**Push Innovation Voucher Implementation Rules**

Implementation program NRP 2024 – 2027
of the canton of Fribourg

# Introduction

The NPR 2024-2027 implementation program of the Canton of Fribourg supports the development of Collaborative Projects (PC) and Thematic Collaborative Projects (PCT). As pre-competitive endeavors, Collaborative Projects aim to address a technological and innovative challenge, with the assistance of a public research organization, as expressed by multiple companies, or to create a new value chain involving several companies. The exploitation of results from these collaborative projects, once concluded, is the responsibility of the companies to bring to market.

# Push Innovation Voucher definition

The Push Innovation Voucher is an innovation support instrument under the NPR 2024-2027 program of the Canton of Fribourg, aimed at accelerating the implementation of innovations resulting from a closed Collaborative Project (PC or PCT) that has demonstrated successful outcomes.

The Push Innovation Voucher focuses on acquiring proof-of-concepts and prototypes, leveraging tangible results derived from previous collaborative projects.

# Objectives

The objectives of the Push Innovation Vouchers are as follows:

* Accelerate the exploitation of results from completed collaborative projects.
* Enhance the impact of Collaborative Projects (PC) and Thematic Collaborative Projects (PCT) by supporting companies in the development of proof-of-concepts and prototypes.

# Rules for Granting and Using a Voucher

Push Innovation Voucher applications are managed by INNOSQUARE under a mandate from PromFR with the assistance of external experts.

The evaluation of voucher applications for NPR subsidies is entrusted to the INNOSQUARE Valorization Committee (COVAL).

The conditions and rules for granting and using a Push Innovation Voucher are as follows:

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| a) | Submission of a Voucher Application | At the project closure, during the presentation of the results before the Valorization Committee (COVAL), one or more companies from the project consortium are authorized to submit a Push Innovation Voucher application. |
| b) | Voucher Amount | The requested Push Innovation Voucher is capped at CHF 25,000, not exceeding 50% of the total budgeted cost for developing a proof of concept or prototype. |
| c) | Financial Contribution from the Company or Companies | Partner companies must contribute at least 50% of the total budgeted cost for developing a proof of concept or prototype. |
| d) | Support in the Preparation of Voucher Application | Applicants for Push Innovation Voucher can benefit from free support from INNOSQUARE for the preparation of their Push Innovation Voucher application. |
| e) | Voucher application evaluation | The application for a Push Innovation Voucher grant is presented by invitation of COVAL during a valorization session held by COVAL. |
| f) | Procedure | The submission and utilization of a voucher must adhere to the "Procedure for Application, Allocation, and Use of a Push Innovation Voucher." |
| g) | Administrative management | Push Innovation Vouchers applications are administratively managed by INNOSQUARE. |

To obtain a Push Innovation Voucher, a project funding request must be submitted following the **Procedure for Application, Allocation, and Use of Push Innovation Vouchers**.

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Annexes :

**Procedure for Application, Allocation, and Use of a Push Innovation Voucher**

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