

# UNITA –STARTING TECH TRANSFER GRANTS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Task 4.1 – Interterritorial Interfaces for Innovation

□ Call open: 6 May – 6 June 2025

#### □ About the Call

The **UNITA Starting Tech Transfer Grants** support early-stage, proof-of-concept research initiatives (TRL 2–3) developed collaboratively by at least two UNITA partner universities. The call is open from **6 May to 6 June 2025**, and proposals should align with **regional Smart Specialization Strategies (S3/S4)** and the thematic areas of the **UNITA Research & Innovation Hubs**.

□ [Link to full call announcement](#)

□ [Application form \(LimeSurvey\)](#)

## ? Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Is participation in the Joint Entrepreneurship Training Programme (BIP “One Step Beyond”) mandatory for eligibility?

No. Completion of the BIP programme is **not a requirement for eligibility**. However, it is relevant for evaluation: projects whose team includes at least one member (per institution) who completed the BIP online module may receive **up to 10 extra points** under the evaluation criterion *“Demonstrated Engagement with Entrepreneurial and Knowledge Transfer Ecosystems.”*

Applicants looking to connect with BIP graduates for matchmaking support can reach out to the coordination team via [unita@e-uvt.ro](mailto:unita@e-uvt.ro) or [inovare@e-uvt.ro](mailto:inovare@e-uvt.ro). □ The UNITA UVT team

in sync with the UNITA responsible team for the BIP „One step beyond” can help share relevant matchmaking requests.

## 2. How many team members are recommended per project?

There is **no recommended maximum**, but the minimum requirements are:

- 1 **Principal Investigator (PI)** from one UNITA partner institution;
- 1 **Team Leader (TL)** from a different UNITA partner institution.

Other team members (researchers, PhDs, students, innovation staff) can be added as needed, depending on the project's scope.

## 3. What is included under “Research assistance” in eligible expenses?

This category includes costs related to supporting project implementation, such as:

- Student **grants or stipends** tied to specific project tasks;
- Temporary **service contracts** for research assistance (e.g., lab support, data processing, technical writing);
- Support roles for early-career researchers or PhD students.

! Salaries of PI, TL, or team members already employed by a university **cannot be covered**. **Task-specific compensation** may be eligible if permitted by applicable national legislation and institutional financial rules.

## 4. Where can I find information on the Smart Specialization Strategies (S3/S4)?

Each partner must align their project with the **S3/S4 strategy of their region or country**.

You can consult:

- The **UNITA S3/S4 Cartography**, produced by Task 4.1: [Download here \(PDF\)](#)
- The [S3 Platform website](#)

- National or regional RIS3 documents.

Each partner must **explicitly describe this alignment** in the application.

## 5. Will there be an information session?

Yes. A webinar will be held on:

- ☐ **Tuesday, 21 May 2025**
- ☐ 15:00 RO | 14:00 CEST | 13:00 PT
- ☐ [BBB Room – Task 4.1](#)

Details will be shared through UNITA communication channels.

---

## 6. How is the evaluation jury composed and how are members selected?

Per the call: “A jury composed of Task 4.1 representatives and external experts will evaluate and select the highest-scoring proposals...”

By **26th of May 2025**, each partner institution is invited to:

- Express the availability of Task 4.1 members to serve on the jury or
- Nominate relevant experts (e.g. RDI staff, tech transfer officers, S3/S4 stakeholders).

---

## 7. What is the amount of grant/partner?

The maximum total amount per project is €7,233.33, to be shared among the participating partners as agreed within the project team. There is no fixed amount per partner, but the total budget cannot exceed this ceiling.

An equitable distribution of the budget between partners is recommended, and the allocation should reflect the actual contributions of each partner to the proposed project activities. The budget distribution must be justified in the application form and managed

m

in line with the internal financial rules of each participating institution.

If you have additional questions, please contact your local UNITA Office or the Task 4.1 coordination team: ☐ [unita@e-uvt.ro](mailto:unita@e-uvt.ro)