ATTRACTION OF INVESTMENTS IN EMILIA-ROMAGNA

4th CALL – 2020 - Regional law n. 14/2014

REGIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENTERPRISES

PRESENTATION

4° CALL FOR APPLICANTS - REGIONAL LAW 14/2014

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4° CALL REGIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENTERPRISES

OBJECTIVES

SUPPORT INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES OF REGIONAL INTEREST AND HIGHLY STRATEGIC VALUE, THAT:

- will increase the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the regional value chains;
- are integrated with the regional research and training system;
- have a significant qualitative and quantitative impact on employment;
- generate benefits for the territory in terms of economic impact and environmental and social sustainability.

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TIMING

- Publication of the call: 14th **OCTOBER, 2020**

First period to apply:

- **FROM THE 1° OF DECEMBER 2020 TO THE 1° OF FEBRUARY 2021**

Second period to apply : **TBD** (only if financial resources will be still available)

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MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS

THIS CALL IS OPEN TO :

- **R&D INVESTMENT ≥ 2 MILLION EUROS ;**
- With **AT LEAST NEW 20 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES** to be hired (**compared to company's employees already active in Emilia-Romagna on October 5th, 2020 - data of approval of the regional call);**
- At least **30% OF THE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES HAVE TO BE GRADUATED.**

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BENEFICIARIES

- **ENTERPRISES** that **PRODUCE GOODS AND SERVICES,**
- that are **NOT YET ACTIVE IN THE REGION** and intend to invest in Emilia-Romagna with at least one local unit to be settled before the signing of the agreement, or
- are **ALREADY PRESENT IN THE REGION** (with at least one local unit).

The participation of new companies is allowed if they meet the following 2 requirements:

1) have a corporate structure made up of at least two subjects with legal personality, independent of each other and not belonging to the same Group;
2) have a share capital approved, at the time of submitting the application, equal to at least the amount of the requested contribution.

ELEGIBLE ACTIONS

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- **R&D** - Research and development – *this action is mandatory to be eligible for the call*
- **RESEARCH FACILITIES** *(even if together with other private and public entites)*
- **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION**: energy efficiency, co-generation in energy production from renewable sources, recycling and reuse of waste
- **EMPLOYEES TRAINING PROJECTS**
- **HIRING** DISADVANTAGED AND DISABLED WORKERS

Only for companies not already present in Emilia Romagna:

- **PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS** (for SMEs and

- in “assisted areas” - also for large companies)

- **ADVISORY SERVICES** related to the investment programme for SMEs

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MAXIMUM INCENTIVES in non repayble grants

- **1. MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM **20 TO 49 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**
- **2 MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM **50 TO 69 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**
- **4 MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM **70 TO 149 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**
- **7 MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES WITH **AT LEAST 150 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES, GRANT INTENSITY and MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AID BY CATEGORY

The call provides more information

A - CREATION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

- Specific works and infrastructures, with the exception of the construction of new buildings. The works must be strictly functional to the installation of equipment aimed at the activities of the research infrastructure;
- Systems/installations strictly functional to the research infrastructure activities;
- Equipment
- Software
- Patents
- Licences
- Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge about new technologies

MAXIMUM AID

- 50%

Up to 1 million euro for investments with a maximum of 149 new hires

Up to 3 million euro for investments with over 149 new hires

B - RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

a) New research personnel

b) Personnel for research, design, experimentation activities (max 30 % of expenditures in points “d”, “e”, “f”)

c) Personnel for production functions or research personnel without a degree and less than 10 years experience (max 25% of expenditure in the previous point «b»)

d) Purchase or lease of plant and equipment

e) Research contracts

f) Physical creation of prototypes (max 20% of expenditures in points “a”, “c”, “d”, “e,”)

g) General expenses (max 15% of expenditures in points “a”, “b”, “c”).

