

Areas of Intervention

Support for individual Demonstrator projects, based on successfully completed R&D activities and aimed at the industrial validation of knowledge associated with new technologies that can be applied to products, processes and/or systems, in order to demonstrate, to a specialized audience and in a real-life situation, the technical economic advantages of new technological solutions that have not been sufficiently validated from a technological point of view for commercial use and to disseminate the new technology that is intended to be disseminated.

Notes:

- This includes projects in the area of clinical/biomedical research, at more advanced stages of development with Phase I and/or II clinical trials.
- Operations may not include activities classified as Industrial Research which represent an investment cost of more than 25% of the total amount of investment proposed.

Eligible entities

SMEs and Small Mid Cap, of any nature and in any legal form, that meet the eligibility requirements set out in article 14 of Decree-Law no. 20-A/2023 of March 22, which defines the general regime for the application of Portugal 2030 and its Funds, and in article 46 of the Specific Regulation on Innovation and Digital Transition (REITD).

Geographical area covered

Mainland NUTS II regions (North, Center, Lisbon, Alentejo and Algarve).

Note: The location of the project corresponds to the region where the investment is located.

Eligible costs

Under the terms of Article 50 of the REITD, the following costs are eligible:

- a) Costs of the beneficiary's technical staff dedicated to R&D activities, as well as costs of grant holders and workers on assignment or secondment, whose remuneration is borne by the beneficiary, or assignments or secondments regulated by prior agreement, provided that they come from institutions in which the beneficiary has a stake or in which it holds capital;
- **b)** Costs with the acquisition of patents from external sources or licensed by them, at market prices, which result in their effective endogenization by the beneficiary;
- c) Costs of raw materials and consumables;
- **d)** Costs for the acquisition of components necessary for the construction of pilot or experimental and/or demonstration facilities and for the construction of prototypes;

- e) Costs for the acquisition of services from third parties, including technical and scientific assistance and consultancy, as well as costs arising from the use of electronic platforms for open innovation and crowdsourcing, which arise directly from the operation;
- **f)** Costs for the acquisition of instruments, technical-scientific equipment and specific software, which are demonstrably necessary for carrying out the operation;
- **g)** Costs associated with applying for patents, utility models, designs or models, including taxes, fees and other related expenses;
- h) Costs of promoting and disseminating the results of the operation to the end-user sector or target companies, including registration and rental of spaces abroad, excluding current expenses and/or those of a commercial nature;
- i) Travel and accommodation directly attributable to the operation and demonstrably necessary for its implementation, excluding travel for contacts and other commercial purposes;

Note: these will be financed in the form of real or simplified costs, as provided for in each funding program.

- j) Costs of the certification process for the research, development and innovation management system certified in accordance with NP 4457:2021;
- **k)** Expenditure on the intervention of a technical-scientific auditor, where applicable, and on the intervention of a Certified Accountant or Chartered Accountant in validating the expenditure of payment requests;
- I) Indirect costs, when provided for in simplified cost modalities.
- **m)** Costs of adapting buildings and facilities, to the extent that they are used in the operation;
- **n)** Costs of transportation, insurance, assembly and disassembly of equipment and installations specific to the operation;
- o) Costs inherent to actual application in the user sector;
- **p)** Costs of computer models of prototypes with simulation functions, when appropriate to demonstrate the results.

Note: Aid Request Records (RPA no. 01/RPA/2022 to R&D) can be used in any R&D notice where this possibility is foreseen. These RPAs can only be used in a single application.

Maximum co-financing rate (ERDF)

COMPFTF 2030 - 80%

NORTH 2030 - 80%

CENTER 2030 - 80%

LISBON 2030 - 40%

ALENTEJO 2030 - 80%

ALGARVF 2030 - 80%

Base rate:

- Up to 50 % for industrial research;
- Up to 25% for experimental development.

Note: Possibility of increases.

The base rates referred to in the previous paragraph may be increased, up to a maximum intensity of 80%, through the following increases:

- **A.** "Company size": up to 10 p.p. for medium-sized companies or 20 p.p. for micro and small companies;
- **B.** 'Wide Disclosure of Results": up to 15 p.p. to be awarded when the operation fulfils the conditions set out in Article 49(2)(b);
- **C.** 'Location of the operation": up to 15 p.p. to be allocated to operations located in the North, Centre or Alentejo regions and up to 5 p.p. to be allocated to operations located in areas c) of the 2022-2027 regional aid map approved by the European Commission (State Aid No. SA 100752 and No. SA. 106697);

Note: Increases B and C do not apply cumulatively.

Audience:

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