

Research & development partnerships. Pilot projects led by businesses.

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 – Transfer projects for businesses</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"> • Developing and/or producing prototypes and pilot facilities for new or greatly improved products, technologies or services in areas of smart specialisations or public priority. • Connecting the applied research and technological progress in Romania to the growth and demand of the national and international socio-economic environment. • Developing partnerships between research organisations and the private sector. • Incentivising more private sector investments in R&D, both in their own activities and in collaborations with research organisations. • Strengthening the businesses' capacity to innovate and strengthening their contribution to creating new products/systems/technologies with the potential to commercialise on the domestic and international markets.
Eligible beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies (as project co-ordinator) with activities in technological R&D (NACE), in partnership with at least one research organisation. In the partnership can also be another company.
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 validated in the laboratory (TRL 4), and is materialised into a technology validated in the industrial environment (TRL 5). ○ It starts from a technology validated in the industrial environment (TRL 5), and is materialised into a technology demonstrated within the industrial environment (TRL 6). ○ It starts from a technology validated in the laboratory (TRL 4), and is materialised into a technology demonstrated within the industrial environment (TRL 6). • 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 and 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. • Participating companies must have economic activity for at least two years, and must have had profit from its last financial year or from the average of the two previous financial years. • The average turnover of the companies in the consortium for the previous two financial years must be at least equal to the value of the grant requested from the national budget. • Within a consortium, there cannot be any companies that exert influence upon the co-ordinator, as shareholders or members. • 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. • The project director can only submit a single funding application.
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 (research, 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Costs for materials, consumables and similar products necessary for the project; ○ Capital expenditure – for entities that receive state aid, if the purchased instruments and equipment have a lifetime longer than the duration of the project, only the depreciation costs for the project’s duration are eligible, calculated in accordance with regulated accounting practices; ○ Costs for services done by third parties (subcontractors cannot exceed 15% of the grant’s value); ○ Travel costs for members of the research team that travel within the country and abroad. For entities that receive state aid, travel costs can only be settled from the entity’s own financial sources. <p>2. Indirect costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Indirect) overhead costs will be calculated as a percentage of the direct costs: personnel costs, logistics costs (minus subcontracting) and travel costs. Indirect costs will not exceed 25% of the direct costs. 																
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total budget: RON 85,000,000 (EUR 18,930,958) • Total budget for 2016: RON 10,625,000 (EUR 2,366,370) 																
Funding conditions – Maximum grant value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. RON 1,700,000/project (EUR 378,600/project) 																
Funding conditions – Funding intensity	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Small enterprises</th> <th>Medium-sized enterprises</th> <th>Large enterprise</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental research</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial research</td> <td>70%</td> <td>60%</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>45%</td> <td>35%</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <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%. 		Small enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Large enterprise	Fundamental research	100%	100%	100%	Industrial research	70%	60%	50%	Experimental development	45%	35%	25%
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Implementation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 24 months 																
Call for submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for submissions with a deadline. • Call launch date: May 2016 • Submission deadline: 24 June 2016 																
Other relevant information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocated budget for participating companies must be at least 45% of grant’s value. • 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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