

GIN GRANT | BASED ON AWS T&I GUIDELINE

WHAT IS THE GIN GRANT?

In case of being selected for a GO ASIA program, GIN refunds up to 90% of program-relevant travel and accommodation cost up to a maximum of EUR 20,000.- per startup depending on the programs' length and the program's specific conditions. The GIN grant will be paid to the startups only after the startup has participated in the physical program and has submitted the [finance report](#), including all receipts/invoices, as well as the [program report](#).

DE-MINIMIS

Since the GIN program runs under the de-minimis aid regulation, the applicant is only eligible to receive the GIN grant if the applicant fulfills the de-minimis aid requirements. This means that the total amount of de-minimis aid granted in the last three fiscal (financial) years does not exceed EUR 200,000.-. In some instances, a refund according to AGVO is possible if a refund according to de-minimis is not possible (more information in the GO ASIA guideline specifications ([Programmdokument](#))).

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE GIN GRANT?

To receive the GIN grant for your Asia trip, you must first be selected for the GO ASIA program. After being selected you must request the funding online via the ["aws Fördermanager"](#)

IMPORTANT: You cannot get a refund for bookings/expenses made before you have applied for the GIN grant online via aws Fördermanager!

HOW DO I RECEIVE THE GIN GRANT (GIN-ZUSCHUSS)?

The GIN grant will be processed after you have participated in the physical GO ASIA program:

1. You have to submit the GIN travel grant application via [aws Fördermanager](#)
2. You will receive a funding contract from aws. Please sign the contract and return it electronically to goasia@gin-austria.com
3. You will participate in the GO ASIA program (digital onboarding, IP coaching, physical travel to the GIN target region)
4. After returning from the physical GO ASIA trip, you have to settle your financial statement ([finance report](#) + invoices, [program report](#)) and submit it via the aws Fördermanager or by email to goasia@gin-austria.com. **!!Please note that you can settle your travel expenses max. 6 months after submitting your GIN travel grant application!!**
5. The payment of the GIN grant will be accomplished and transferred to the bank account after we have reviewed your financial statement

WHICH DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SETTLE MY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE GIN GRANT?

1. Fill out the [program report](#) (word document) and share your experience and satisfaction of the GO ASIA program that you have participated in
2. Fill out the [finance report](#) (excel file) stating all GO ASIA related costs after finishing the program.

3. Scan all invoices in one single PDF and number the invoices consecutively the same way as you do in the finance report (excel file).
4. Scan your credit card statements for all invoices in the Asian currency; otherwise, we have to use a currency converter, which means you might have a negative impact on the grant.
5. Sign the program report and the finance report and submit everything (including the invoices) via aws Fördermanager or send it to goasia@gin-austria.com no later than 6 weeks after your return from the GO ASIA program.

WHERE DO I FIND THE TEMPLATES FOR FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND THE PROGRAM REPORT?

The templates of the [finance report](#) (Rechnungszusammenstellung) and the [program report](#) (Endbericht) were sent to you via e-mail. You can also download it from the [download section](#).

WHAT KIND OF EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY GIN?

GIN refunds up to 90% of all program-relevant travel and accommodation costs up to a maximum of EUR 20,000.- per startup (depending on the programs' length and the program's specific conditions), that occur regarding your participation in the specific GO ASIA program including:

- Travel expenses (arrival and departure to/from events; for flight tickets: only economy class tickets)
- Accommodation costs up to the amount of a middle-class hotel (approximately EUR 100,- /night) for the duration of the program/event
- Costs of participation in an incubation program (coaching, training, rent of co-working space) or a similar know-how transfer measure (e.g., seminar, mentorship, cooperation with other companies) for the duration of the program
- Costs of rent, set-up and operation of a trade fair or exhibition stand for participating in a trade fair or exhibition
- Costs of advisory services from external consultants that are directly related to the startup's expansion plan towards the new market (e.g., necessary translators and on-site experts with language and market knowledge). In every case, always in prior consultation the GIN program management at aws.
- Costs within the framework of establishing and growth of a startup. All costs are eligible that arise in the establishing and growth of a company, for example: design and study costs, fees for external experts, operating resources, market development costs, costs of industrial design, training costs, intellectual property rights such as patent costs, trade marks, utility models or registered designs and licensing rights)

WHAT KIND OF EXPENSES ARE NOT COVERED BY GIN?

In particular, the following expenses are not eligible:

- WKO service fee
- Invoices below EUR 50.- excluding VAT
- Expense allowances („Diäten“ or food expenses)

- Costs that are not directly related to the GO ASIA program (see guideline specifications under 4.2)

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

The guideline specifications for the GIN grant ([Programmdokument](#)) is available online at our [webpage](#).