

# Creation or extension of research and development centres (R&D centres) – grants for entrepreneurs

*Initial information about call for proposals within Measure 2.1 OP SG „Support for investments in R&D infrastructure of enterprises”*

Support will be given for creation or extension of research and development centers of enterprises (R&D centres). Such R&D centres may provide R&D services to any entity – within the same capital group or for external entities, in Poland and in the whole world. There are no limitations in this regard.

## **Institution**

Ministry of Development (MR)

## **Website**

[www.mr.gov.pl](http://www.mr.gov.pl)

## **Call for proposals**

1.09-31.10.2016

## **Types of projects**

Creation and development of R&D infrastructure of enterprises-**investments in the necessary infrastructure** for creation of innovative products and services

**R&D centres of enterprises**

## **Funding for a project**

**Minimum value:** PLN 2 m of the eligible costs

**Maximum value:** EUR 50 m of the eligible costs

## **Beneficiaries**

Independent enterprises (without consortia)

## **Budget**

PLN 460 m

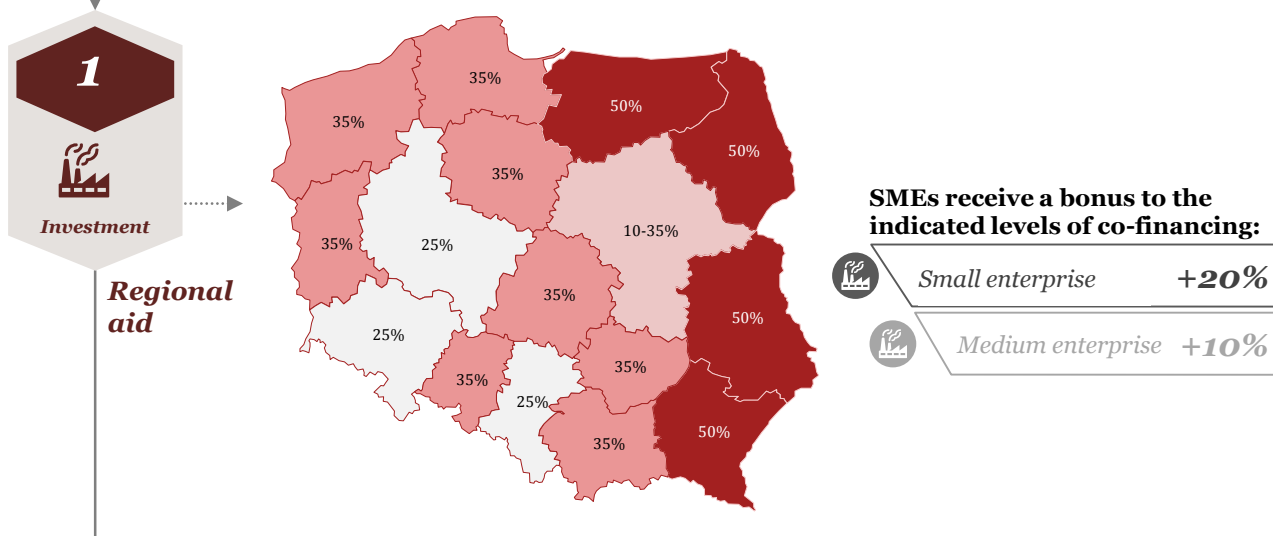
## **The key facts about the upcoming call for proposals**

- A project needs to comply with the **National Smart Specialization (NSS)**.
- A **research agenda** needs to be presented. It will be assessed in terms of innovation, complementarity, plan of R&D works and R&D results.
- Large enterprises need to cooperate with small and medium enterprises, research institutions or NGOs.
- In Mazowieckie Voivodeship, large enterprises will be granted with support if the project comprises an initial investment for a new business activity.

## Levels of co-financing

An entrepreneur will be able to obtain a grant for the investment component, as well as for conducting R&D works. In case of an investment component, R&D center location will determine the level of co-financing, according to the regional aid map.