MAXIMUM AID

- Industrial research: 50%
- Experimental development: 25%
- Up to 2 Million euros per project
- Up to 3 million euro for investments with over 149 new hires

N.B. - Minimum amount of the mandatory R&D investment is 2 million euros

C - TRAINING PROJECTS

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

- The admissible expenses are those envisaged in Regional Government Resolution no. 1568 dated 2 November 2011 and Regional Government Resolution no. 970 dated 20 July 2015

MAXIMUM AID

- 50%
- + 10% for the disadvantaged or disabled
- + 10-20% for SMEs (max. 70%)

Max € 0.5 millions per training project

C) PROJECTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISADVANTAGED AND DISABLED WORKERS

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

- The admissible expenses are those envisaged in Regional Government Resolution no. 412 dated 23 November 2015.

MAXIMUM AID – EMPLOYMENT OF DISADVANTAGED WORKERS

- 50% of gross wage (direct + indirect) costs of disadvantaged workers;
- 50% of assistence cost provided to the disadvantaged worker;
- For 12 months (24 months for very disadvantaged workers);

Max 1 million € for company/year

MAXIMUM AID – EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLE WORKERS

- 50% of gross wage cost of disable worker;
- 100% of additional costs aimed to assist and support a disable worker

Max 1 million € for company/year

D) INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Plant (including related works) and equipment dedicated to the specific action and intended to change production methods
- Software
- Patents
- Licences
- Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge about new product technologies and production processes
- Advisory services associated with the action to change production methods (only for SMEs)

MAXIMUM AID

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D) INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MAXIMUM AID (1)

PURPOSE OF AID	MAX. INTENSITY OF AID
Investment in energy efficiency*	30% large enterprises 40% medium-sized enterprises 50% small enterprises + 5% assisted areas** Max. 0.5 million euros per enterprise and per project
High efficiency co-generation*	45% large enterprises 55% medium-sized enterprises 65% small enterprises + 5% assisted areas** Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project

* Grant to be calculated on the extra-costs *(sovraccosti)*

** See the call

D) INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MAXIMUM AID (2)

PURPOSE OF AID	MAX INTENSITY OF AID
Investment in energy production from renewable sources*	30%-45% large enterprises 40%-55% medium-sized enterprises 50%-65% small enterprises + 5% assisted areas** Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project
Recycling and reuse of waste (beyond the state of the art)*	35% large enterprises 45% medium-sized enterprises 55% small enterprises + 5% assisted areas** Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project

* Grant to be calculated on the extra-costs *(sovraccosti)*

** See the call (Regional Government resolution no.31/2016)

E-F - PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS AND ADVISORY SERVICES

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Productive investments

a) Expenses for masonry and construction works, with the exception of the construction of new buildings, and strictly connected to the installation of machinery, capital goods, equipment and systems. <u>These expenses are recognized only for SMEs and up to a maximum limit of 5% of the sum of the other types of expenses indicated and permitted.</u>

b) Machinery

c) Installations

d) Various equipment

e) Computer programs

f) Patents Licenses

g) Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge concerning new technologies of products and production processes

For SMEs only, design and study costs up to a limit of 4% of the total eligible investment

Consulting services only for SMEs

- Consultancy services related to the investment project provided by external consultants, which must not refer to consultancy provided by persons who are partners and / or members of the administrative bodies of the company requesting the contribution or who hold corporate positions. Consulting services cannot be provided by companies belonging to the same group. The consultations cannot be defined as periodic or continuous. Nor can they refer to ordinary activities such as tax, legal or advertising consultancy

MAXIMUM AID

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E-F – FOR SMEs only:
PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS AND ADVISORY SERVICES

MAXIMUM AID

Productive investments (art.17 GBER)
20% for small companies
10% for medium companies
Max 1 million euro for each company

Advisory services (art. 18 GBER)
50% for SMEs
Max 50,000 euro for each company

N.B. – This category of aid is available only for companies not yet established in Emilia-Romagna at the date of the approval of the call (October 5th, 2020)

E – PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS IN ASSISTED AREAS – FOR NEW PLANTS ONLY (Art. 14 GBER)

MAXIMUM AID

30% small companies – max 1.5 million euros

20% medium companies – max 1.5 million euros

10%: large companies – max 1.5 million euros

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