

INVEST MTEP

Presentation of funding opportunity

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Responsum

What are the grant conditions

Purpose of the grant and allocated funding

- To encourage companies to invest in the research and development (R&D) needed to create innovative products.
- A total of €40.77M will be allocated to projects: €31.49M for activity No. 1, €8.66M for activity No. 2 and €0.62M for additional funding for projects matching the EU Baltic Sea Region (BSR) Strategy policy area “Innovation”.

Activities eligible for the grant

- Development of new high value-added products and creation of conditions for researchers to take part in company‘s R&D activities, promotion of intellectual property and early pilot production of developed products, and preparation for market launch (activity No. 1).
- Promotion of high value-added foreign direct investment: R&D implementation, cooperation and technology transfer between large enterprises and SMEs in the fields of technology and innovation (activity No. 2).

Amount of the grant

- Maximum funding amount per project: €1,500,000.
- Minimum funding amount per project: €100,000.
- Up to €300,000 in addition if the project is implemented with a foreign partner from the BSR (applies to activity No. 1 only).

Subsidy intensity

- Up to 80% of R&D costs:
  - up to 65% for research;
  - up to 40% for experimental development;
  - +20% for micro and small enterprises;
  - +10% for medium-sized enterprises.
- Up to 85% of patenting costs.
- Up to 85% of costs of preparing the product for market.

Eligible costs

- Salary and employment-related costs of the personnel carrying out the project (fixed hourly rates apply).
- Business travel costs of the personnel carrying out the project.
- Costs of acquiring R&D and related services (up to 50% of total costs).
- Costs of acquiring current assets (materials, equipment, supplies and similar items).
- Depreciation of assets used for R&D activities (equipment, instruments, tools, devices, machinery, installations, buildings and/or premises) (up to 50% of total costs).
- Equipment rental costs.
- Rental costs of buildings or premises (up to 10% of total costs).
- Fees for patenting inventions and patent attorney services (*de minimis* aid, up to €30,000, may be incurred by the applicant only).
- Costs of preparing the product developed during the project for market (*de minimis* aid, up to €50,000, may be incurred by the applicant only).
- Indirect costs (7% of the direct project costs).

Who can receive the grant and how

Requirements for applicants

- The applicant is:
  - a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME); or
  - a large enterprise cooperating with an SME.
- Applicant is operating for at least 3 financial years.
- Total sales revenue over the last 3 years: at least €300,000.
- Total R&D spending over the last 3 years: at least €60,000.
- Applicant is a foreign investor (applies to activity No. 2).
- Eligible partners:
  - SMEs (mandatory where the applicant is a large enterprise);
  - large enterprises;
  - research and study institutions;
  - a foreign partner from a BSR country if additional funding is sought (partner costs are not funded).

Other important conditions

- The project must match at least one theme of the Smart Specialisation priority “Health technologies and biotechnologies”:
  - molecular technologies for medicine and biopharmaceuticals;
  - advanced medical engineering for early diagnostics and treatment;
  - safe food and sustainable agro-biological resources.
- All activities (applicant's and partners') must take place in the Central and Western Lithuania region.
- If project is implemented with partners, the applicant must incur at least 50% of project costs.

Deadlines

- The call for proposals is open until **8 February 2027**.
- Project implementation may not exceed 24 months.

