



Grants & Incentives program updates

The latest legislative developments from around the world

This update provides a summary of the latest developments affecting Grants & Incentives and Research & Development programs. For more information, please contact the local partner of the respective program directly.

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Angola

New Import and Export Custom Tariff duties exemptions

Angola has a new Angolan Import and Export Customs Tariff duty. This came into force on 1 March 2014 and means that products imported or final exports may benefit from certain customs benefits. These benefits may take the form of exemptions from customs duties and consumption tax for specific products (detailed in the diploma) imported under private investment projects. These must be approved by the Angolan Agency for Private Investment (ANIP) and have an investment amount between US\$1 million and US\$50 million. Private investment projects with an investment amount of US\$50 million or above may benefit from customs incentives within the contractual regime (regulated by the Angolan Private Investment Law), to be granted according to the terms, conditions and procedures to be agreed between the investor and Angolan Government.

Scheme budget	N/A
Type of incentive	Custom duties and Consumption Tax exemptions
Deadline	N/A
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EU - The Netherlands

The 2014 Call of Ambient Assisted Living (AAL)

The 2014 Call Challenge of the AAL Program aims at funding the development and testing of ICT-based solutions in real life situations which enable and support sustainable care models for older adults. Applicants should consider:

- How ICT-based solutions reconcile increased demand with limited resources;

- How ICT-based solutions increase and facilitate the supply of formal and information care for older adults;
- How ICT-based solutions reduce the demand for care through prevention and self-management;
- How ICT-based solutions can support the shift towards better care at home and in the community.

Every country has its own distinctive challenges, but all countries have in common the responsibility to innovate and reform to ensure that their care systems are sustainable for an ageing society.

Scheme budget	n/a – schemes are according to the EU (approximately €55 million) and the local funding organization (e.g.: the Netherlands: approximately €1.9 million)
Type of incentive	Grants
Deadline	Proposal submission deadline end of June 2014
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Germany - Healthcare

Care innovation for people suffering from dementia (human-technology-interaction)

The funding program is part of the national research strategy Pflegeinnovation 2020 and supports R&D in the area of “human-technology-interaction for demographic change”. Activities by organizations based in Germany that focus on the following R&D topics are eligible for funding:

- Increasing quality of living for people suffering from dementia (mobility, human interaction, security at home)
- Support for relatives and nursing staff (access to information and networks, (technical) relief for

physical care)

Scheme budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall budget not published• For companies up to 50% of eligible costs• For universities and research institutions, up to 100% of the eligible costs
Type of incentive	Non-repayable cash grant to a consortium
Deadline	Hand in of project sketch (project sketch): 18 September 2014
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Germany - Healthcare

Individual medical technology

The goal of the funding opportunity is the development of new medical technology that provides additional value through individualization in the following fields of research (no focus on a special disease):

- Diagnosis (prevention, acute)
- Therapy (planning, implementation)
- Aftercare (permanent injury, secondary diseases)

Scheme budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall budget not published• For companies up to 50% of the eligible costs• For universities and research institutions, up to 100% of the eligible costs
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Type of incentive	Non-repayable cash grant to a consortium
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Italy

Energy efficiency loans for companies operating in Southern Italy

Companies in Calabria, Campania, Puglia and Sicilia Regions can claim an interest free loan for CAPEX targeted to achieve energy efficiency goals. The eligible investments must have a range of expenses between €30,000 and €3 million. The subsidized loan is granted at up to 75% of the eligible expenses.

Scheme budget	€100 million
Type of incentive	Subsidized loans
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United Kingdom—Collaborative Research and Development

Making remote working secure, resilient and reliable

The Technology Strategy Board is to invest up to £3.5m in collaborative R&D that can help businesses establish secure, resilient and reliable connections with staff that need to work remotely.

Grants are available for novel proposals that address the challenge of integrating different technologies to make remote working easier and more cost-effective while sharing data securely with employees operating in the field.

Projects should address at least two of the following three challenges:

- Increasing the resilience of remote services (e.g. ensuring data integrity);
- Providing identity assurance (e.g. identification of those you are transacting with); or
- Improving interoperability (e.g. ability to use devices from more than one manufacturer or operating system).

Projects should last between 12 and 24 months.

Scheme budget	£3.5 million Funding will support business-led collaborative R&D (industrial research), with a business partner attracting 50% public funding for their project costs (60% for SMEs). Typical collaborative R&D project costs are expected to range in size from total costs of £150k to £750k, although projects outside this range will be considered.
Type of incentive	Cash grant
Deadline	Competition deadline 7 May 2014; Registration deadline 30 April 2014
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