Entrepreneurs seeking financing for their actions targeted at development of innovative products and services as well as their introduction to the market, will have the opportunity to obtain the support of up to 70% of eligible costs under Fast Track to Innovation (FTI) which is one of the Horizon 2020 instruments. Funding is dedicated to projects involving development tasks ranging from test and demonstration phases to implementation, including costs of pilot activities, prototyping, system validating and business models, development of norms and standards as well as testing solutions in real-world conditions.

Fast Track to Innovation aims at supporting introduction of new product solutions and services included in a wide catalogue of thematic areas of Horizon 2020 programme and determined under the priorities: Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies and Societal Challenges.

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## I. Who can apply?

**Consortia consisting of 3 - 5 entities** from different EU Member States or associated countries that meet at least one of the following conditions:
- there are at least two enterprises in a consortium of up to four partners, or three enterprises in a consortium of five partners
- at least 60% of the co-financing is allocated to the enterprises within the consortium.

## II. Types of projects and level of funding

Support is provided under Innovation Actions, which include prototyping, testing, demonstration, carrying out pilot projects and product validation on a large scale. The level of support accounts for up to 70% of eligible costs, which may include direct and indirect costs of conducting development works, including the remuneration of the people involved in the project, costs of equipment and materials, management costs, subcontracting costs, as well as costs of certification and dissemination of project results. Proposed projects must include solutions that represent at least 6th level of technological readiness for implementation (in accordance with the TRL methodology).

The maximum EU contribution is EUR 3 million.

## III. Challenge description

Funding can be granted for projects which belong to one of the following thematic areas:
- **Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies**: ICT, nanotechnology, advanced manufacturing and processing, advanced materials, biotechnology and aerospace
- **Societal Challenges**: health, agriculture, marine economy and bio-economy, energy, transportation, climate and environment protection, resource efficiency and raw materials as well as social issues and the safety of citizens

## IV. Dates in 2015

The planned call for proposals will last from **06.01.2015** to **01.12.2015**

Proposals will be ranked following three cut-off dates:
- 29.04.2015
- 01.09.2015
- 01.12.2015

Entities will be able to sign a grant agreement no later than 6 months after the cut-off date.
How can we support you?

We identify possibilities of financial support

- We recognize funding potential of business development costs and indicate new sources of support
- We select aid instruments in a form that best suits your needs: subsidies, tax reliefs and incentives, preferential loans
- We co-create regulations and give recommendations concerning the public aid system in Poland. Therefore, we possess the most updated and complete information on investment financing and ongoing business.

We show opportunities

- New funding sources
- Tax optimization
- Fresh view on eligibility of experimental development costs

We bring out your potential

- Ongoing costs might be eligible
- Potential for innovative activity

Our team means:

More than 300 projects implemented for clients active in the Polish market

More than 60 experts in Poland

Nearly PLN 6 billion funds in form of grants and zonal tax exemptions

More than 800 specialists

In 50 different countries

We create competitive advantages

- Maximization of funding opportunities in 2014-2020
- Management of the innovative activity in order to increase company’s revenue
- Increase of the company’s value by means of an appropriate system of intellectual property protection
- Reduction of company’s development costs through use of the existing potential

We cooperate with: MoID, MoE, MoS&HE, PAED, NCRD, PAIGFI as well as with regional institutions.
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