

Research & development partnerships. Knowledge transfer to 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 – Knowledge transfer to 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"> • Connecting the expertise at research organisations with the industrial needs and demands; • Strengthening the co-operation between universities/research institutes and the business sector; • Knowledge transfer within the business market; • Developing the entrepreneurial skills of researchers.
Eligible beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accredited public or private universities or a national R&D institute (NRDI), in partnership with a company.
Eligible projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The profiles of universities or NRDI's can be found in this list; • Funding will be awarded to universities/NRDI's as contractors; • 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"> • Eligibility conditions for participating 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.
Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team must be co-ordinated by a project director with a PhD in sciences with the relevant expertise to the project topic; • It is recommended that the project team consists of max. 7 people: researchers with experience, post-doc researchers, PhD researchers, master's/bachelor's students. • The project team is encouraged to use the existing research infrastructure at the institutes to which they pertain, so that they can analyse, test and validate the equipment and technologies from businesses, as well as adapt to the new development trends for innovating a product and process; • The demand or necessity as defined by the business (the problem which will be solved by the project proposal) can be found in only one project proposal; • Within the present competition, the project director can only submit a single project proposal.
Project team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities relating to connecting the expertise of researchers/master's students/PhD researchers with the needs of businesses; ○ Efficient use, with the help of the project team's expertise, of the existing modern technology at the respective businesses and of the technological innovation of the products and processes so as to find new solutions and develop new or greatly improved products/services. ○ Knowledge transfer to industry with the scope of using the technological potential and also the innovation in the productive environment; ○ Collaboration between the research sector and private sector with the aim of understanding and optimising modern technologies; ○ Developing the entrepreneurial abilities and professional experience of researchers; ○ Practical training internships for master's students and PhD students.
Eligible costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Personnel costs</i> (researchers, PhD researchers, master's/bachelor's students 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**, which includes:
 - Expenditure for raw materials, consumables including auxiliary materials, fuels directly used for the project, spare parts, seeds and planting materials and fertiliser, inventory items, and stocked materials;
- **Costs for services done by third parties** (subcontractors):
 - Financial auditing expenditure for the project;
 - Costs to access archives, libraries, publications, databases, and other information sources;
 - Publicity expenditure;
 - Services for tests, analysis, measurements, etc.
 - IT services;
 - Services for expertise, evaluation and technical assistance;
 - Other services necessary for the project, as foreseen in the funding contract.
- **Travel costs** for members of the research team that travel within the country and abroad, for research or documentation fellowship, and participation at prestigious scientific events within the project's subject area. The travel costs can also be covered for local or international collaborators, or for participants at scientific events organised within the project.

2. Indirect costs

- **Overhead costs** for the research project. (Indirect) overhead costs will be calculated as a percentage of the direct costs: personnel costs, logistics costs (excluding capital expenditure and third-party services) and travel costs.

Budget

- **Total budget:** RON 56,000,000 (EUR 12,472,160)
- **Total budget for 2016:** RON 7,000,000 (EUR 1,559,020)

Funding conditions – Maximum grant value

- **Max. RON 460,000/project (EUR 102,450/project)**

	Small enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Large enterprise
Fundamental research	100%	100%	100%
Industrial research	70%	60%	50%
Experimental development	45%	35%	25%

Funding conditions – Funding intensity

- 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:
 - *The project involves an effective collaboration:*
 - 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;
 - *The project results are disseminated on a wide-scale* 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

- **Max. 24 months**

Call for submissions

- Call for submissions **with a deadline.**
- Call launch date: **5 May 2016**
- Submission deadline: **10 June 2016**

Other relevant information

- 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.

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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