

Where health innovation grows stronger, together

Project Call 2025.2

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What is Biovia?

Biovia is the health innovation cluster for Flanders, uniting human and planetary health into one vibrant ecosystem.

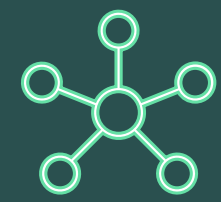
We are an industry-driven membership organization representing five sectors at the crossroads of health innovation :

- medtech
- digital health
- medical biotech
- agtech
- industrial biotech

Our primary goals as a SPC



Build a leading health innovation ecosystem, integrating all stakeholders



Connect industry with end-users, including patients and care organizations



Support and boost economic opportunities for companies based in Flanders



Accelerate development & implementation of healthcare solutions



Facilitate collaboration, break down silos in health innovation ecosystem



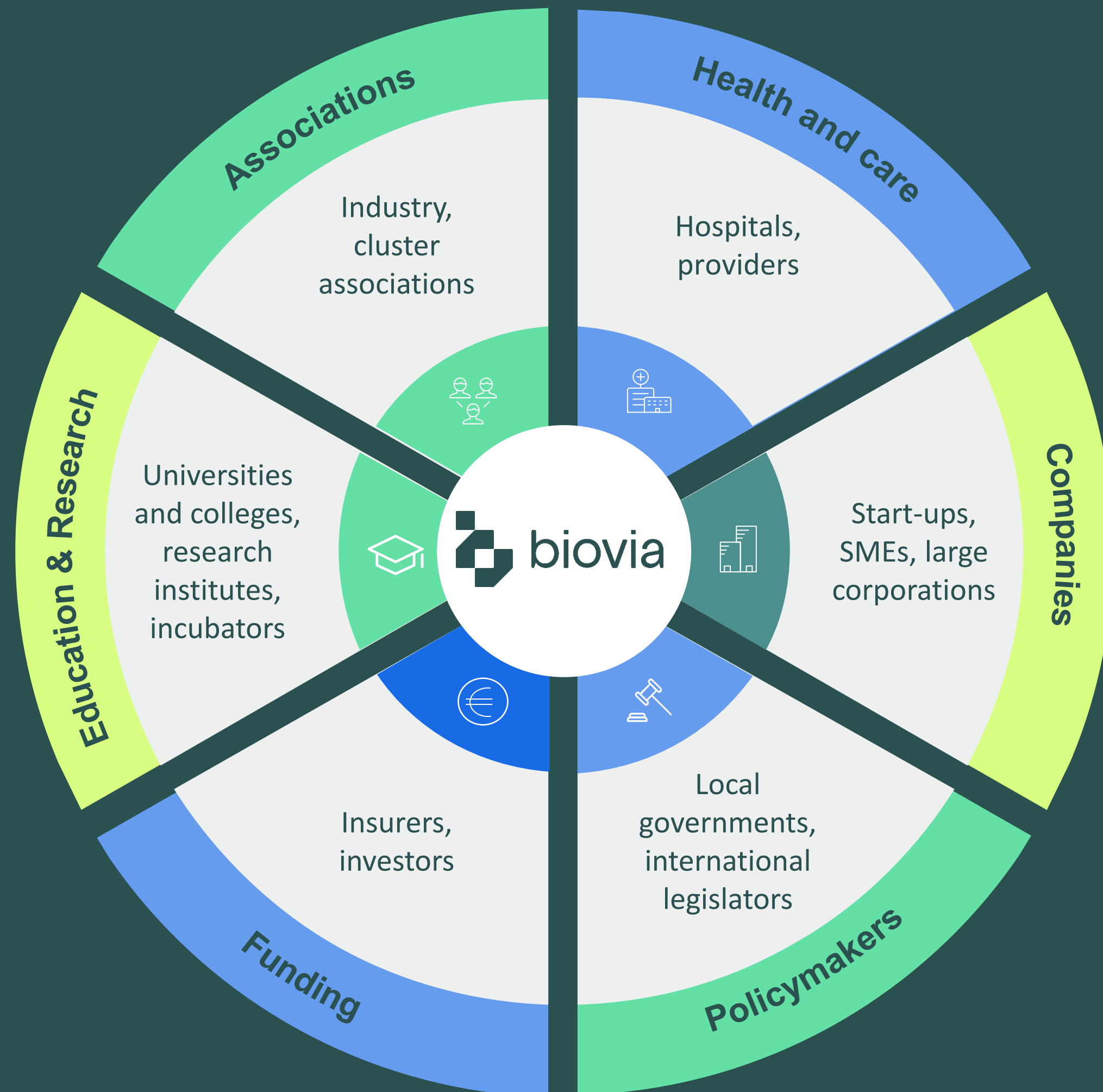
Connect and collaborate with health ecosystems in Europe and around the world



Our members

450 members

- R&D companies
- R&D service providers
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Research institutes
- Investors
- Government agencies



2025.2 Biovia earmarked funding: criteria

- Call twice a year (except for feasibility studies, which can be submitted throughout the year)
- Three organizations in consortium of research & development projects (incl. ICON)
- Supported by our innovation team

- Value-based healthcare & efficiency
- Therapeutics, diagnostics & monitoring
- Prevention
- Sustainability



2025.2 Biovia earmarked funding opportunities VLAIO - **Open call**

2025.2 call - Key criteria

- Grant options: Feasibility / O&O / ICON / TETRA / COOCK+ / (only 1 cSBO available in 2026)
- Match Biovia criteria & strategy (*next slide*)
- Match VLAIO grant criteria (see VLAIO website) & impact criteria (*next slide*)

2025.2 call - Support

- Up-front sparring with Biovia and VLAIO to:
 - validate strategic match & grant type
 - receive support for next steps
- Shorter project process flow for feasibility study

