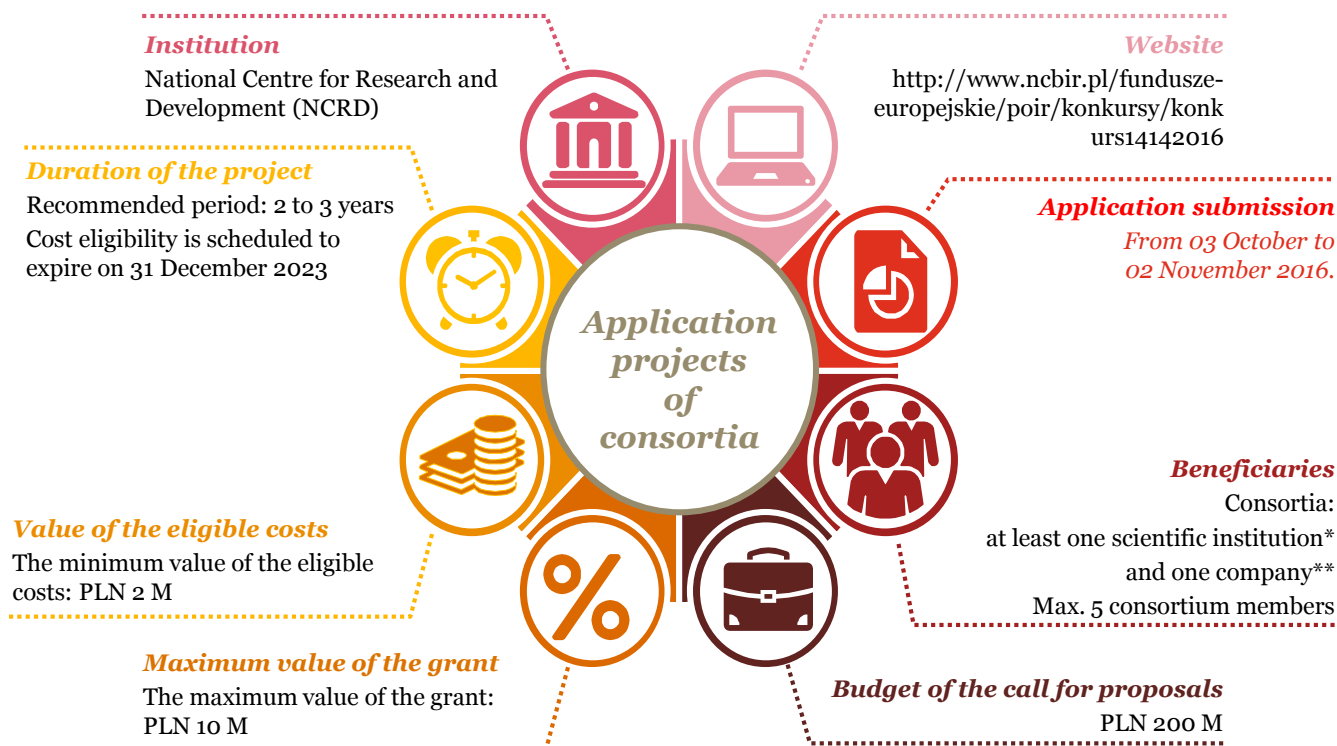


Application projects – grants for consortia conducting R&D projects

Information about the call for proposals within the framework of Sub-Measure 4.1.4 OP SG „Application projects”

On 24.08.2016 has been announced the call for proposals within the framework of Sub-Measure „Application projects” (Sub-Measure 4.1.4 Operational Programme Smart Growth). Support will be allocated to **projects conducted by scientific-industrial consortia**. Projects will need to include industrial research and experimental development works on products or processes of **ground-breaking innovation on a worldwide scale**.



