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SICE
PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION
OTHER TERRITORIES

AVISO: MPr-2024-2



Application Period

The period for submission of applications begins on 30/04/2024, and the analysis and decision will be carried out according to the following phases:

- **Phase 1:** 16/09/2024 (19 hours)
- **Phase 2:** 30/12/2024 (19 hours)

Support for

Individual productive investment operations in innovative activities, promoted by SMEs.

Actions Covered by this Notice

Operations of an innovative nature that result in the production of tradable and internationalizable goods and services with high added value and level of national incorporation, which correspond to an initial investment, as defined in paragraph 49 of article 2 of Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014, of 17 June, as amended, are eligible for support related to the following types of action:

1. The creation of a new establishment;
2. Increasing the capacity of an existing establishment;
3. The diversification of an establishment's production to products not previously produced in the establishment;
4. The fundamental change in the overall production process of an existing establishment

Actions Covered by this Notice

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) of any nature and under any legal form

Geographical area covered

NUTS II regions of the Mainland (North, Center, Lisbon, Alentejo and Algarve), outside the low-density territories defined by CIC Portugal 2020.

Limit on Investment Amounts

Minimum total eligible expenditure amount of €300,000
Maximum investment amount: 25 million euros.

Funding Rates

The financing rate of the eligible operations is obtained from the sum of the following tranches, up to a maximum limit of 40%, and the form of support is a Grant.

Base Rate:

25% for medium-sized companies
30% for micro and small enterprises.

Increases (cumulative with each other)

+ 5% “Industry 4.0” – operations in the area of Industry 4.0, where digital transformation will enable disruptive changes in business models, products and production processes

+ 5% ‘Climate Transition’ – operations in areas that contribute in a relevant way to the objectives of the Climate Transition

‘Creation of skilled employment’

+ 2% With the creation of 1 to 3 skilled jobs
+ 5% With the creation of 4 or more skilled jobs

+ 5% ‘SME capitalisation’ to be allocated to operations where the private component (total investment minus calculated incentive) is financed mainly by equity;

In the case of applications to the **Lisbon and Algarve RPs**, the beneficiary must opt for one of the European State aid frameworks provided for in Article 28(1) of the REITD.

In the case of operations located in the territories foreseen in the regional aid map 2022–2027 referred to above, if the beneficiary opts for the de minimis aid framework, **the applicable rates are 40%**, in the case of PR Lisbon and PR Algarve, and are **limited to the maximum amount** of cumulation of de minimis aid (**€300,000** over three years per single undertaking).

Eligible expenditure (Art. 25 Port 103)

The following expenses are considered eligible, provided that they are directly related to the development of the operation:

(a) **tangible assets**, including the **acquisition of machinery and equipment**, costs directly attributable to placing them in location and the conditions necessary for them to be able to function, as well as the acquisition of **IT equipment**, including the software necessary for their operation;

(b) **intangible assets**, including the transfer of technology through the acquisition of **national and international** patent rights, **licences**, technical know-how not protected by patent, and **standard** or purpose-built software;

(c) **other investment expenditure**, including expenditure on the involvement of **certified accountants or ROCs**, in the validation of expenditure on payment claims, **engineering services, studies, diagnostics, audits, marketing plans and architectural and engineering projects**;

3 - In duly justified cases, operations may also include the **construction of buildings, refurbishment works and other constructions**.

Being eligible until:

60% of the total eligible expenditure of the operation, in the case of operations in the tourism sector;

35% of the total eligible expenditure of the operation, in the case of operations in the industrial sector.

Criteria for the selection of applications

Applications are evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

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- A. Suitability for Strategy
- B. Quality
- C. Ability to Execute
- D. Impact

Obligations of beneficiaries

(Art. 15 DL 20)

a) To carry out the operations under the approved terms and conditions, namely in relation to the implementation schedule and the fulfilment of the output and result indicators;

b) To allow access to the places where the operations are carried out and to those where the elements and documents necessary for the monitoring and control of the approved operations are located;

(c) keep the documents relating to the implementation of the operation;

d) Publicise the support. On the websites providing the description of the supported operation, in the buildings, equipment or intangible actions supported, the support must be made known. For operations whose eligible cost financed is greater than € 500 000, it is mandatory to make a video, with a duration of not less than one minute.

e) Maintain the legal conditions necessary for the exercise of the activity;

f) Have a bank account opened in an institution legally qualified to allocate to the project;

g) Refund all amounts wrongly received;

h) Maintain their tax and contributory situation in good standing;

i) Have an organized accounting system;

j) Have a technical and accounting file relating to the operation;

k) Ensuring the provision of the necessary elements for the monitoring and evaluation of operations;

l) Adopt behaviour that respects the principles of transparency, competition and sound management of public money;

m) Not to submit the same application, in which the decision-making process is still ongoing or in which the decision on the request for funding has been favourable, except in situations where a withdrawal has been submitted.

5- Maintain the Investments of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) allocated to the respective activity, at least for 3 years from the date of payment of the final balance to the beneficiary; and not SMEs for at least 5 years.

Obligations of beneficiaries

(Art.º 11 Port 103)

- a) To make available, within the established deadlines, the information requested;
- b) Request authorisation for all amendments relevant to the approval of the operation;
- c) Not to allocate to other purposes, to lease, to dispose of, without prior authorization from the competent authority for the decision to approve the application;
- e) Start the implementation of the operation within a maximum period of 90 working days after the communication of the financing decision, except for a duly substantiated reason accepted by the managing authority;
- (f) ensure that investments made are aligned with DNSH;

(Art.º 26 Port 103)

In addition to the obligations provided for in article 11, it is also required, in the type of intervention «Productive Innovation» means the maintenance of jobs for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of their hiring, and the beneficiary may not, during the execution of the operation, reduce the total number of workers employed by the company.

NIB: All payments must be made through a new bank account created for the Project, and intended exclusively for the movements of all receipts and payments to be made within the scope of the project, and the investments to be made must be acquired under market conditions from suppliers with the capacity for this purpose and be acquired from third parties unrelated to the acquirer.

The following elements correspond to a summary of the above-mentioned legislation and are merely informative, not dispensing with the analysis of the applicable legislation and Oporto Accounting is not responsible for any omission or element not included in the following summary.





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