All grants need to also match the Biovia strategy & criteria and VLAIO impact criteria*



Biovia strategy & criteria

- Innovation involves cross-over activities
- At least 2 out of 3 domains are involved
 - Medical biotech
 - Digital health
 - Medtech
- Biovia members are involved

VLAIO impact criteria

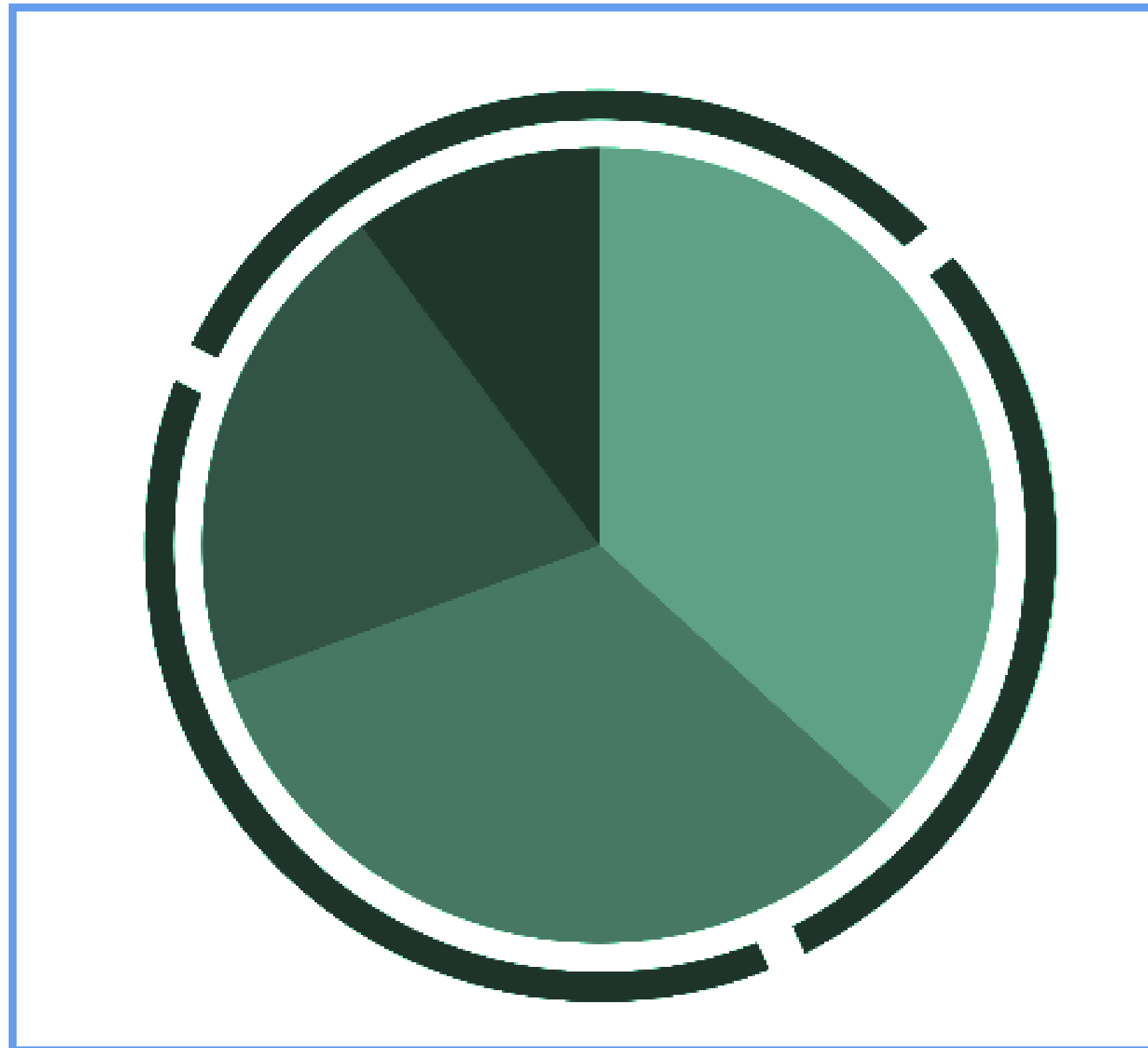
- Economic leverage by factor 10 (for-profit organizations)
- Societal valorization for recognized healthcare institutions

*Specific rules apply depending on the grant type, see next slides

2025.2 Biovia earmarked funding: grant options

Grant options

1. Biovia consortium feasibility



(*) See call description for more details

Feasibility study

- Preparation of ambitious fundable, innovative follow-up trajectory (within or outside VLAIO funding channels)
- Simple approval process
- Not a small R or D project
- Can be the start to build confidence for a larger R&D project / ICON

Biovia criteria

- Consortium consists of min. 3 companies of which 2 in Flanders and 2 members of Biovia