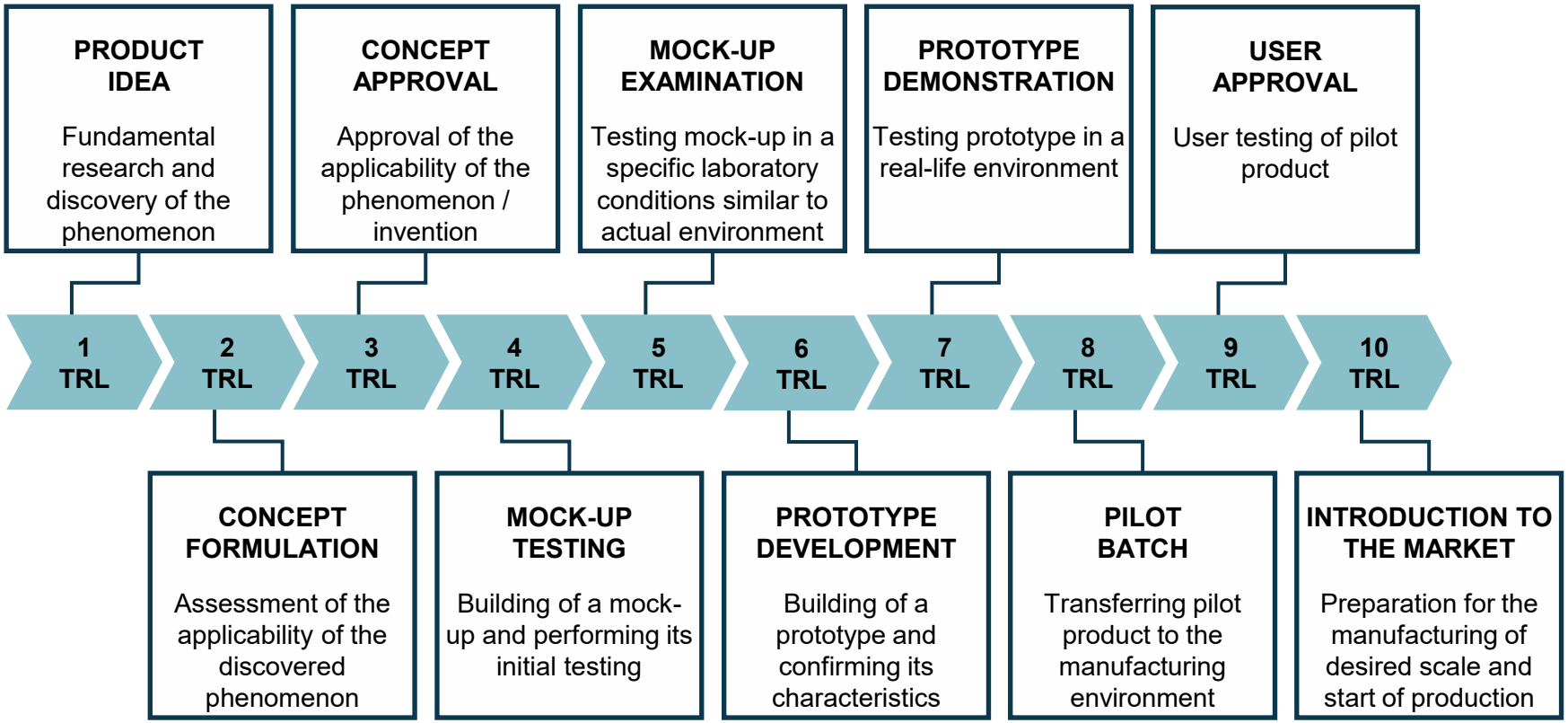
Project selection criteria

- Commercialisation potential of the products developed during the project. A higher score is awarded where the technology readiness level (TRL) of the products is higher before submission and at the end of the project:
  - TRL before the submission: stage 4 (4 points); stage 5 (8 points); stage 6 (12 points); stage 7 (20 points);
  - TRL expected to be reached: stage 6 (12 points), stage 7 (16 points); stages 8 and 9 (20 points).
- Number of research jobs created during the project and maintained for at least 1 year after the end of project funding – up to 25 points (comparative).
- The applicant's experience in carrying out R&D activities. A higher score is awarded to projects whose applicants declared more R&D spending over the last 3 financial years:
  - €60,000 – €80,000: 4 points;
  - €80,000 – €100,000: 8 points;
  - €100,000 – €120,000: 12 points;
  - €120,000 – €140,000: 16 points;
  - More than €140,000: 20 points.
- The applicant's experience participating in international R&D projects in the last 3 years before the submission:
  - has submitted an application to participate: 3 points;
  - is currently participating: 9 points;
  - participated in a completed project: 15 points.

The minimum score required is 40 points.

