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# Innovate

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## Innovate: Innovation Aid for SMEs

### **Support for small and medium sized enterprises**

- to improve their innovation performance through access to Highly Qualified Personnel and collaborations with Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations.

# Introduction

## **Support aimed at:**

- Accelerating innovation, enhancing business performance and driving competitive advantage.
- Helping SMEs to carry out projects leading to product, process and organisational innovation
- Fostering collaboration between businesses and a Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisation, through innovation advisory services and innovation support services.

# Supported Projects

- Supported project may receive funding of up to Eur250,000 per project, covering 50% of eligible costs.
- Scheme is available till 31st December 2026. Any aid must be approved prior to the date.

# Eligible Projects

- The scheme supports **collaborations** between **businesses** and **Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations**.
- This measure supports innovation actions that are expected to lead to the **creation, development and implementation of a new product, process or service, with the aim of improving efficiency, effectiveness or competitive advantage and/or the development of more sustainable products and services**.

# Eligible Costs

## **Secondment of highly qualified personnel from a Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation**

- The costs of highly qualified personnel seconded from a Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation, engaged on research, development and innovation projects in a newly created function within the beneficiary and not replacing other personnel.
- The secondment can be on full-time or part-time basis.
- Support up to fifty percent (50%) capped at (€2,500) per month.

# Eligible Costs

## **Innovation Advisory Services**

- Costs incurred for consultancy, assistance or training in the fields of knowledge transfer, acquisition, protection or exploitation of intangible assets or the use of standards and regulations embedding them, as well as knowledge on the introduction or use of innovative technologies and solutions (including digital technologies and solutions).
- Innovation Advisory services may be provided by Highly Qualified Personnel or Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations.
- Support up to fifty percent (50%)

# Eligible Costs

## **Innovation Support Services**

- Costs related to the provision of data banks, cloud and data storage services, libraries, market research, laboratories, quality labelling, testing, experimentation and certification or other related services.
- Eligible costs need to be linked to the objectives of a secondment of a Highly Qualified person or have been recommended through Innovation Advisory Services provided by a Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation.
- Support up to fifty percent (50%)



# 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.

# Evaluation

## **The evaluation will take into consideration**

- the relevance of the innovation actions to the development and/or improvement of products and/or services of the applicant;
- the expected growth in business activity and employment to result from the planned innovation actions;
- the improved environmental sustainability targets of the planned innovation actions.

# After Project Approval

- Supported projects must commence within 12 months from date the funding is approved and be implemented within 36 months
- Beneficiaries will be required to submit at least one annual report and a final report at the end of the secondment detailing the work carried out and achievements.
- Any modification to an approved project must be notified to Malta Enterprise and formal consent needs to be received, prior to being applied



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**Thank You**

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