



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	
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
Project Duration	2 years, extendable by 6 months
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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