



## **“Research – Create – Innovate”**

### Call for proposals supporting Research, Technological Development & Innovation

On 10 March 2017, Greece’s Managing Authority for Research, Technological Development & Innovation Programs (EYDE-ETAK) published a call for proposals under a single program supporting research and innovation in strategic priority sectors of the Greek economy, based on the conclusions of the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization (RIS3). Qualifying beneficiaries may receive cash grants under the program.

The main goal of the program is to coordinate the research and innovation system with entrepreneurship in order to enhance

competitiveness and productivity and encourage enterprises to expand, all of which should increase the domestic added value.

## Intervention areas and sectors

Each proposal must be within one of the following intervention areas:

- I. R&D of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)**
- II. Consortiums of enterprises and research organizations**
- III. Use of research findings**

Each proposal should address one of the priority sectors of economic activity listed in the following table (and further divided in thematic subsectors):

<b>PRIORITY SECTORS - SUBSECTORS</b>
<b>SECTOR 1: MATERIALS - CONSTRUCTION (MULTIFUNCTIONAL &amp; ADVANCED MATERIALS))</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1. Biomaterials/ Bioplants</li><li>1.2. Diagnostics – Therapeutical Biomaterials</li><li>1.3. Materials for nanoelectronics/nanophotonics</li><li>1.4. Materials for operating nanoparticles and nanostructures</li><li>1.5. Materials for flexible substrates</li><li>1.6. Materials for solar cell technology</li><li>1.7. Multifunctional materials – Smart responsive materials for applications in the transport and construction sectors</li><li>1.8. Multifunctional materials for energy applications (energy conversion, storage and saving)</li><li>1.9. Multifunctional, environmentally friendly materials for the protection of construction, monuments and other building applications</li><li>1.10. New materials, improvement of existing materials and new applications in nanostructure coatings</li><li>1.11. Development of methods for laying and processing coatings and surface modification</li><li>1.12. Advanced nanomaterials and nanocomposite materials</li></ol>
<b>SECTOR 2: CULTURE – TOURISM – CULTURAL &amp; CREATIVE INDUSTRIES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.1. Development of innovative products and services, including audiovisual products/services, that help enterprises operating in cultural, tourism and creative industries</li><li>2.2. Development of innovative products and services, including audiovisual products/services, which are designed to enhance end user experience and promote cultural heritage, contemporary culture and tourism products</li><li>2.3. Development of tools and ICT applications that promote synergies of culture, tourism and creative industries with other priority sectors in order to create new value chains</li><li>2.4. Design and development of innovative products, applications, methodologies and services from the creative industry, aiming at the creation of value chains in the culture, tourism and creative industries</li></ol>
<b>SECTOR 3: AGROFOOD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.1. Enhancement and improvement of the special characteristics of Greek products of primary production</li><li>3.2. Sustainable natural resource management</li></ol>

- 3.3. Increase of the productivity of crop and livestock production and processing
- 3.4. Quality improvement of Greek crop and livestock products
- 3.5. Nutrition and health
- 3.6. Food safety
- 3.7. Manufacturing technologies
- 3.8. Application of new technologies in all agricultural production systems

#### **SECTOR 4: ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1. Development of waste management systems (quality control of incoming waste, shredding, separation, solidification, stabilization, mixing, etc. and quality control of recovered materials) before advancement to the next processing stage (recycling, energy recovery, conversion to high added-value products, etc.)
- 4.2. Management of solid urban waste
- 4.3. Management of agro-pastoral waste
- 4.4. Management of toxic and hazardous waste
- 4.5. Tire management
- 4.6. Wastewater management
- 4.7. Pollution prevention/remediation and restoration of soil and groundwater
- 4.8. Air pollution
- 4.9. Protection of biodiversity in areas of interest to the tourism and agri-food sectors
- 4.10. Mitigation and adaptation to climate change and natural disasters.
- 4.11. Creation of centers of excellence for monitoring and measuring the environmental impact, eco systemic approach for sustainable development - environmental indicators / studies

#### **SECTOR 5: LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTH – MEDICINE**

- 5.1. Development of super-generic products and optimization of existing products via the development of new pharma techniques, alternative or new medicine administration, improved formatting and new content
- 5.2. Development of combinations of known medicines and pharmaceutical forms or/and special appliances that will successfully administer known medicines, when combined
- 5.3. Repositioning/retargeting of known pharma molecules towards therapies or/and new populations (chronic diseases, pediatric and geriatric populations, etc.)
- 5.4. Exploitation of Greek biodiversity, pharmaceutical products, functional food and cosmetics
- 5.5. E-health: Services and systems for patients/citizens and health professionals
- 5.6. Development of human disease models in animals, as well as systems for clinical trials of medicines
- 5.7. Development and testing of new therapeutic tools and bio-indicators for the development of customized and focused therapies

#### **SECTOR 6: TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS**

- 6.1. Strengthening of the freight transport and supply chain system to increase added value and competitiveness
- 6.2. Development of smart infrastructure and transport systems
- 6.3. Sustainability in transport
- 6.4. Strengthening of the inter-modality and autonomy in urban transport of passengers and goods
- 6.5. Enhancement of accessibility and territorial cohesion of Greece

#### **SECTOR 7: ENERGY**

- 7.1. Energy efficiency
- 7.2. Production of energy from RES
- 7.3. Energy combined with the agricultural sector and the environment
- 7.4. Storage of energy
- 7.5. Hydrogen technologies
- 7.6. Smart grid technologies
- 7.7. Fossil fuels – Reduction of effects

#### **SECTOR 8: INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES**

- 8.1. Content and information management technologies
- 8.2. Future internet
- 8.3. ICT horizontal activities
- 8.4. Robotics
- 8.5. Factories of the future
- 8.6. Components and systems

## Main Features

What is the budget range for an eligible proposal?

