

Research & development partnerships. Demonstration projects led by research organisations

Funding programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2015-2020 – Increasing competitiveness through research, development and innovation – Competitiveness through research, development and innovation – Experimental demonstration project</i>
Programme operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research</i>
Programme objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the knowledge obtained from fundamental research in order to transition to a higher level of technological maturity (demonstrator; technology validated in the laboratory); • Increasing the capacity of research organisations to generate validated solutions in the laboratory for new or greatly improved products/technologies and services, and to offer them to companies.
Eligible beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or private research organisations, as project co-ordinators; • Public or private research organisations, as project co-ordinators, in partnership with another organisation; • Public or private research organisations, as project co-ordinators, in partnership with a company, as defined in the legislation regarding state aid, that has as its objective technological R&D activities.
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proposals must fall within one of the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It starts from a technology/product-formulated concept (TRL 2), and is materialised into an experimental laboratory demonstrator (TRL 3). ○ It starts from an experimental laboratory demonstrator (TRL 3), and is materialised into a technology validated in the laboratory (TRL 4). ○ It starts from a technology/product-formulated concept (TRL 2), and is materialised into a technology validated in the laboratory (TRL 4). • Project proposals can be developed for following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smart specialisation areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-economy • Information and communications technology, space and security; • Energy, environment and climate change; • Eco-nanotechnology and advanced materials. ○ Public priority areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health; • Heritage and cultural identity • New emerging technologies.
Eligibility criteria for applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating entities (companies and research organisations): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must not be declared as insolvent; ○ Must not have its bank accounts frozen due to a court judgment; ○ Must not provide false declarations regarding information requested by UEFISCDI in the scope of selecting contracting parties; Must not have breached the clauses of another funding contract concluded with a public authority. • Project director: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ has a PhD in sciences with expertise relevant to the project topic; ○ can only submit a single project proposal as project director for the current competition.
Eligible activities	<p>Types of eligible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial research; • Experimental development; • Innovation activities.
Eligible costs	<p>1. Direct costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs for members of the team (researchers, post-doc researchers, PhD researchers and technicians employed for the duration of the research project, as per the law); these expenses will include the legal contributions related to their salaries and incomes; • Logistics costs (costs for services done by third parties - subcontractors - cannot exceed 5% of the total project value); • Travel costs for members of the research team that travel within the country and abroad. <p>2. Indirect costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Indirect) overhead costs will be calculated as a percentage of up to 25% of the direct costs: personnel costs, logistics costs (excluding capital expenditure and third-party services), and travel costs.

Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget: RON 120,000,000 (EUR 26,727,000) • Total budget for 2016: RON 20.000.000 (EUR 4.454.343) 																
Funding conditions – Maximum grant value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. RON 600,000/project (EUR 133,630/project) 																
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Funding conditions – Funding intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bonus of 15% will be awarded for industrial research and experimental development, up to a maximum funding intensity of 80% of the eligible costs, as long as one of the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The project involves an effective collaboration:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between companies of which at least one is an SME, and neither company covers more than 70% of the eligible costs; or • Between a company and one or more research organisations, as long as the latter cover at least 10% of the eligible costs and have the right to publish the results of their own research; ○ <i>The project results are disseminated on a wide-scale</i> through conferences, publications, registries with open-access, or through free IT programs or generally accessible sources. • The funding intensity awarded to innovation activities for SMEs will not exceed, per beneficiary, 50% of the eligible costs for these activities, however in the case of funding for consultancy services in the field of innovation, the funding intensity will be 100%. 																
Implementation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. 18 months 																
Call for submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for submissions with a deadline. • Call launch date: 6 May 2016 • Submission deadline: 24 June 2016 																
Other relevant information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is prohibited to submitted projects that aim to do activities that are already being funded or in the process of being funded, partially or wholly, from another governmental source. • For the duration of the project, budgetary re-allocations can be done between budget categories (personnel costs, logistics costs and travel costs), up to 15% of the grant's value, with a notification at the reporting stage and by abiding to the clauses of the funding contract concluded with the public authority. • For the duration of the project, entities that are contractors or partners cannot purchase anything from the respective project partners. 																

The information in this presentations was obtained from the Applicant's Guide for this funding programme, as published on the UE FISCDI website, hence our liability to extent thereof.

- ▶ In order to benefit from a preliminary check of your project's eligibility, please provide us a few relevant details in [our online questionnaire](#), and we will contact as soon as possible.
- ▶ For any details or additional information, please contact us.

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