

PT 2030 – SIIDE 2030

**Business Research and Development (R&D)
Incentive Scheme**

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Intervention Areas

Operations under the “Business R&D” intervention typology are eligible for support, namely industrial research and experimental development activities aimed at the creation of new products, processes, or services, or the introduction of significant improvements to existing products, processes, or services.

The following Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) are eligible:

- Business R&D operations: TRL levels 2 to 8

Geographic Area

Madeira Autonomous Region

Funding Rate

The incentive granted is calculated by applying the following base rates to eligible costs:

- 50% for Industrial Research
- 25% for Experimental Development

Bonus rates

a. Company size bonus

- +10 percentage points for medium-sized companies
- +20 percentage points for micro and small companies

b. +15 percentage points bonus for “Effective Collaboration” and “Dissemination of Results”, when the conditions set out in paragraph b), no. 3, article 13 of SIIDE are met:

- The project is carried out in effective collaboration between companies, of which at least one is an SME, or between at least two Member States, and no single company bears more than 70% of the eligible costs;
- The project is carried out in effective collaboration between a company and one or more SRDITI or ENESII entities, provided these entities bear at least 10% of the eligible costs and retain the right to publish their own research results;

- The project results are widely disseminated through conferences, publication in scientific journals, open-access repositories, or free/public software programs.

c. +5 percentage points bonus for operations focused on the low-carbon economy, resilience, and climate change adaptation.

- The maximum aid intensity, including bonuses, may reach up to 80%.
- For co-promotion projects, non-business SRDITI or ENESII entities may benefit from a funding rate of up to 85%, provided the cooperation does not involve indirect State aid to beneficiary companies.

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Investment

Minimum €50,000 (individual projects)

Minimum €100,000 (co-promotion projects)

Beneficiary Entities

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Large enterprises

The following may also participate as co-promoters:

- Non-business entities from the Regional System for Research, Technology and Innovation Development (SRDITI)
- Non-business entities from the National Research and Innovation System (ENESII)

Elegible Expenses

Project costs will be financed exclusively through the simplified cost methodology, under the unit cost model (unit cost/month per FTE – full-time equivalent).

Regarding the allocation of costs for technical staff, scholarship holders, or employees seconded or assigned under remote work arrangements, only costs incurred within the territorial scope of the Programme, based on the residence of the staff allocated to the project, are considered eligible.

Eligible costs include:

- Technical staff costs dedicated to R&D activities
- Costs related to scholarship holders and employees under secondment or assignment arrangements, where remuneration is borne by the beneficiary
- Raw materials and consumables
- Acquisition of third-party services, including technical, scientific, and consultancy support, as well as costs arising from the use of open innovation and crowdsourcing electronic platforms
- Acquisition of instruments, technical-scientific equipment, and specific software
- Expenses related to the promotion and dissemination of results
- Travel and accommodation abroad directly attributable to the operation
- Costs related to the certification of the research, development, and innovation management system under NP 4457:2021
- Technical-scientific auditor costs
- Costs related to the acquisition of patents from external sources or licensed by them, at market prices, provided they are effectively internalised by the beneficiary
- Statutory auditor/accountant costs in validating payment claims
- Indirect costs

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