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# Exploring Research

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## Exploring Research Grant

### **Support for conducting feasibility studies**

- in relation to Research and Development activities which have a viable business concept

# Introduction

## **Support aimed at helping beneficiaries to:**

- review the current scientific or technical knowledge in the area of research;
- conduct searches to identify research partners, existing Intellectual Property and knowledge that could support the R&D activity;
- establish the resources required, risks and potential return on investment of the envisaged R&D project.

# Supported Projects

- Feasibility Study shall be carried out in preparation of industrial research and experimental development activities which would lead to growth in terms of business activity, employment and knowledge
- The project should result in a report highlighting the activities carried out and a project plan that forms the basis of an R&D project)
- Supported projects must be implemented within 52 weeks

## Eligible Applicants

- Registered Partnerships (MBR)
- Registered Limited Liability Companies
- Cooperatives

# Exclusions

- The incentive is not applicable to activities excluded by the GBER.
- Undertakings in Difficulty
- Research and knowledge dissemination organisations
- Public Entities
- Undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order
- Undertakings having Tax, VAT, SS payment dues

# Maximum Support

## Support

Malta Enterprise may support the implementation of a feasibility study with a cash grant of up to one hundred thousand euro (€100,000) which shall be capped at:

**Large Undertaking**

50% of Eligible Costs

**Medium Undertaking**

60% of Eligible Costs

**Small Undertaking**

70% of Eligible Costs

# Eligible Costs

- **Wages of researchers, technicians and other support staff:** based on time directly employed on the project (capped at Euro80,000 per annum)
- **Contractual research, technical knowledge and patents** *bought or licensed* from **outside sources at arm's length conditions**
- **Other operating expenses** – such as materials, supplies, tools and equipment required for the project



# How to Apply

**Applications** together with the **required documentation** are to be submitted through the **client portal** and should reach the corporation by **30th October 2026**

- if a full application has been submitted, **prior to issuing a final decision**, the Corporation may provide formal consent to Applicants to start the project 'at their own risk'
- Starting the project without the approval of the Corporation shall render the application as ineligible.

# Applying for Support

## **The Submission shall include:**

- a. the application form
- b. the CVs of the persons involved in the project
- c. quotations and agreements
- d. financial statements
- e. tax compliance certificate
- f. a business plan (if the undertaking has been established for less than 5 years or employs less than 5 FT employees)



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**Thank You**

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