

## Industrial research and development works carried out by enterprises Fast Track

In May the National Centre for Research and Development will launch the largest aid programme for innovators in the history. Small and medium sized enterprises planning to start R&D works leading to commercialization will be able to apply for funds distributed within the so-called „Fast track” programme. The call for proposals, with a budget of PLN **1.6 billion**, will be conducted on an ongoing basis, and projects will be evaluated monthly.

A two-step assessment procedure will consist of formal evaluation and substantive assessment of scientific

and economic aspects of the project and a presentation of the project in front of panel of experts. By application of simplified procedures, grant decision will be adopted in just two months.

One of the conditions for successful application is to submit a project falling in one of the funding priorities in the area of R&D&I, the so called “National smart specializations”.

Call for large enterprises is expected in October 2015.



<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	SME
<b>ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>	Remuneration, costs of outsourcing ( <b>up to 50%</b> ), R&D infrastructure and equipment (depreciation and lease), intangible assets, land and buildings, other operational costs, indirect costs ( <b>up to 17%</b> )
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Support for projects that include industrial research and/or development works
<b>ALLOCATION</b>	<b>PLN 1 600 million</b> (including <b>PLN 140 million</b> for the Mazovia voivodship)
<b>MINIMUM ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>	<b>PLN 2 million</b>
<b>MAXIMUM LEVEL OF SUPPORT</b>	<b>EUR 20 million</b> – if industrial research is more than half of eligible costs; <b>EUR 15 million</b> – if development works are more than half of eligible costs; Overall eligible costs may not exceed <b>EUR 50 million</b> .

- REQUIREMENTS**
- Project falls within the National Smart Specializations
  - Project concerns product or process innovation
  - The planned R&D works are relevant and necessary to achieve the objective of the project and the risks associated with them have been defined
  - The research team and technical resources of the applicant shall ensure proper implementation of R&D works planned during the project
  - Intellectual property is not a barrier for the implementation of the project results
  - The management allows a proper implementation of the project

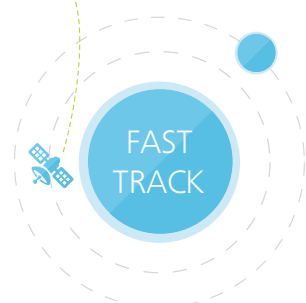
- KEY SUCCESS CRITERIA**
- The novelty of the project results
  - Demonstrated demand for the results of the project
  - Profitability of the implementation
  - Implementation, e.g. production process, is planned in Poland

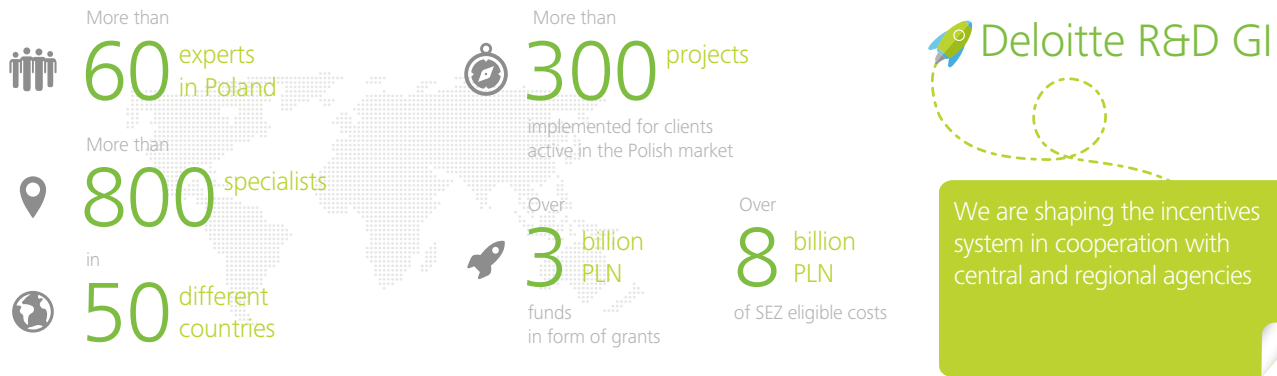
**TYPE OF CALL** Ongoing (until **31 December 2015**)

**CALL OPENING** 4 May 2015

SUPPORT LEVEL	Enterprise	Level of funding	
		Level of funding	Maximum level of funding <sup>1</sup>
Industrial research	Micro/Small	70%	80%
	Medium	60%	75%
Development works	Micro/Small	45%	60%
	Medium	35%	50%

1. Additional percentage points in case of wide dissemination of R&D results (scientific and technology conferences, publications in journals, databases available via open or common software).





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