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Business Innovation: AI in SMEs Line

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Intervention Areas

This line aims to support investment projects that demonstrate the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) solutions, specifically those designed to increase SME and employee productivity by optimizing internal processes and enhancing interaction with clients and partners.

This line supports investment projects that demonstrate the integration of artificial intelligence solutions falling under at least one of the following action domains:

a) AI solutions for productivity

– Ready-to-use tools that increase employee productivity.

b) AI solutions applied to business

– Tools that improve interaction with clients and partners or optimize internal processes.

2. Investment Projects in Research and Development

- Industrial research and experimental development projects aimed at developing new products or services
- Creation or expansion of permanent R&D teams within the company

Geographic Area

Mainland Portugal

Beneficiary Entities

SME

Funding Rate

75% Non-Repayable Grant*

Investment amounts

Minimum Investment**

5.000 €

Eligible Expenses

a) **Purchase of equipment** and components strictly necessary for incorporating artificial intelligence solutions into existing processes.

b) **Acquisition of software**, including subscription costs for Software as a Service (SaaS).

c) **Expenses related to hiring up to 2 technicians** or platform managers dedicated to the implementation and operation of the project – hiring costs over a 24-month period, up to €80,000 per job created.

d) **Acquisition of consultancy and/or training services** essential to the integration of AI solutions.

e) **Expenses related to certified accountants** or statutory auditors validating expenditure in payment requests, up to a maximum of €2,500.

f) Other related expenses.

*.*Maximum support limit is €300,000 per company*

***Investment start date must fall between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, considering the date of the first invoice charged to the project.*

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