



UNITA Advanced Tech Transfer Grants 2026



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Agenda:

Overview of the call

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About the Call

Objective: Maturation of inter-university innovation initiatives, from TRL 4 (lab-validated) to TRL 6 (demonstrated)

Applicants: Teams from ≥ 2 UNITA partner universities, in ≥ 2 different countries

Deadline: 12 July 2026, 23:59 CET

Funding: Up to €14,466.66 per project (6 grants available)





Tech Transfer Grants in UNITA

- ◆ **UNITA Starting Tech Transfer Grants (STTG) — TRL 2–3**
 - 2 calls launched in 2025 (May–June and October–November)
 - ~€7,233 per project • 18 grants funded
 - Proof-of-concept stage — maturation toward ATTG
- ◆ **UNITA Advanced Tech Transfer Grants (ATTG) — TRL 4–6**
 - Call launched 15 June 2026 • deadline 12 July 2026
 - Up to €14,466.66 per project • 6 grants available
 - Prototyping, validation, demonstration — toward exploitation



Team Eligibility — Key Conditions

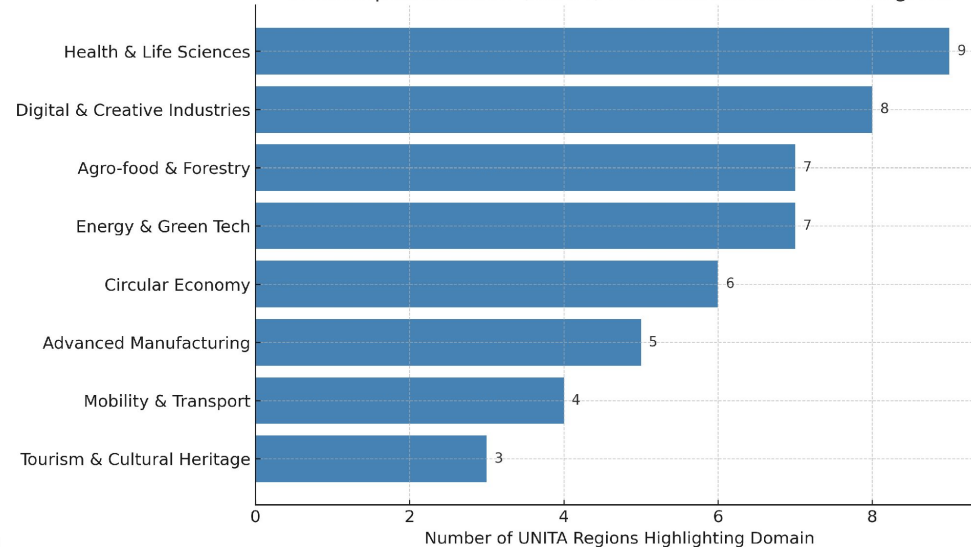
- ✓ Min. 2 UNITA partner universities, in ≥ 2 different countries
- ✓ 1 Principal Investigator (PI) + ≥ 1 Team Leader (TL)
 - Both PI and TLs must be permanent staff or researchers
 - Affiliation maintained for the full project duration
- ✓ Team may include researchers, PhD / master students, admin staff
- ✓ Each person can join only 1 proposal in this call
- ✓ Max. 2 ATTG per university as PI
- 🎁 Bonus if proposal stems from a prior STTG or SG (see Article 9)



Thematic Areas & S3/S4

- ✓ Green Energy
- ✓ Circular Economy
- ✓ Cultural Heritage
- ✓ Digital Transitions
- ✓ Global Health
- ✓ Inclusive Societies
- 📍 Must align with regional S3/S4 strategies
- 🔗 [UNITA S3/S4 Cartography](#)

Smart Specialisation (S3/S4) Domains Across UNITA Regions





TRL Trajectory — TRL 4 entry → TRL 6 exit

- ◆ **TRL 4 — Technology validated in laboratory environment**
 - Entry point of ATTG — proof-of-concept already demonstrated
- ◆ **TRL 5 — Technology validated in relevant environment**
 - Prototype tested with end users / industrial partners
- ◆ **TRL 6 — Technology demonstrated in relevant environment**
 - Exit point of ATTG — functional demonstrator / pilot

💡 TRL 4–6 = innovation & tech-transfer band (eligible). Upstream research (TRL 1–3) is NOT eligible under ATTG.



Budget & Expenses

€ Max. budget per project: €14,466.66 (not per partner; 6 grants total)



Equitable distribution between partners recommended



Eligible costs (aligned with the UNITA Call for Advanced Grants on Research):

- Travel, accommodation, subsistence in UNITA Full Partner countries — max. 60%
- Other costs — max. 40%: TT-outcome dissemination; events/logistics; hiring of students and/or technical/innovation assistants; non-lab consumables









⊖ NOT eligible: equipment, lab consumables (reagents, chemicals, lab equipment), APCs for research articles, permanent staff salaries, expenses in Switzerland, preparing future grant applications, research per se.



The amounts above reflect the alliance-wide ATTG envelope. Each UNITA partner has an indicative ceiling derived from this envelope — please consult your local UNITA Office for your institution's share before submission.