NOTE

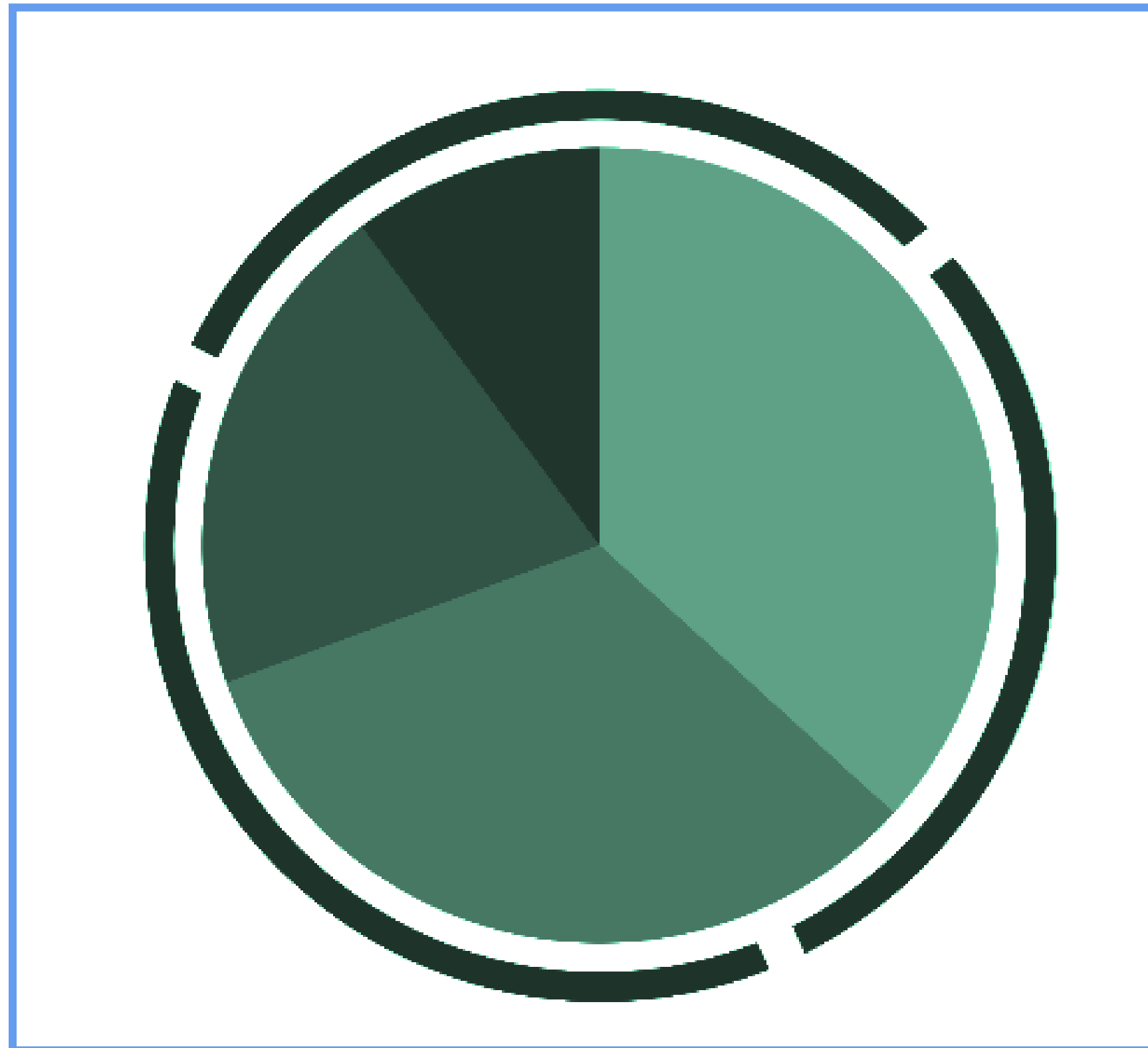
- Feasibility studies and development project < €500k subsidy = > no evaluation by external experts (in general)
- Feasibility project: max. 1 yr, €50k/partner

Biovia project procedure for R&D feasibility projects



Grant options

2. Biovia consortium R&D



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Research project

- Build new expertise and skills using systematic approach
- **Goal:** to use new knowledge to develop new products, processes or services or significantly improve existing ones

Development project

- Use existing knowledge, expertise and skills
- **Goal:** to create plans, designs and prototypes of new, altered or improved products, processes and services

NOTE

- Research project: max. 3 yrs, €100k - €3m
- Development project: max. 2 yrs, €25k - €3m

Grant options

2. Biovia consortium R&D



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Eligibility for funding

VLAIO criteria

- Funding limited to Flemish partners
- Research partners paid in full by others
- No OIM (enterprise in difficulty) at time of submission
- Innovative Starter Subsidy: Not to be cumulated with R&D

Biovia criteria

- Consortium consists of min. 3 companies (for-profit or non-profit) of which 2 in Flanders and 2 members of Biovia

