



OP Smart Growth

Measure 3.2.1 ***Research to the market***

Implementing Authority:
Polish Agency for Enterprise Development

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Eligible projects:

- Investment projects concerning the implementation of R&D results carried out by the company itself or on its behalf, leading to the start of production of new products or services.
- Part of the project may also be development works and advisory services

Beneficiaries: SMEs

Planned call for proposals in 2016:

- **Call announcement:** April 27th
- **Submission of applications:** from June 1st until August 31st
- **Call's budget:** PLN 1 000 million

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Form of support: grant

Minimum value of project's eligible costs: PLN 10 million

Maximum value of project's eligible costs:

- EUR 50 million for the whole project
- PLN 1 million for development works
- PLN 1 million for advisory services

Maximum value of grant:

- PLN 20 million for the whole project
- PLN 450 thousand for development works
- PLN 500 thousand for advisory services

Aid intensity:

- ***for investment part of the project:***
 - according to regional aid map (see next two slides)
- ***for development works conducted within the project:***
 - 45% of eligible costs for micro and small enterprises
 - 35% of eligible costs for medium-sized enterprises
- ***for advisory part of the project:***
 - 50% of eligible costs

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Regional aid map for 2014-2020 (1):

1. In areas of provinces: lubelskie, podkarpackie, podlaskie, warmińsko-mazurskie:

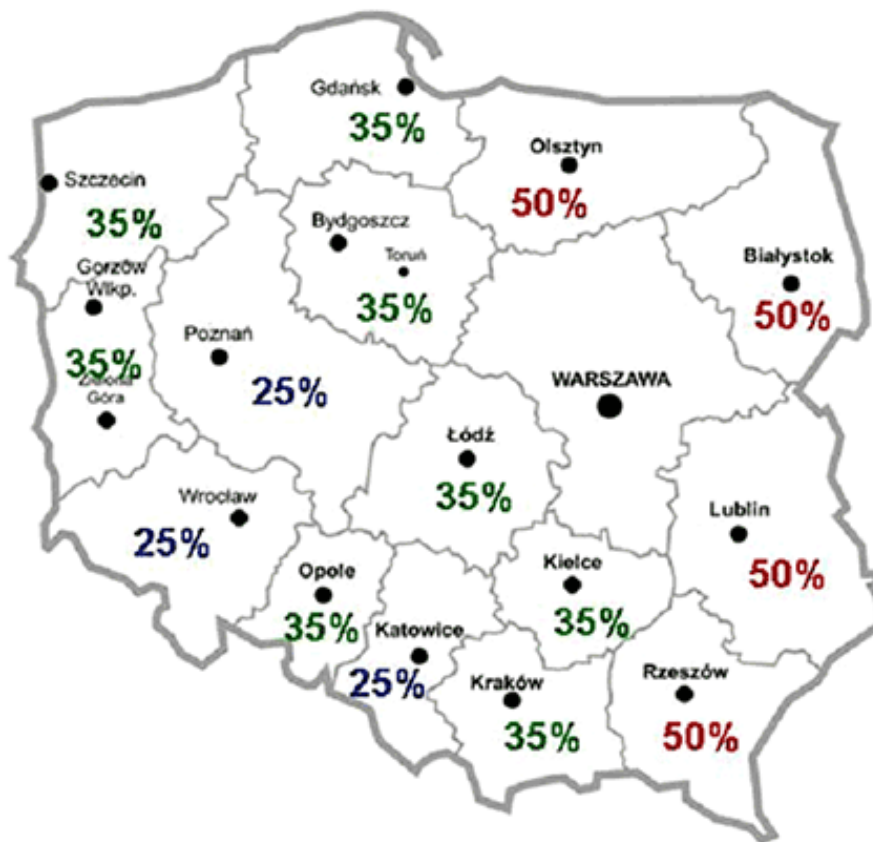
- **50% for large, 60% medium and 70% of eligible costs for small companies**

2. In areas of provinces: kujawsko-pomorskie, lubuskie, łódzkie, małopolskie, opolskie, pomorskie, świętokrzyskie, zachodniopomorskie and in areas of subregions: ciechanowsko-płocki, ostrołęcko-siedlecki, radomski i warszawski wschodni (Warsaw eastern subregion):

- **35% for large, 45% for medium and 55% of eligible costs for small companies**

3. In areas of provinces: dolnośląskie, wielkopolskie, śląskie:

- **25% for large, 35% for medium and 45% of eligible costs for small companies**



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Regional aid map for 2014-2020 (2):

4. In the area of subregion warszawski zachodni (Warsaw western subregion):

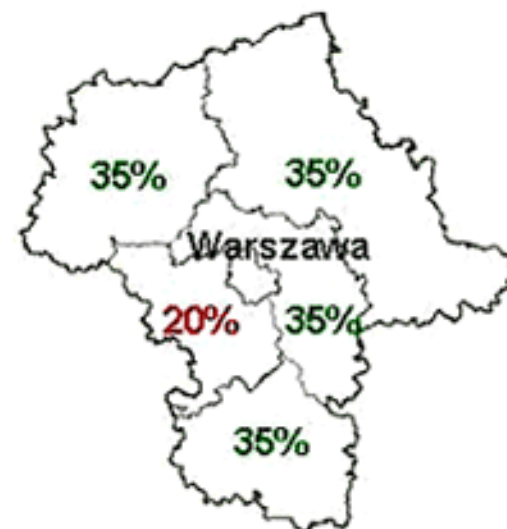
- **20% for large, 30% for medium and 40% of eligible costs for small companies**