The call does not set a minimum budget requirement. The maximum budget will depend on the intervention area and the size of the consortium, as follows:

Intervention area	Beneficiaries	Minimum number of enterprises	Maximum budget
I. R&D of SMEs	One SME or group of independent SMEs	1	1 SME – EUR 200,000
			2 SMEs – EUR 350,000
			3 SMEs – EUR 450,000
			4+ SMEs – EUR 500,000
II. Consortia of enterprises and research organizations	Consortia of 2-4	1	EUR 1 million
	Consortia of 5+	2	
III. Use of research findings	Any single private enterprise	1	EUR 2 million

What is the eligible expenditure?

The categories of eligible expenditure are as follows:

<b>1</b>	<b>Personnel costs</b> Costs for permanent staff or project-based contract staff (researchers, technicians), up to a maximum aided gross cost per working month of EUR 3,000
<b>2</b>	<b>Costs of instruments, equipment and software</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Costs of buildings and land (amortization costs during the project period)</b>
<b>4</b>	Costs for <b>contractual research, patents and advisory services</b>
<b>5</b>	Additional <b>overhead</b> and other <b>operating expenses</b> (travel expenses, publicity expenses, consumables, auditor costs, adjustments for the disabled, etc.)
<b>6</b>	<b>Feasibility study costs</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Innovation costs for SMEs</b> (costs for obtaining, validating and defending patents, costs for the secondment of highly qualified personnel, costs for innovation advisory and support services)
<b>8</b>	Costs incurred (by SMEs) for <b>participation in fairs or exhibitions</b>

Additional **indirect operating costs** are taken into account for research organizations, which will be calculated at **15% of the direct personnel costs**.

Who are the eligible beneficiaries?

Eligible beneficiaries consist of:

- a) **Existing enterprises**, irrespective of their size and date of establishment.

- b) **Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations** (universities or research institutions, technology transfer agencies, innovation intermediaries, research-oriented physical or virtual collaborative entities, irrespective of legal status or method of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development or to widely disseminate the results of such activities by way of teaching, publication or knowledge transfer.

### What is the amount of the grant?

**Research organizations** will receive cash grants equal to 100% of their eligible expenditure.

**Private enterprises** will receive cash grants depending on the intervention area, type of project and size of the recipient, as follows:

Type of expenditure	Project content	Aid to large enterprises	Aid to medium-sized enterprises	Aid to small enterprises
R&D projects	Basic research	100%	100%	100%
	Industrial research	50%	60%	70%
	Conditional industrial research	65%	75%	80%
	Experimental development	25%	35%	45%
	Conditional experimental development	40%	50%	60%
	Feasibility study	50%	60%	70%
Innovation for SMEs*		0%	50%	50%
SME participation in fairs		0%	50%	50%

### How are proposals submitted?

Proposals must be submitted electronically via the **Information System for Regional Aid**, either by the assigned coordinating entity (in case of consortium) or responsible scientific director. No physical documentation is required at this stage.

### How will proposals be evaluated?

Proposals will be **comparatively** evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and technological quality of the proposal (excellence);
- Experience, quality and capability of the beneficiaries in implementing the project (implementation); and
- Potential benefits from the proposed project (impact).

## What is the duration of each project?

Each project is expected to last no longer than **36 months**.

## Πώς How will grants be provided?

- 1) **Advance payment** to the beneficiary, up to a maximum of **40%** of the grant, provided the beneficiary submits an equivalent letter of guarantee from a financial institution
- 2) **Mid-term payment**
- 3) **Final payment**

**For research organizations**, grants will be provided as advance payments. The sum of all mid-term payments and the advance payment may not exceed **85%** of the total grant approved for each beneficiary.

## What is the total budget of the program?

The total public funding for the program is **EUR 280 million**, structured as follows:

### A) Budget per priority sector:

<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITY SECTOR</b>	<b>PUBLIC FUNDING (EUR)</b>
Materials - Construction	22 million
Culture - Tourism - Cultural & Creative Industries	16 million
Agrofood	46 million
Environment and Sustainable Development	40 million
Life Sciences & Health - Pharma	51 million
Transport and Logistics	12 million
Energy	31 million
ICT	52 million
Emerging Technologies	10 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280 million</b>

### B) Budget per Administrative Region:

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS</b>	<b>PUBLIC FUNDING (EUR)</b>
<b>Less developed regions:</b> ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA AND THRAKI (EL11), KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA (EL12), IPEIROS (EL21), THESSALIA (EL14), DYTIKI ELLADA (EL23)	151,200,000
<b>Transition regions:</b> DYTIKI MAKEDONIA (EL53), IONIA NISIA (EL22), PELOPONNISOS (EL25), VORIO AIGAIO (EL41), KRITI (EL43)	42 million
<b>More developed regions:</b> ATTIKI (EL30)	72 million
<b>Transition regions:</b> STEREA ELLADA (EL24)	7 million
<b>More developed regions:</b> NOTIO AIGAIO (EL42)	7 million

**TOTAL****280 million**

## C) Budget per submission round:

<b>Indicative Public funding (EUR)</b>				
	<b>Round A</b>	<b>Round B</b>	<b>Round C</b>	<b>Total</b>
Indicative closing date for submission	<b>May 2017</b>	<b>April 2018</b>	<b>April 2019</b>	
<b>Intervention Area I</b>	25 million	17 million	14 million	<b>56 million</b>
<b>Intervention Area II</b>	90 million	60 million	50 million	<b>200 million</b>
<b>Intervention Area III</b>	11 million	7 million	6 million	<b>24 million</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>126 million</b>	<b>84 million</b>	<b>70 million</b>	<b>280 million</b>

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