Application — What to Submit (via LimeSurvey)

-  Application form (Annex 1) — project description max. 5 pages
-  Budget allocation file (mandatory, per-partner split)
-  Gantt chart — 9-month implementation calendar
-  Letter(s) of commitment from external stakeholders (min. 1 — industry, public sector, NGO, incubator, TTO, cluster)
-  CVs of PI and TLs (max. 3 pages each)
-  Signed Participation Declaration
-  Proof of UNITA affiliation (PI + TLs)
-  If claiming Bonus A: STTG / SG continuity documents • If claiming Bonus B: IP / KT evidence



Evaluation Criteria — Base Score (100 pts)



Total base score: 100 points (+ up to 20 bonus pts)

- ◆ **1. Innovation & Open Innovation — 40 pts**
 - Innovativeness, OI strategy, inbound OI, outbound OI (10 pts each)
- ◆ **2. Market Potential — 20 pts**
 - Problem dimension & quantification • Unmet need / market pain
- ◆ **3. Positioning — 10 pts**
 - State of the art • Proposed solution
- ◆ **4. Project — 25 pts**
 - Feasibility, impact & scalability, TRL maturity, S3/S4 & Hub alignment, stakeholder engagement
- ◆ **5. Team — 5 pts**




Bonus Criteria (up to +20 pts)



Bonus A — Continuity with prior UNITA-funded initiatives (up to 10 pts)

- 10 pts: proposal stems from STTG (completed)
- 5 pts: proposal stems from UNITA Starting Grant on Research — SG (completed or ongoing)
- Merged STTG/SG teams: only the highest applicable score applies

 **Ongoing SG:** provide latest progress report + 1-page status update + demonstrate absence of double funding.

Bonus B — IP authorship or Knowledge Transfer experience (up to 10 pts)

- 10 pts: at least 1 team member is author of a registered or pending IP right (and commits to license it freely to the team as background IP)
- 7 pts: substantive KT experience documented (incubation, consultancy, spin-off, brokerage)








Timeline

-  Launch of the call — 15 June 2026
-  Application period — 15 June – 12 July 2026 (23:59 CET)
-  Webinar (today!) — 22 June 2026, 13:00–14:30 CET
-  Admin eligibility check — 13 – 20 July 2026
-  Qualitative assessment — 20 – 27 July 2026
-  Optional interviews — 27 – 30 July 2026
-  Consensus meeting — 30 July 2026
-  Notification of results — by 31 July 2026
-  Project start → end — 1 Sept 2026 – 31 May 2027 (9 months)
-  Final report submission — by 31 August 2027



Intellectual & Industrial Property (Article 11)

-  Originality declared at submission; team responsible for any third-party rights
-  **Foreground IP → inter-institutional agreement between partner universities**
 - Ownership, use, exploitation of jointly generated IP
-  **Mandatory IP & Licensing Strategy as a project deliverable**
 - Min. content: background IP, foreground IP allocation, access rights, exploitation, revenue-sharing, publication clearance, dispute resolution, termination
-  Engage your university's TTO early; UNITA Offices available for guidance
-  Creative Commons licenses for non-protected outputs strongly encouraged



FAQ — Continuity Bonus & Ongoing STTG / SG

? **I was part of a previous STTG** — can I claim the continuity bonus? → Yes. Provide STTG funding decision + STTG final report + 1-page continuity narrative. (10 pts)

! STTGs are designed to pave the way for ATTG; the two instruments do not overlap, and an ongoing STTG cannot run in parallel with an ATTG.

? **My UNITA Starting Grant on Research (SG) hasn't ended yet** — can I still claim the bonus? → Yes — SG can be ongoing. Provide SG funding decision + most recent SG progress report + 1-page status update. (5 pts)

! Applicants with an ongoing SG must demonstrate, in the continuity narrative and in the ATTG budget, the absence of any double funding between the SG and the proposed ATTG.



FAQ — What can I (and can't I) charge to ATTG?

✓ Eligible (split 60% / 40%):

- Travel, accommodation, subsistence in UNITA Full Partner countries (≤60%)
- Dissemination of TT outcomes (public summaries, case studies, sector briefings)
- Event costs, logistics, organising meetings (incl. coffee breaks, working lunches)
- Hiring of students and/or technical/innovation assistants for project implementation
- Consumables — excluding all laboratory materials

⊖ NOT eligible:

- Equipment • lab consumables (reagents, chemicals, lab equipment) • APCs for research articles • permanent staff salaries • expenses in CH • preparing future applications • research per se

💡 Equipment & lab materials can be complemented from your institution's OWN funds — not from ATTG nor any UNITA EUI funding line.



FAQ — Team, Roles & Applications

? Can I be part of more than one ATTG proposal?

→ No — each individual may participate in only one application per call, regardless of role.

? Can my university be PI of more than one ATTG?

→ Yes — up to 2 ATTG per university as PI in this call, respecting the budget envelope applicable in your university.

? Can I add new team members after submission?

→ Yes, post-award: signed request by PI, TLs and the new member, sent to the coordination team for documentation prior to engagement.

? What if my project is still below TRL 4?

→ ATTG entry is TRL 4 (lab-validated).





Matchmaking & Support

NEW Looking for partners? Use the dedicated Agora thread:



<https://agora.univ-unita.eu/t/advanced-tech-transfer-grant-collaboration-matching/>

- Post your project idea, the partners you're looking for, the skill gaps to fill
- Register for notifications to follow new posts in the thread
- Many thanks to Amalric Ortlieb (HES-SO) for launching the thread



Scan to access Agora

 Or contact the T4.1 ATTG coordination team
directly: unita@e-uvt.ro • inovare@e-uvt.ro



Questions?



Ask in the chat or raise your hand



Contact: unita@e-uvt.ro
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Obrigado pela sua atenção

Grazie per l'attenzione

Merci de votre attention

Vă mulțumim pentru atenție

Gracias por su atención