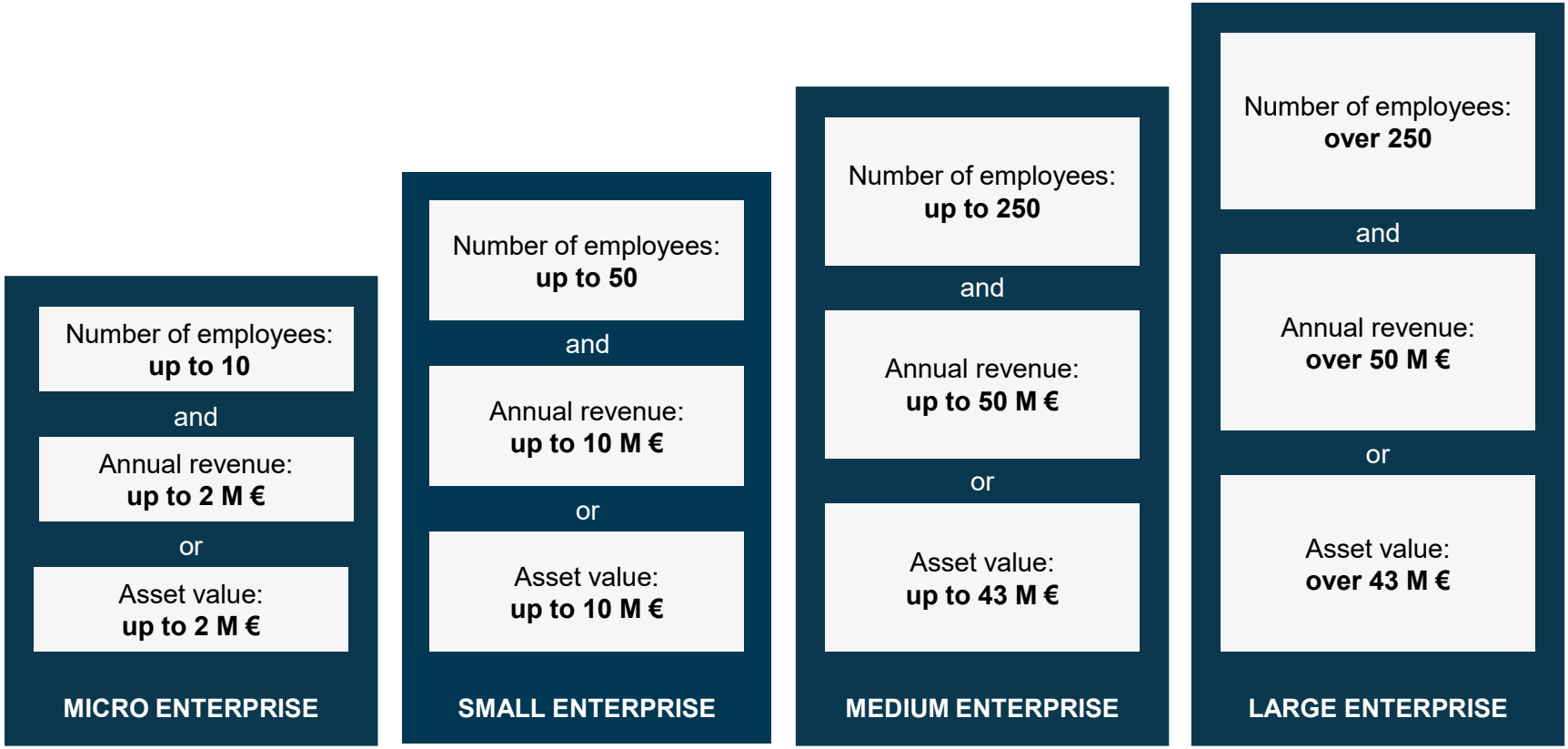
What is a technological readiness level (TRL)

- 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).



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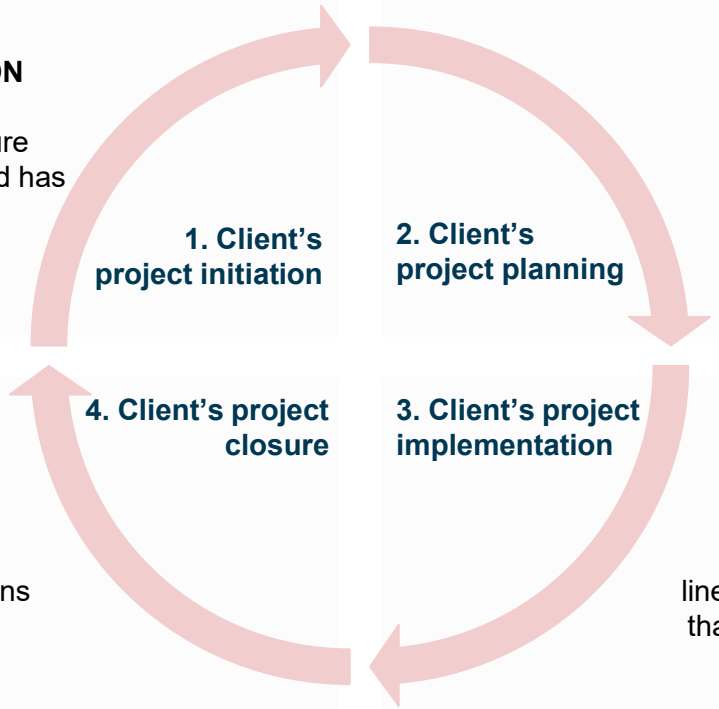
- We assist our Clients in employing EU grants and ensure that the grant would serve Client's need rather than Client serve the bureaucratic requirements of the donor.
- We provide integrated services for employing EU grants – we create value in all stages of Client's project life-cycle from evaluation 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

Some of our Clients



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