VLAIO funding for Flemish partners

- Companies: 25% ... 60% subsidy/partner

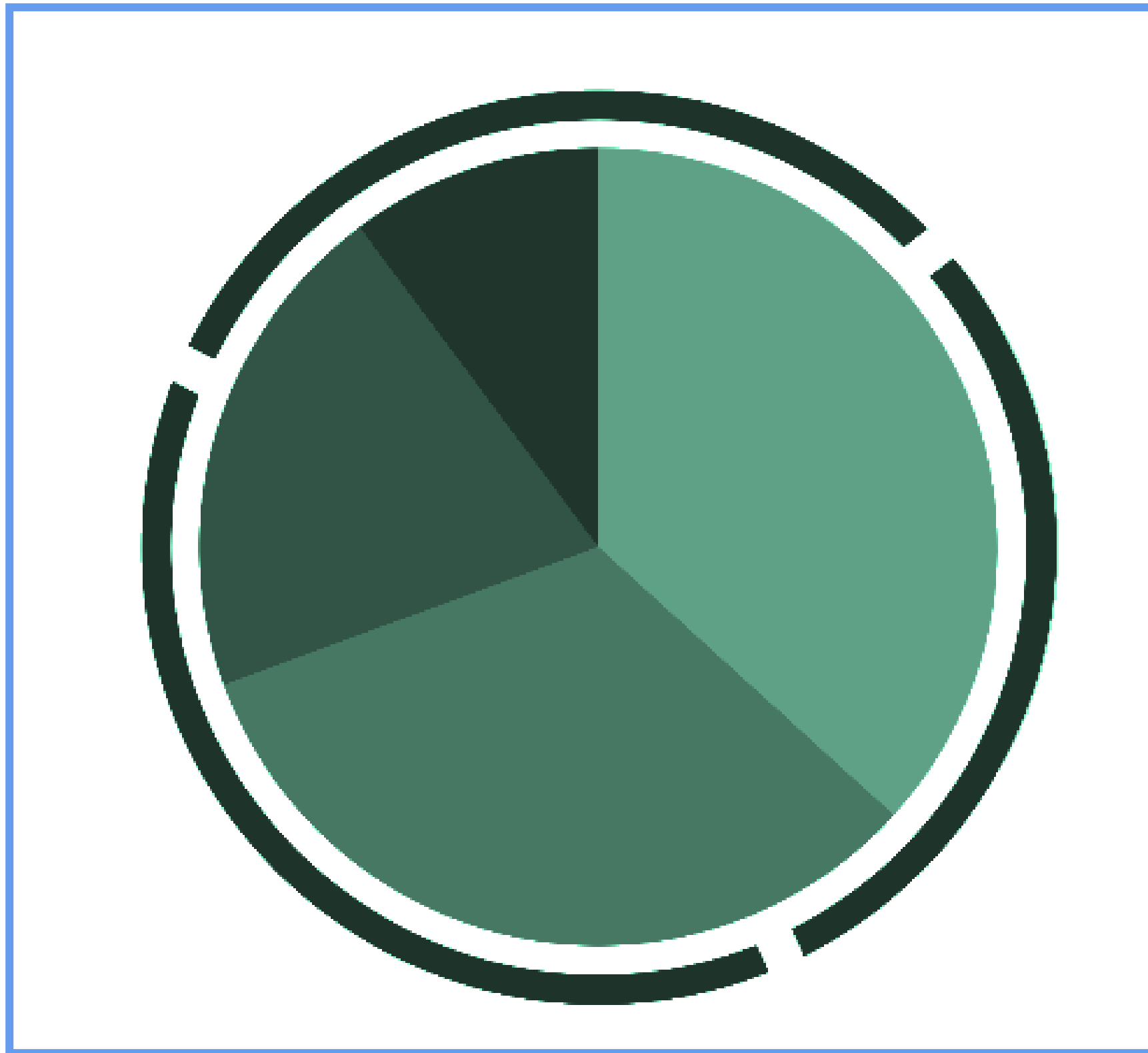
Examples of consortia

Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner 4	Valid ?
Company	Company	Company	-	OK
Company	Company	Hospital	-	OK
Hospital	Company	Hospital	-	OK
Hospital	Hospital	Hospital	-	NOK
Company	Hospital	Research	-	NOK
Company	Company	Research	-	NOK
Company	Hospital	Hospital	Research	OK
Hospital	Hospital	Hospital	Research	NOK
Hospital	Hospital	Research	-	NOK

- Funding limited to Flemish partners
= Flemish postal codes + VUB / UZB
- Hospitals are considered as non-profit industry
- Min. 3 industry (for/non-profit)
- Min. 2 Flemish industry (for/non-profit)
- Min. 1 Biovia member
- All partners (for/non-profit)
<70% of total project budget

Grant options

3. Biovia cluster SBO (cSBO)



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NOTE

- Only 1 cSBO in 2026: proposal needs to be developed in close collaboration with Biovia and align strongly with Biovia themes
- Before submitting an intent to submit, a sparring session with Biovia needs to be planned

Specifics

- Independent, innovative research with the potential of economic or societal applications
- Goal: building new knowledge in order to start a dialogue between research centers and enterprises
- Projects that fit within the MEDVIA trajectory, results will contribute to the strategic roadmap of MEDVIA
- Need for a 'begeleidingscommissie' (advisory committee)

Grant options

3. Biovia cluster SBO (cSBO)



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Eligibility for funding

VLAIO criteria

- At least 2 research groups of at least 1 Flemish research institute
- Imec, VITO, VIB, Flanders Make, VLIZ, UC: in collaboration with at least 1 research institute
- Hospitals = companies