### New map of the regional aid – from July 2014



## Eligible investment costs

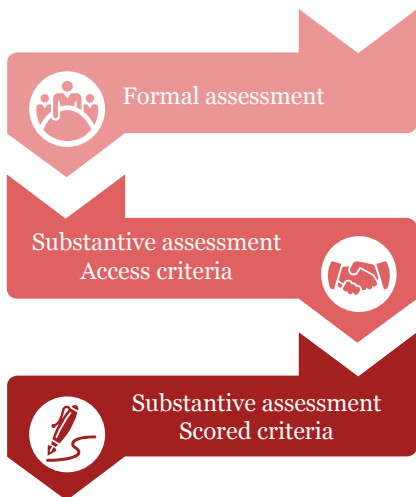
- 1 **PURCHASE COST** of **LAND**, built or unbuilt (including the right of perpetual usufruct)
- 2 Payment costs of **LAND LEASING INSTALLMENTS** incurred until the end of the project, up to their initial value as for the day of the conclusion of a leasing agreement (agreement for at least 3 (SME) or 5 (large entrepreneur) years starting from the end of the project)
- 3 **PURCHASE** or **MANUFACTURING COST OF FIXED ASSETS**, including costs of installation and launch
- 4 **COST OF BUILDING WORKS AND BUILDING MATERIALS**
- 5 **PURCHASE COST OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS** in form of patents, licenses, know-how and other intellectual property rights
- 6 Payment cost of **INSTALLMENTS OF THE INITIAL VALUE OF FIXED ASSETS** incurred by the beneficiary on the basis of a **FINANCE LEASING AGREEMENT**

Max. **10%**  
of the  
eligible  
costs

**2**  
Development works  
Aid for development works

<i>Experimental development works</i>	
<i>Size of an enterprise</i>	<i>Level of co-financing</i>
Small enterprise	45%
Medium enterprise	35%
Large enterprise	25%

## Project selection criteria



- Formal assessment concerns mainly correctness, completeness, timeliness of submitting the documentation.
- The subject of the project does not refer to excluded activities.
- The project starts after submitting an application.

### Basic access criteria (Yes/No)

- Project complies with the National Smart Specialization (NSS).
- Applicant has the potential to conduct R&D works.
- In case of large enterprises - a cooperation with SMEs, NGOs or research institutions.
- Research agenda for the period of the project's duration.
- Preparation for the investment's implementation (approvals, licenses, concessions, ownership rights).
- Viability and financial sustainability of the project.

Criteria	Points	
Cooperation with Polish and international research institutions – documented as of the day of application submission	0 or 3 or 5	
Share of R&D expenditures in the total investment expenditures	0-6	
Estimated number of new workplaces for R&D employees with higher education, adequate to the subject of R&D works, including partner- and other related entities	0 or 1 or 3 or 5	
Applicant meets the criteria of a SME	0 or 5	
Applicant is a member of the National Key Cluster	0 or 2	
Priority in case of the same number of points on the ranking list	Absolute value of R&D expenditures during the durability period of a project [PLN]	N/A
	Higher than required share of own financial sources in the eligible costs[%]	N/A
	Unemployment level in the area where an investment is located [%]	N/A



**The maximum number of points to be scored is 23. A project needs to score at least 12 points in order to receive a grant.**

### Similar and complementary competitions:

1. Regional Operational Programmes – depending on a programme, there might be a funding opportunity for R&D centers in the regions,
2. Fast Track – NCRD – realization of R&D works,
3. Demonstrator – NCRD – R&D works in terms of demonstration and pilot lines,
4. Sector programmes – NCRD – realization of R&D works, specific issues in selected areas.



## ***How we can help:***

**Free of charge** initial analysis of a project in terms of eligibility criteria and chances for receiving a grant.

**Advisory** services at the stage of applying for a grant:

- Preparation of application documents,
- Support during the project assessment,
- Advisory services in terms of a project and grant settlement, including: training courses, preparation/verification of settlement documents, preparation for an external audit of a project execution.



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