5. In the area of the city of Warsaw in the period from 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2017:

- **15% for large, 25% for medium and 35% of eligible costs for small companies**

6. In the area of the city of Warsaw in the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020:

- **10% for large, 20% for medium and 30% of eligible costs for small companies**



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Eligible costs of development works:

- remuneration costs along with non-labor costs, including social security and health contributions of persons employed in the project, in part in which remuneration is directly linked to project implementation
- cost of research performed under the contract, cost of knowledge and patents bought or used under license granted by third parties on market terms, cost of consultancy services and equivalent services used exclusively for the purpose of implementing the project
- operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the project

Eligible costs of advisory part of the project:

- costs of advisory services needed for the implementation of R&D works, provided by external consultants

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Eligible costs of investment part of the project:

1. Costs of acquiring the right of perpetual usufruct of land and the acquisition of property rights, with the exception of residential premises
2. Costs of acquisition or manufacture of assets other than those referred to in point 1
3. Acquisition costs of construction works and materials
4. Acquisition costs of intangible assets such as patents, licenses, know-how and other intellectual property rights
5. Costs of repayment installments for built and unbuilt real estate, incurred by the lessee up to the date of completion of the project, up to the amount of their initial value from the day of leasing agreement conclusion, provided that the lease contract will cover a period of at least 3 years after the anticipated date of project completion
6. Costs of repayment installments of the initial value of fixed assets other than those referred to in paragraph 5, incurred by the lessee under the lease agreement leading to transferring ownership of these assets to the lessee, with the exception leaseback transactions.

NOTE:

- The total value of eligible costs referred to in paragraphs 1 and 5, may amount **up to 10%** of eligible costs of the investment part
- The total value of eligible costs referred to in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5, can be **up to 20%** of eligible costs of the investment part, but not more than PLN 5 million
- In case of leasing, eligible may be (under certain conditions) expenditure incurred by the lessor for the purchase of the asset to be leased to the Applicant)

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Criteria for substantive assessment of projects (carried out by the Panel of Experts)*:

1. The project concerns the implementation of R&D results *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
2. Project preparation for implementation *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
3. Expenditure under the project are reasonable and justified in the context of project's scope and objective *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
4. Project indicators are objectively verifiable and reflect the goals of the project *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
5. The applicant has the ability to finance the project *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
6. The project concerns the initial investment in accordance with EC Regulation No 651/2014 *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*
7. The project has a positive impact on the implementation of sustainable development principles, referred to in Art. 8 of Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council No 1303/2013. It is recognized that the project has positive impact, if at least one of the 4R principles (reduce, reuse, recycle, repair) is implemented under the project *(0 or 1 points; minimum required: 1 point)*

**Based on documentation from the last call for proposals*

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Criteria for substantive assessment of projects (continuation):

8. Product innovation (*from 0 to 5 points; minimum required: 2 points*)
9. The market potential of the product resulting from the project (*from 0 to 3 points; minimum required: 1 point*)
10. The project fits into the National Intelligent Specialization (*0 or 1 points; minimum required: 0 points*)

NOTE:

- to receive grant (provided that the funds will be available), a minimum score of **12 points** has to be obtained
- if the budget does not allow for financing of all projects that received at least 12 points, in case of projects with the same number of points following factors will be decisive:
 - primarily: scoring under the criterion "Product Innovation"
 - secondarily: scoring under the criterion "The market potential of the product resulting from the project"
 - tertiary: requested aid intensity for the investment part of the project (priority will be given to projects with lower aid intensity requested)
 - quaternary: the unemployment rate in the district where the project is located (priority will be given to projects located in districts with higher unemployment rates)

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List of National Smart Specializations:

HEALTHY SOCIETY: 1) Medical engineering technologies, including medical biotechnology 2) Diagnosis and treatment of diseases of civilization and personalized medicine 3) Preparation of medicinal products

AGRI-FOOD, FORESTRY-WOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIO-ECONOMY: 4) Innovative technologies, processes and products of the agri-food and forestry-timber industry 5) High quality food 6) Biotechnological processes and specialty chemicals and environmental engineering

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: 7) High efficiency, low carbon and integrated manufacturing systems, storage, transmission and distribution of energy 8) Smart and energy efficient construction 9) Environmentally friendly transport solutions

NATURAL RESOURCES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT: 10) Modern technology sourcing, processing and use of natural raw materials resources and the production of their substitutes 11) Minimization of waste generation, including those unsuitable for processing and material and energy use of waste (recycling and other recovery methods) 12) Innovative technologies of water processing and recovery and reducing usage of water

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES (HORIZONTAL): 13) The multifunctional materials and composites with advanced features, including nano-processes and nano-products 14) Sensors (including biosensors) and smart sensor networks 15) Smart grids and geo-information technologies 16) Electronics based on conducting polymers 17) Automation and Robotics processes 18) Optoelectronic systems and materials 19) Creative technologies (computer games, multimedia, industrial design) 20) Innovative technologies in the field of specialized marine vessels, marine and coastal structures and logistics based on maritime transport and inland waterways

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