BayFOR, launched BayIntAn in 2012, entrusting BayFOR with the implementation of this funding instrument. The funding is intended to help initiate and deepen cross-border research cooperation between scientists from Bavarian universities and international research institutions. In the long term, the programme aims to increase the participation of Bavarian scientists in international projects, particularly EU research and innovation projects.

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Selected results from BayIntAn funding:

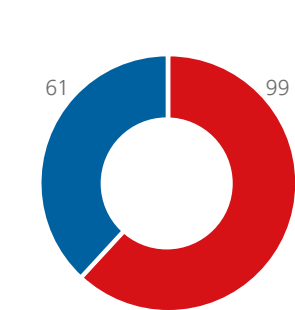
Joint projects planned	153
Research proposals submitted to non-Bavarian funding bodies	46
Of which already approved	11
Funding already secured as a result (in euros)	1,226,934
Cooperation agreements	68
Agreements on personnel exchanges	65

*As of 31 May 2026



Applications submitted

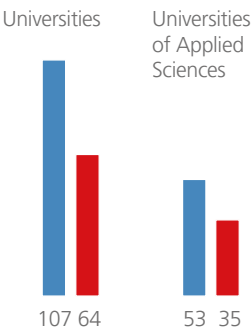
- Funded
- Not funded



Total: 160

Applicants

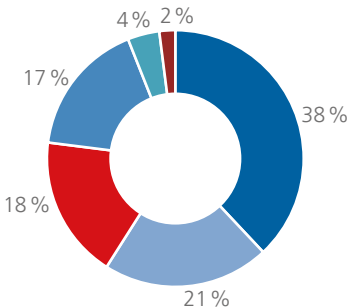
- Applications
- Funding



Total: 160

Where the cooperation partners come from

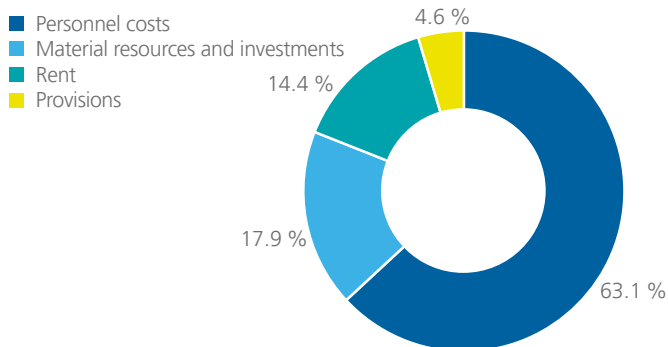
- Europe
- Africa
- North America
- Asia
- Oceania
- South America



BayFOR in Figures 2025

Use of funds

In 2025, BayFOR's annual budget amounted to € 7.65 million, compared to € 7.55 million the previous year. These funds were mainly allocated to the following items:

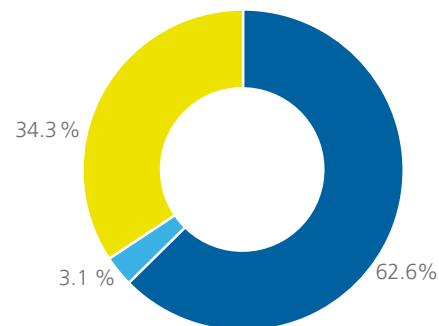


As of 31 December 2025.

Financing

BayFOR's business activities were financed by:

- Free State of Bavaria
- Associates
- Own income



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