

PROCEDURE

BG16RFPR001-1.003 "Implementation of innovations in enterprises"

Programme "Competitiveness and innovation in enterprises" 2021-2027

MINISTRY OF INNOVATION AND GROWTH

PROCEDURE OBJECTIVE:

Providing of focused support to Bulgarian enterprises for the implementation of product innovations or business process innovations in the thematic areas of the Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization (IS3) 2021-2027

TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE PROCEDURE:

293 374 500 BGN

AMOUNT AND INTENSITY OF GRANT FUNDING:

<u>Minimum</u> amount of the applied grant	<u>Maximum</u> amount of the applied grant, depending on the enterprise category
50 000 BGN	<p>Micro enterprises: 200 000 BGN <i>(but not more than 100% of the average annual net sales revenue for 2020, 2021 and 2022)</i></p>
	<p>Small enterprises: 500 000 BGN <i>(but not more than 60% of the average annual net sales revenue for 2020, 2021 and 2022)</i></p>
	<p>Medium-sized enterprises and Small Mid-Caps enterprises: 800 000 BGN <i>(but not more than 25% of the average annual net sales revenue for 2020, 2021 and 2022)</i></p>

Maximum intensity of grant funding under the "regional investment aid" regime, depending on the enterprise category and the place of implementation of the project:

Enterprise category:

Maximum intensity of grant aid for activities outside of South-West planning region (SWPR):

Maximum intensity of grant aid for activities within the South-West planning region (SWPR):

Micro and small enterprises	50%	Sofia city (capital): 40% Sofia region: 45% Blagoevgrad Region: 45% Pernik Region: 40% Kyustendil Region: 45%
Medium-sized enterprises	45%	Sofia city (capital): 30% Sofia region: 45% Blagoevgrad Region: 45% Pernik Region: 30% Kyustendil Region: 35%
Small Mid-Caps enterprises	45%	Sofia city (capital): 20% Sofia region: 45% Blagoevgrad Region: 45% Pernik Region: 20% Kyustendil Region: 25%

Maximum intensity of grant funding under the “**de minimis**” regime:

Enterprise category:	Maximum intensity of grant aid:
Micro, small, medium-sized and small mid-caps enterprises	50%

Maximum intensity of grant aid under the “**innovation aid for SMEs**” regime:

Enterprise category:	Maximum intensity of grant aid:
Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises	50%

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- 1. Merchants according to the Commerce Act or Cooperatives act** or an equivalent person within the meaning of the legislation of a member state of the European Economic Area.
- 2. Micro, small, medium-sized and small mid-caps enterprises**
 - **Only micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) can claim support for projects, that lead to the implementation of innovation in the thematic area "Clean technologies, circular and low-carbon economy" of IS3 2021-2027.**
- 3. To be registered not later than 31.12.2020.**

4. To have realized net sales revenue for 2022 as follows:

Enterprise category	Net sales revenue for the 2022:
Micro enterprise	≥ 100 000 BGN
Small enterprise	≥ 300 000 BGN
Medium-sized enterprise	≥ 1 000 000 BGN
Small Mid-Caps	≥ 2 000 000 BGN

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

Projects must be aimed at implementing a product innovation (good or service) or innovation in business processes (aimed at the production of goods and provision of services), which one is own development or based on intellectual rights acquired by third parties.

1. Projects should lead to the implementation of a product innovation (good or service) or to the implementation of an innovation in business processes (aimed at the production of goods and the provision of services), falling within the scope of ONE of the thematic areas and sub-areas listed below of IS3 2021-2027*:

1. Thematic area "Informatics and ICT";
2. Thematic area "Mechatronics and microelectronics";
3. Thematic area "Industry for healthy living, bioeconomy and biotechnology";
4. Thematic area "New technologies in the creative and recreational industries";
5. Thematic area "Clean technologies, circular and low-carbon economy".

***Thematic areas and their priority sub-areas are listed in an appendix to this presentation!**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

I. Element A "Investments" (mandatory):

- 1. Implementation of product innovation (good or service) or innovation in business processes through the acquisition of machinery, equipment and equipment, representing fixed tangible assets (FTA).**
- 2. Implementation of product innovation (good or service) or innovation in business processes through the acquisition of specialized software (including development), patents, licenses, "know-how", etc., intangible fixed assets (IFA).**

II. Element B "Services" (optional):

- 1. Protection of industrial property rights on the implemented innovation.**
- 2. Consulting and support services in support of innovations.**

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

I. Element A "Investments" (mandatory):

- 1. Costs for the acquisition of fixed tangible assets (FTA) - machines, installations and equipment necessary for the implementation of the project.**
- 2. Costs for the acquisition of intangible fixed assets (IFA) - specialized software (including development), patents, licenses, know-how, etc., necessary for the implementation of the project.**

II. Element B „Services“(optional):

- 1. Costs for application and registration fees before the relevant competent department in connection with the protection of industrial property rights on the implemented innovation at the national and/or international level - up to 10,000 BGN.**
- 2. Costs for consulting and support services to support innovation.**

DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS:

15 (fifteen) months, counted from the date of entry into force of the administrative contract for the provision of grant aid.

DEADLINE FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION:

15.02.2024