



AI FOR SMES FUNDING LINE

## Areas of Intervention

Investment projects that demonstrate the integration of **artificial intelligence (AI)** solutions aimed at **increasing the productivity** of SMEs and their employees, **optimizing internal processes** to enhance operational efficiency, and **incorporating digital technologies** into interactions with clients and partners.

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This funding line supports investment projects that integrate AI solutions within at least one of the following areas of action:

**a) AI Solutions for Productivity** – Ready-to-use tools that enhance worker **productivity** by supporting employees and teams in improving **efficiency** through the automation of repetitive tasks, accelerating information analysis, and providing intelligent digital assistants.

**b) AI Solutions Applied to Business** – Tools that **improve interactions** with **clients and partners** or **optimize internal processes**, transforming the way companies engage with clients/partners or enhancing internal efficiency with a direct impact on competitiveness.

| Details AI for SMEs                                                                                                                                               |                                                                   |
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| Geographical Area                                                                                                                                                 | Mainland Portugal                                                 |
| Eligible Beneficiaries                                                                                                                                            | SMEs                                                              |
| Funding Rate                                                                                                                                                      | 75% non-repayable grant (up to a maximum of €300,000 per company) |
| Minimum Investment                                                                                                                                                | €5,000                                                            |
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| Project Duration                                                                                                                                                  | 2 years, extendable by 6 months                                   |
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| Project investments may start from January 1, 2025, and must begin no later than June 30, 2026, based on the date of the first invoice attributed to the project. |                                                                   |
| Application Deadline → Until October 31, 2025                                                                                                                     |                                                                   |

## Eligible Expenses

- a) **Purchase of equipment** and **components** essential for integrating AI solutions into existing processes;
- b) **Acquisition of software**, including **Software as a Service (SaaS)** subscription costs;
- c) **Expenses** related to hiring **up to two technicians** or **platform managers** dedicated to the implementation and operation of the project, employment costs for up to **24 months**, capped at **€80,000 per position** created;
- d) Acquisition of **consulting** and/or **training services** essential for solution integration;
- e) Expenses for **certified accountants** or **statutory auditors** involved in validating expenditure for payment requests, **up to a limit of €2,500**;
- f) Other related expenses.



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