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Research & Development

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Support for Industrial Research and Experimental Development activities

- required by industry for the acquisition of knowledge leading to the development of innovative products and solutions.

Support

- Projects may be supported through **grants, tax credits or a combination of grants and tax credits**
- Support is processed on end financing basis.
- When approving a grant the corporation may agree to a possibility of **front financing up to 30% of approved amount.**

Scheme is available till 31st December 2026.

Any aid must be approved prior to the date.

Eligible Projects

The scheme supports R&D activities which should be:

- aimed at new findings, based on original concepts (and their interpretation) or hypotheses
- largely uncertain about the final outcome (risk)
- planned for and budgeted.

Projects should lead to acquisition of knowledge, address uncertainties, leading to the development of innovative products and solutions and must fall with the definitions of Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development

Industrial Research

Planned research or critical investigation aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services or aimed at bringing about a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services, including digital products, processes or services, in any area, technology, industry or sector.

Experimental Development

Acquiring, combining, shaping and using existing scientific, technological, business and other relevant knowledge and skills with the aim of developing new or improved products, processes or services, including digital products, processes or services, in any area, technology, industry or sector (including, but not limited to, digital industries and technologies).

Eligible Collaborative Projects

Collaboration projects are carried out between at least two independent parties to exchange knowledge or technology, or to achieve a common objective based on the division of labour where the parties jointly define the scope of the collaborative project, contribute to its implementation and share its risks, as well as its results.

These projects may include projects accepted and endorsed by the EUREKA Network under its various instruments: Network projects, European Partnership on Innovative SMEs / Eurostars, Clusters.

Maximum Support

Enterprise Size	Experimental Development	Industrial Research
Large Undertaking	25%	50%
Medium Undertaking	35%	60%
Small Undertaking	45%	70%

Bonuses

Projects Carried out in Assisted Areas will get up to an extra 5% in aid.

Collaborative Projects and dissemination bonuses up to an extra 25%

Maximum Aid intensity cannot exceed 80%

Wages, Instruments and Equipment

- Wages of researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent to which they are employed on the project.
- Costs of instruments and equipment shall be considered as eligible to the extent and for the period used for the project.

Eligible Costs

Contractual Research

- Costs of contractual research, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research project.
- Costs of consultancy and equivalent services must be rendered by experts in the relevant field of research that have successfully completed doctoral training; universities; research and knowledge-dissemination organisations.

Eligible Costs

Other Operating Expenses

- Additional overheads and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products, incurred directly as a result of the project.
- Applicants may request that operating expenditure is calculated as a flat-rate of up to 20 %, applied to total eligible R&D project costs. In this case, the R&D project costs used for the calculation of the indirect costs shall be established on the basis of normal accounting practices and shall comprise only eligible R&D project costs.

How to Apply

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

- Applicants **must submit a complete application form prior to start of works* 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. A clear description of the project, with demarcation of activities.
- b. a breakdown of the budgeted expenditure (on templates provided by the Corporation) .
- c. a project plan identifying the critical path key milestones.
- d. The CVs of persons involved in the project
- e. Financial statements of the applicant.
- f. Tax Compliance certificate.



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Thank You

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