Biovia criteria

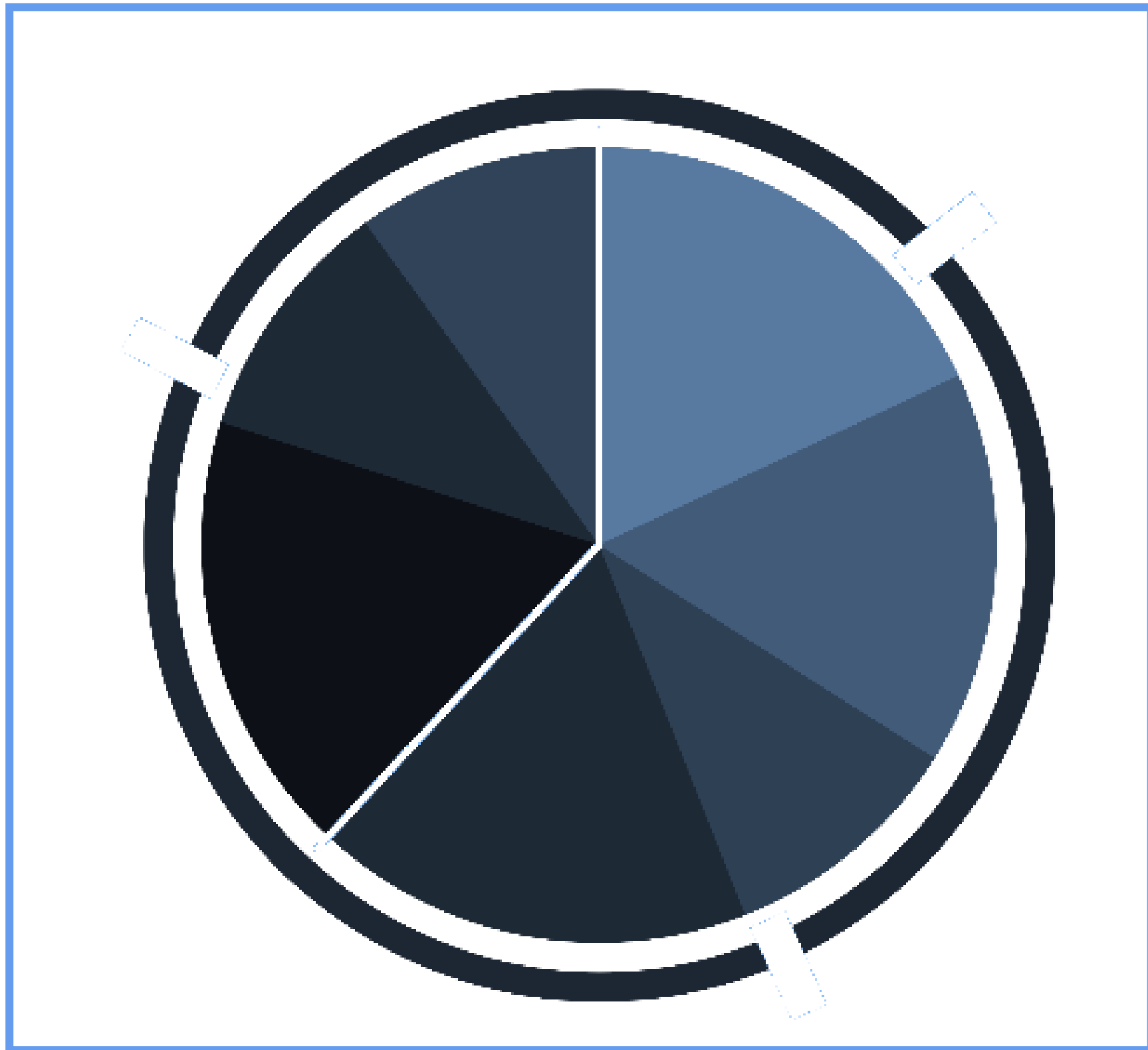
- Research partners in the consortium are Biovia members
- Min. 3 members of Biovia in advisory committee

NOTE

- 4 yrs
- 100% subsidy
- Max. 500 k€/legal entity/year
- Max. 3M€
- Companies: subcontractor

Grant options

4. Biovia consortium ICON



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Specifics

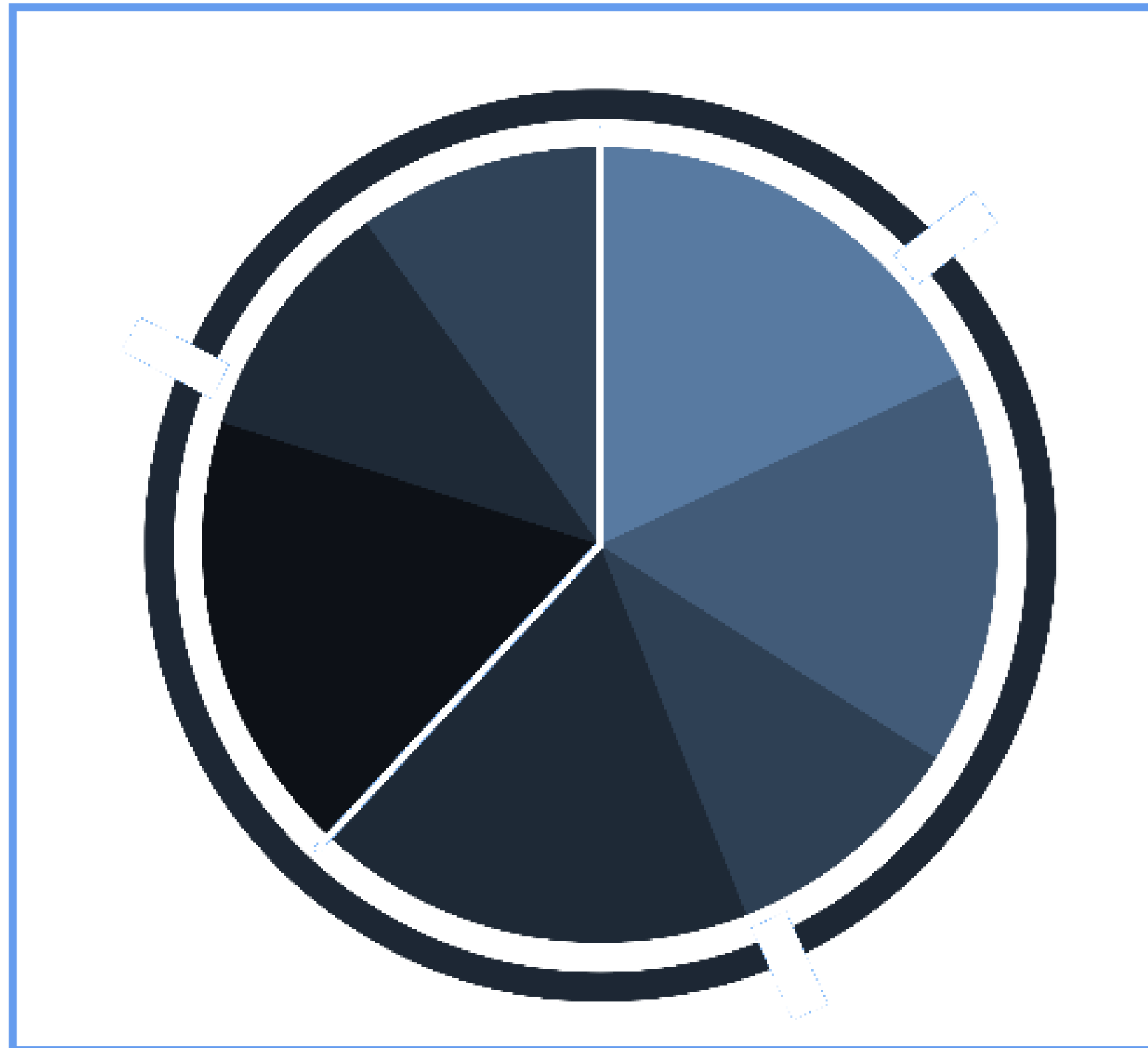
- Combination of strategic, basic research (SBO) (research institute) + R&D project (enterprises)
- **Independent**, innovative research with the potential of economic or societal applications (part knowledge institute, SBO part) + research / development (part enterprises)
- **Goal:** building new knowledge and starting a dialogue between research centers and enterprises
- Projects that fit within the Biovia trajectory, results will contribute to the strategic roadmap of Biovia
- Need for a *begeleidingscommissie* (advisory board) for the SBO part of the project

