

COMMUNICATION INNOVATION

Presentation of Grant Program

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Responsum

What are the conditions of the grant

Purpose of the grant and funding

- Increase the value created by the communication system and the efficiency of infrastructure use.
- A total of €23.5 M will be allocated to the projects.

Subsidised activities

- Designing, testing and developing digital technology solutions that require 5G connectivity.
- Digital solutions can be used to enhance the digitalisation of different sectors, through practical applications such as (a) autonomous transport, (b) unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), (c) the Internet of Things, (d) virtual reality, (e) 5G robotics or automation, etc., and through the deployment of advanced technological solutions such as (f) data management of transport tickets and sustainable mobility, and (g) common ticketing systems, digitalisation of transport concessions, etc.

Subsidy intensity

- Up to 80% of R&D expenditure:
  - up to 50% for research;
  - up to 25% for experimental development;
  - +20% for micro and small businesses;
  - +10% for medium-sized companies;
  - +15% for effective cooperation*.
- Up to 85% of the costs for information and cooperation activities.

** The project shall be implemented by at least two independent parties, at least one of which shall be: a) an SME and neither party shall cover more than 70% of the eligible costs, or b) a research and development institution which shall cover at least 10% of the eligible costs.*

Amount of subsidy

- The maximum amount of funding per project is €3 M.
- The minimum amount of funding per project is €200k.

Subsidised costs

- Expenditure on the purchase of goods (materials, inventories, supplies and similar items classified as current assets);
- Depreciation costs of fixed assets directly used for R&D activities (equipment, appliances, tools, plant, machinery, vehicles, buildings and/or premises) (up to 50% of the total project costs);
- Costs of acquiring R&D and related services (up to 30% of the direct costs of the project);
- Project staff salaries and business trips expenses (up to 85% of direct project costs).
- Cost of implementing the mandatory project visibility and information measures;
- Costs of additional information and cooperation activities (joint seminars, training with other project implementers) (up to 1% of the total project cost is mandatory; *de minimis* aid; up to €30k of costs are financed);
- Indirect costs (7% of direct project costs).

Who can get a grant and how to do that

Requirements for applicants

- The project consortium must consist of at least 2 independent companies (legal entities). The same private legal entity may not be named as applicant or partner in more than 3 projects (not applicable to mobile operators, research and study institutions).
- Potential applicants:
  - Private legal entities, research and study institutions;
  - The applicant must have earned at least €200k in the previous year from the sale of goods or services created by the applicant in Lithuania.
- Potential partners:
  - Private legal entities;
  - Research and study institutions;
  - Budgetary bodies, municipal administrations and other public sector bodies (no funding).

Other important conditions

- The share of activities carried out abroad cannot exceed 15% of the project's eligible costs. The place of performance of the activities is considered to be the place where the project activities are carried out by the project staff.
- Activities below TPL 4 and above TPL 9 are not funded.
- The applicant must bear no more than 70% of the eligible project costs;
- The share of the research and study institution(s) in the project must not exceed 30% of the total eligible costs of the project.

Terms

- Call for proposals is open until **31 May 2023.**
- Project activities must be completed by **31 December 2025.**