Details regarding partners of the consortium

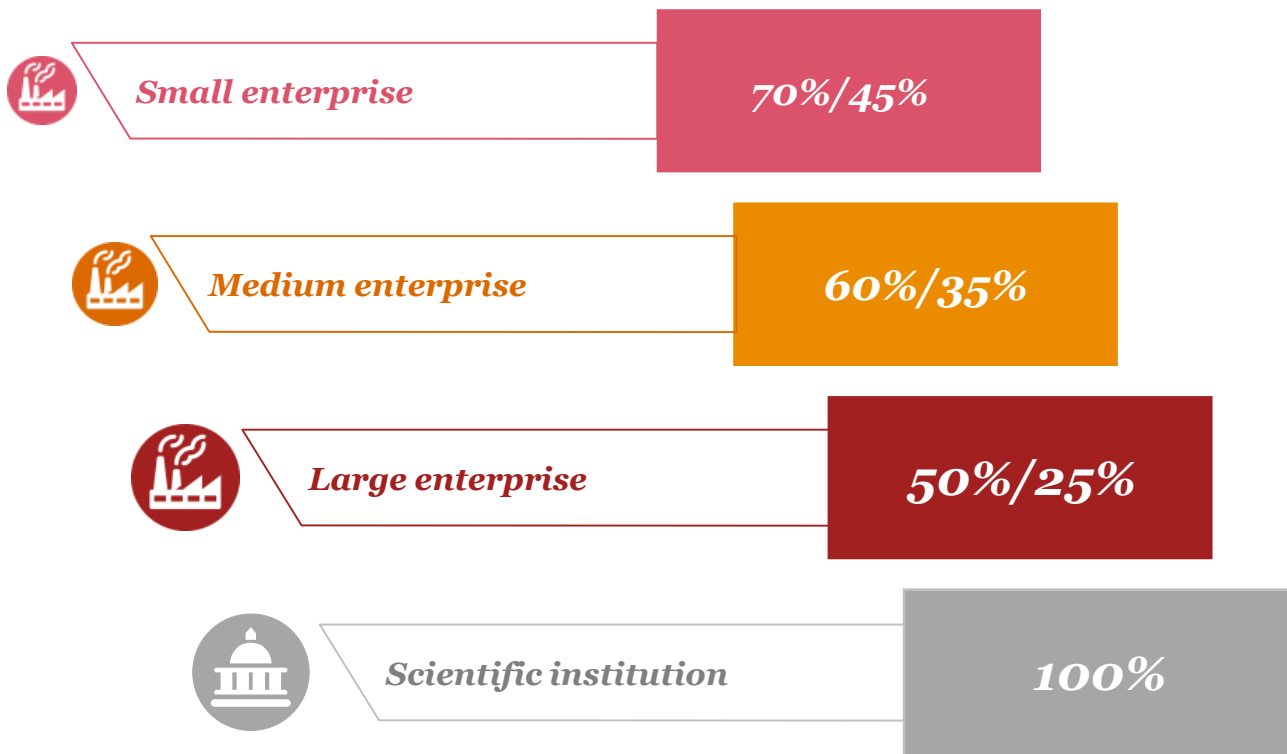
- A project needs to be **conducted by a consortium** that may include:
 - **at least one scientific institution***,
 - **at least one company****.
- A consortium can be **led by a scientific institution or an company**.
- A consortium **cannot include more than 5 members**. However, the number of companies included in a consortium cannot be lower than the half of the total number of consortium members.
- During the project realization **only the company may subcontract part of R&D works included in the project**.
- A foreign entrepreneur included in a consortium does not receive a grant within the framework of a project.



* Within the meaning of a *research and knowledge-dissemination organisation*, as defined in Art. 2 point 83 of the Regulation (EC) No. 651/2014 (However, it cannot be an entity whose only aim is to disseminate R&D results on a large scale by the way of teaching, publications and knowledge transfer).

Levels of funding

Industrial research/Development works



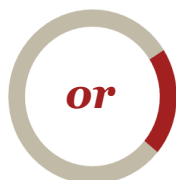
Bonus allocation conditions for enterprises

After adding up a bonus, the maximum value of a grant cannot amount to more than 80% of the eligible costs

Wide dissemination of project results

Within 3 years after the completion of a project, its results:

- will be presented during **at least 3 scientific and technical conferences**, including at least one of the national rank, or
- will be published in **at least 2 scientific or technical journals** included in the list draw up by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, or
- will be fully distributed through **open software** or **open access license**.



The project involves effective collaboration:

- between undertakings among **which at least one is an SME**, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and **no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs**,
- or
- between an undertaking and **one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations**, where the latter bear **at least 10 % of the eligible costs** and have the right to publish their own research results;

Project selection criteria

Formal assessment

- Correctness, completeness, timeliness of submitting documents
- A project is realized by a **consortium** including entities that are not excluded from applying for grants
- A project is realized in Poland
- The schedule of a project does not exceed the deadline of the cost eligibility (31 December 2023)
- A project has a **positive impact on the realization of the principle of sustainable development**
- A project complies with the policy of equality between men and women
- The subject of a project **does not refer to activities excluded from grant allocation** within the framework of OP SG
- A project will be commenced after the submission of a grant application

Substantive assessment – Access criteria (Yes/No)

- A project includes **industrial research and development works or development works only**
- The subject of a project complies with the **National Smart Specialization**
- A project refers to **product or process innovation**
- **Intellectual property** issues do not hinder an implementation of project results
- Planned project results will be **new on a worldwide scale**
- Planned projects results will be of **ground-breaking innovation**
- **Management staff** and **project management methods** guarantee a proper project realization

GROUND-BREAKING INNOVATION ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE

- Innovation needs to be new on a worldwide scale – if an enterprise is the first to introduce a certain innovation on all markets and sectors, both nationwide and worldwide,
- Project results are of ground-breaking innovation – if they have significant leverage on the market and business activities of companies operating on the market. The notion of „ground-breaking innovation” refers to the effect of an innovation (change of market structure, creation of new markets or when products available on the market become outdated) and not to an aspect of innovation.

Substantive assessment – Scored criteria

	Points	Min. number of points
Planned R&D works are appropriate and necessary to achieve a goal and a subject of project, the risks related to them have been identified	0 – 5	3
Research team and technical resources guarantee a proper execution of planned R&D works	0 – 5	3
Market demand for project results	0 – 5	3
Profitability of an implementation	0 – 5	3
Implementation of project results is planned in Poland	0 or 3	0
The project has transregional nature	0 or 1	0

A recommendation for grant allocation will be given to projects that have scored at least 12 points in total (at least 3 points in each criterion excluding the last two criterion).

Similar and complementary competitions:



1. Fast Track for SMEs (grants for R&D projects),
2. Fast Track for SMEs in low developed regions (grants for R&D projects),
3. Fast Track for large enterprises (grants for R&D projects),
4. Demonstrator – support for pilot plants and demonstration ,
5. Support for R&D infrastructure in enterprises (enterprises Research and Development Centres).

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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