NOTE

- Duration 2-4 years
- Max. €3m for company
- Budget research partner: see cSBO

Grant options

4. Biovia consortium ICON



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Eligibility for funding

VLAIO criteria

- Min. 3 industry partners
- Min. 1 research group from a Flemish research organization
- Imec, VITO, VIB, Flanders Make, VLIZ, ILVO, INBO: in collaboration with at least 1 other research organization
- Mandatory dissemination by research partner
- No OIM Partners at moment of submission
- No cumul with Innovative Starter Subsidy

Biovia criteria

- Research partners in the consortium are Biovia members
- Consortium consists of min. 3 companies (for or non-profit), of which 2 in Flanders and 2 members of Biovia

VLAIO funding for Flemish partners

- Companies: 25% ... 60%
- Research partners: 100%

Biovia project procedure for R&D, cSBO & ICON projects



Grant options

5. Biovia COOCK+



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Specifics

- Translation and valorization of research results by accelerating the introduction of technology and/or knowledge to a large group of organizations
- Final results need to benefit (a specific part of) the Biovia ecosystem
- Part A: funded
- Part B: organization-specific actions to evaluate knowledge, analyze, test
- Projects can involve some research, but cannot compromise dissemination

Grant options

5. Biovia COOCK+



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Eligibility for funding

VLAIO criteria

- **1 or more organization(s) for research and knowledge**
- Advisory Board (mostly SMEs) with min. 5 Flemish organizations and strong involvement
- Part A (generic) / Part B (organization-specific)

Biovia criteria

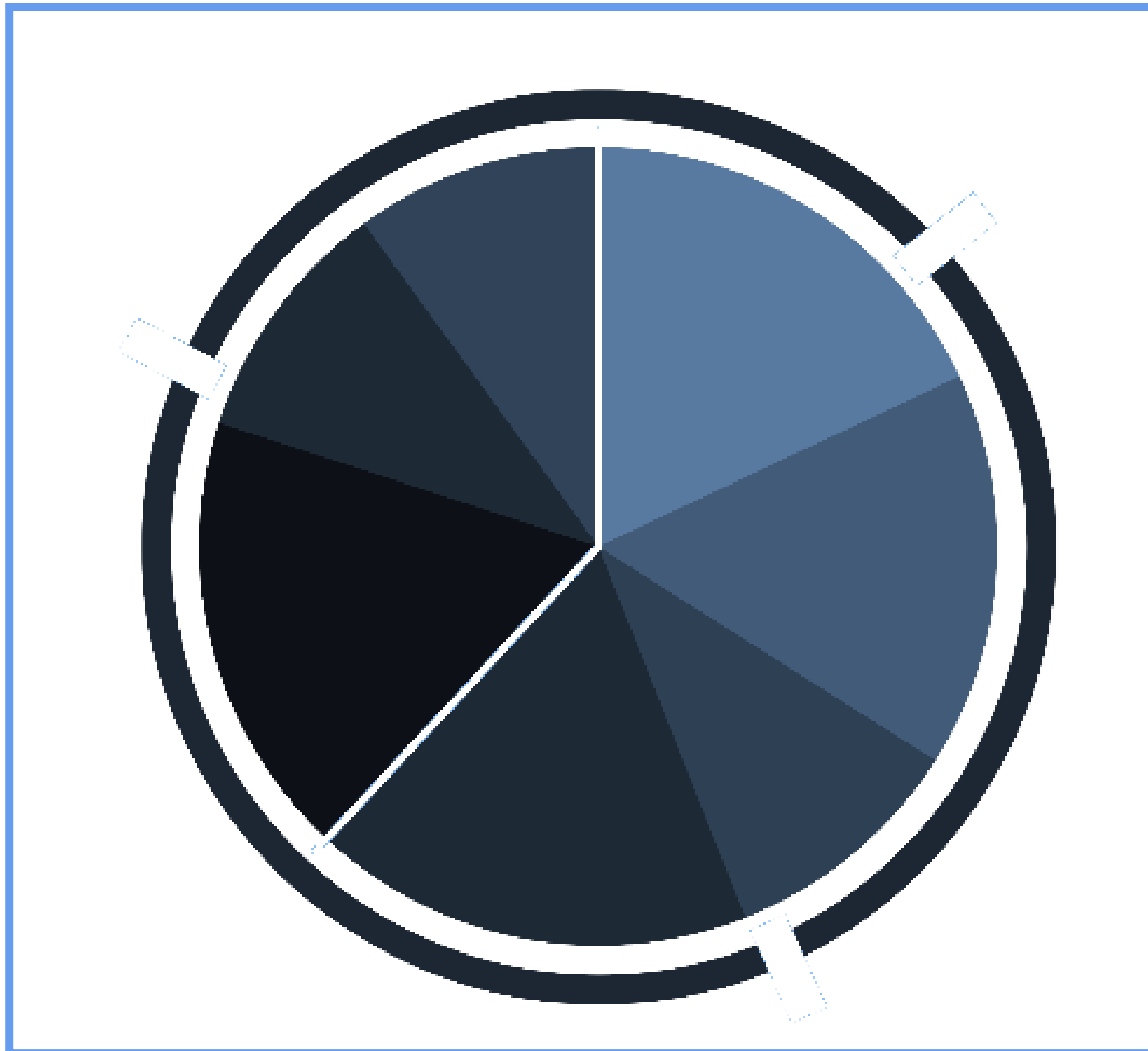
- Main applicant is member of Biovia
- Advisory committee should be representative and actively involved in the project to stimulate knowledge transfer
- Min. 3 members of Biovia in advisory committee