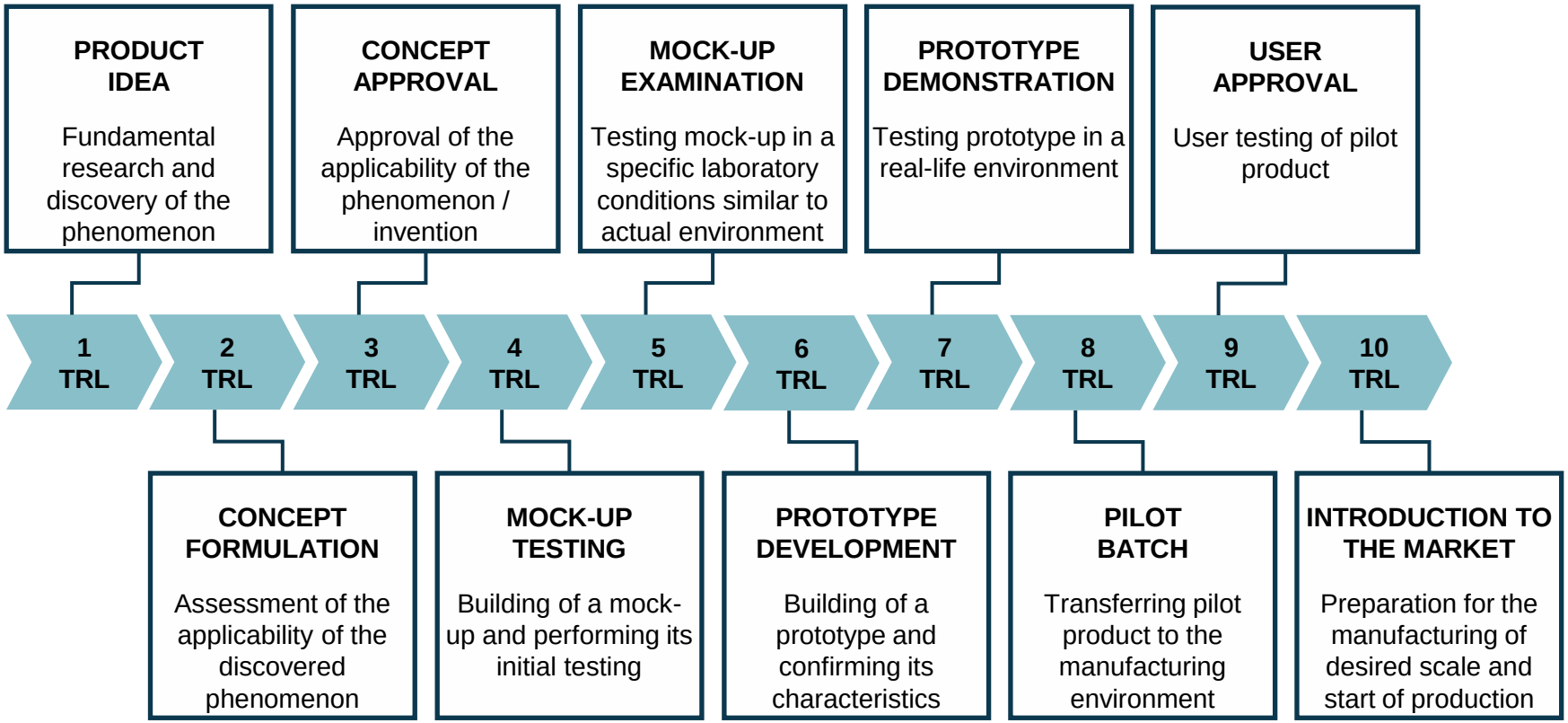
Project selection criteria

- The transport sector is expected to benefit from the innovative digital technological solutions being developed, which require 5G connectivity (max 20 points).
- Higher scores are awarded to projects that plan to have a later TPL at the beginning of the project (max 20 points).
- Higher scores are awarded to projects that plan to have a later TPL at the end of the project (max 10 points).
- The applicant and/or partners contribute more than the minimum percentage of their own resources to the project (max 15 points).
- The applicant and/or partners have experience in implementing R&D activities and participating in international R&D projects for business and science cooperation (max 15 points).
- At least one of the consortium partners is a research and study institution listed in the AIKOS register (max 10 points).
- At least one of the consortium partners is a small or medium-sized enterprise (max 10 points).

The minimum score required is 25 points.

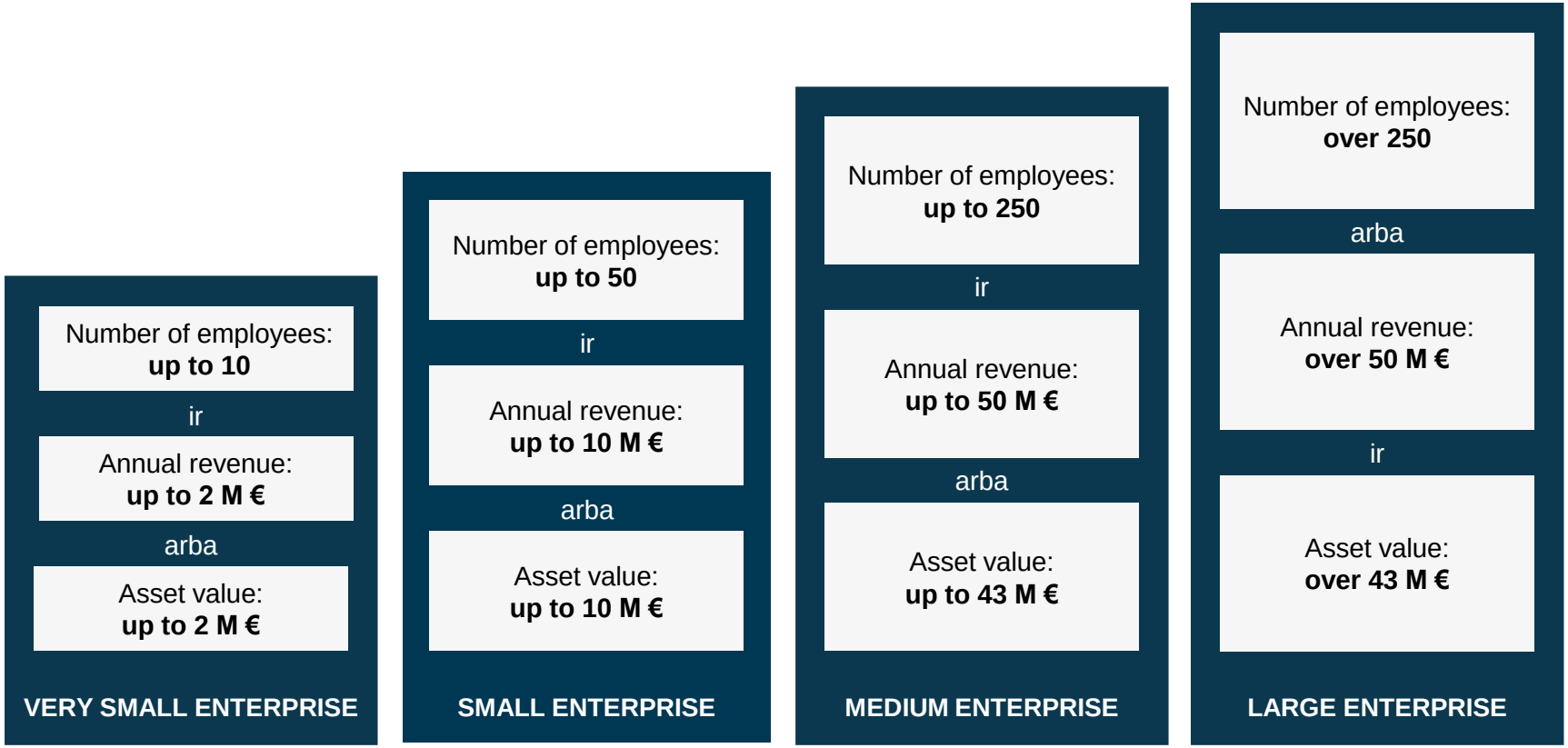
What is a technological readiness level (TRL)

- Technology readiness levels describes the maturity of the technology and the extent to which the new product is ready for the market.
- The system of TRLs helps to understand distinct stages of innovation cycle and describe steps of R&D and innovation activities, aimed at transforming new ideas into the products ready to satisfy market demand.



How to evaluate the size of the company

- The size of the company is assessed by set of three criteria – number of employees, annual revenue and total value of assets.
- While assessing the size of the company one must take into account abovementioned criteria of the related companies (parent, subsidiaries or companies related in other way).



How can we help you to employ a grant

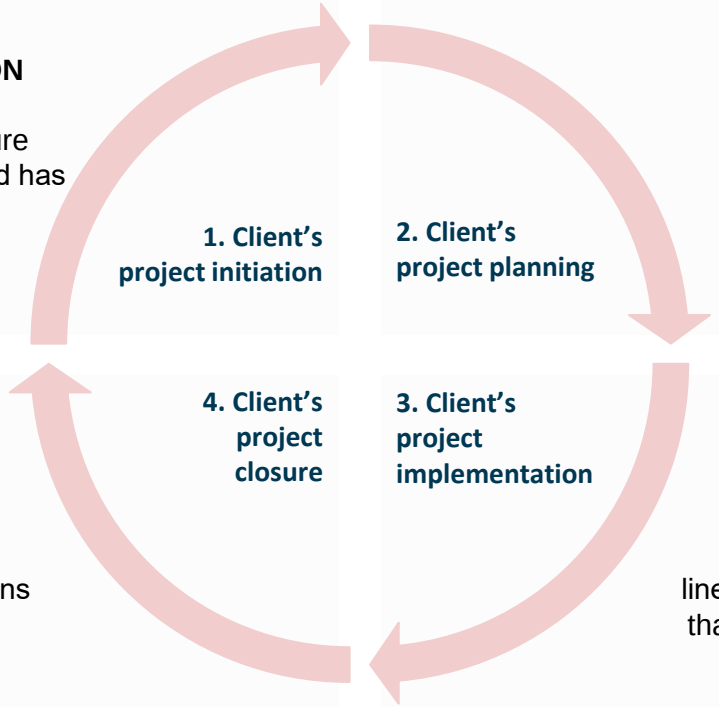
- We assist our Clients in employing EU grants and ensure that the grant would serve Client's need rather than Client serve the bureaucratic requirements of the donor.
- We provide integrated services for employing EU grants – we create value in all stages of Client's project life-cycle from evaluation of eligibility of project idea to the moment when last cent of the grant will be transferred to our Client's bank account.

PROJECT CONCEPT PREPARATION

We shape the project concept to ensure that it meets donor's requirements and has maximum chances of receiving grant

DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION

We develop competitive application and lead it through the evaluation process towards the signing of the grant agreement



POST-PROJECT ASSISTANCE

We develop annual reports and, if needed, help to avoid donor's sanctions for non-compliance with the project impact KPI's

ADMINISTERING THE PROJECT

We help to implement the project in line with donor's requirements to ensure that the grant is paid to the Client timely and in full amount

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