VLAIO funding for Flemish partners

- 50%-100% subsidy
- Company: subcontractor (specific expertise)
- 1-3 years
- Max. €1m

Grant options

6. Biovia TETRA



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Specifics

- Translation of recently available knowledge into concrete, useful information so that the target group can innovate faster and more efficiently
- Need for economic finality (to be translated into competitiveness, employment and investments in enterprises in Flanders). In addition, the project can address a societal challenge
- Fit with the educational assignment of the applicant(s)

Grant options

6. Biovia TETRA



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Eligibility for funding

VLAIO criteria

- Research group from a Flemish university and/or university-college actively engaged in practice-based research
- Advisory committee with strong involvement

Biovia criteria

- Main applicant is member of Biovia
- Min. 3 members of Biovia in advisory committee

VLAIO funding for Flemish partners

- 92,5% subsidy
- Max. €480k
- 2 years

Biovia project procedure for COOCK+ & TETRA projects



General remarks for all grant types

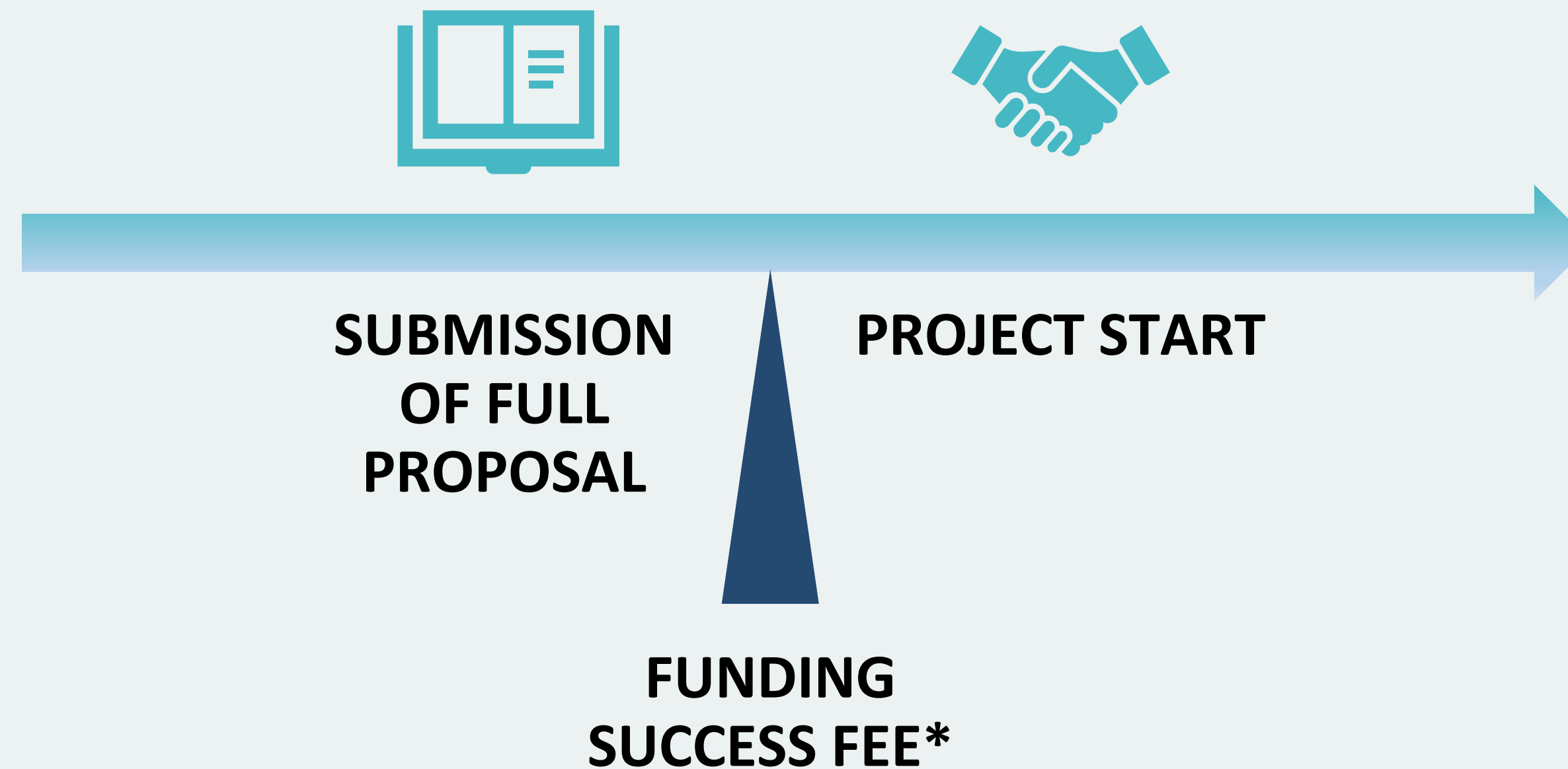
- Enterprise in difficulty: check at time of submission
- No cumulation of Innovative Starter Subsidy
- For companies involved in different project applications (or already involved in ongoing VLAIO projects) => check if realization of the work in the different projects is feasible
- Each of the partners needs to have an own contribution that can be subsidized (own knowledge increase and challenges); consider this carefully whether you are a partner or subcontractor
- Think about the possibility for feasibility studies
- Projects working with health data => think carefully about the legal frameworks (incl. Data Act) and how to integrate / work with EHDS

Useful websites

- [VLAIO projects for spearhead clusters](#)
- [Funding – Biovia](#)
- [Biovia Call 2025.2](#)



Biovia success fee*



*A success fee of €3,500 (excl. VAT) per organization in the consortium applies **exclusively to non-members of Biovia. Members of Biovia are exempt from the success fee.** To be considered a member of Biovia, an organization is a member both at (1) the time of Full Proposal submission in the VLAIO KRIS portal and (2) the time of approval of subsidy by VLAIO.

Biovia supports you



- Workshops & sparring sessions
- Idea check & match
- Identify potential consortium partners
- Full Project Proposal workshop on innovation goal and context, business case, impact & approach
- Valorization case review
- Contact with VLAIO
- Defense prep
- Review of rebuttal
- Templates & VLAIO KRIS portal

Other Biovia funding opportunities VLAIO*

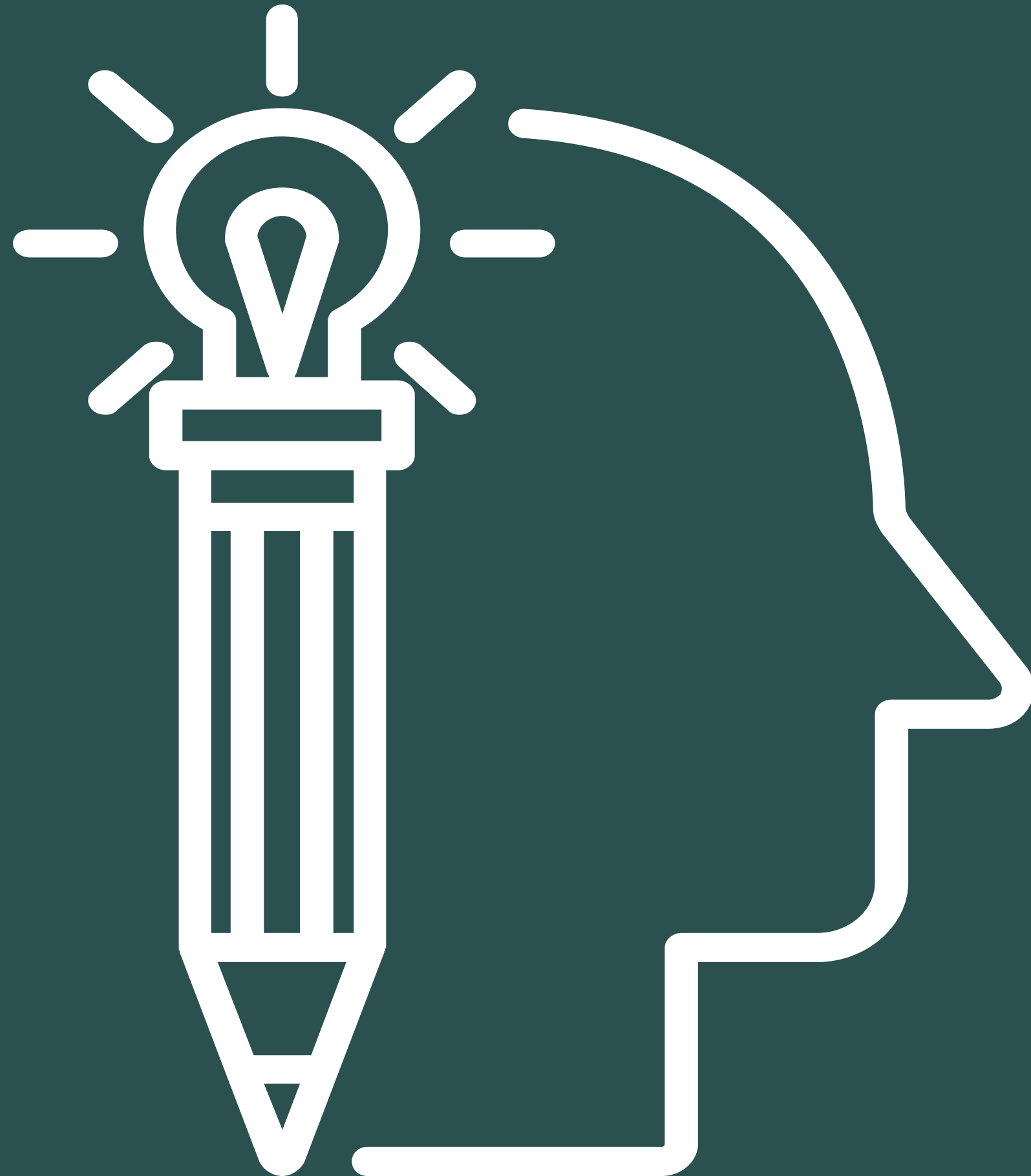
Joint funding with BioWin

- Flemish-Walloon partnership for funding
- Biovia & BioWin criteria & special procedure

Extra intercluster funding

- Joint funding with other Flemish clusters: Catalisti, Flanders' Food, Flux50, VIL, De Blauwe Cluster
- Procedure according to leading cluster

*Contact Biovia for advice and more details





Other funding channels

Many sources of funding*

- Interreg
- FOD
- Provinces
- EU4Health, Horizon Europe, IMI, EP PerMed, etc
- Michael J Fox, Wellcome Trust, etc
- Investors

*Biovia can help determine which is right for you

Contact Biovia funding team via innovation@biovia.be



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