

GREECE

General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT)

The following call topics of the joint call are supported by GSRT:

1. Call topic: Nanotechnologies
2. Call topic: S&T projects in Health
3. Call topic: Robotics

All three topics are included in RIS3 (<https://www.espa.gr/en/pages/staticRIS3.aspx>). Compatibility with RIS3 is asked

Who can apply?

GSRT potentially supports all private and public legal entities namely: private enterprises (such as SMEs, large-companies etc), research organizations, higher education institutions, and other public organizations with R&D activities). Individuals as well as individual enterprises are not eligible under this scheme.

Applicants may submit, if they are enterprises, up to two (2) proposals from the same enterprise in the current call, and for Public research Institutes and Universities up to (2) proposals at the level of the same Laboratory or School or Institute or Department.

What types of funding are eligible for Greek researchers?

The aided part of the research and development project shall completely fall within one or more of the following categories:

- Industrial research
- Experimental development

Funding Programme: “**Operational Programme for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2014-2020, National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization 2014-2020 (RIS3)**”

Aid of intensity Aid for research and development projects (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 article 25)

Public research Institutes and Universities: the aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non-economic activities in accordance with point 19, article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01).

Private Sector: (a) 50% of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development; (c) 50% of the eligible costs for feasibility studies.- The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% of the eligible costs as follows:

(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises;

(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

(i) the project involves effective collaboration:

— between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or

— between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results;

(ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software.

-The aid intensity for feasibility studies may be increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises.

Foreseen cost categories:

(a) Personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project.

(b) costs on fixed assets i.e. b1) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible and b2) costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible.

(c) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project.

(d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation.

(e) indirect costs = flat rate 15% of gross personnel costs excluding VAT = 15%* (a-(VAT of a)). Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e. g. administrative and management costs, utility costs).

Note:

1. Please bear in mind that scientific management costs are eligible under category (a) whereas administrative and financial/legal management costs fall under eligible categories (e) or (d)-audit costs only.

2. Subcontracting is allowed. This will be clarified in the guidelines of the national call.

Admitted costs

Upper funding limits for the eligible costs

Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200.000 € per project (including indirect costs). Please note that this amount can be increased to 250.000 € per project if Greek partner assumes the project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research).

Duration of the projects

The duration of a funded project is 24-30 months. A possible extension of the duration under conditions can be accepted for the projects with a project duration of 24 months with a

maximum up to the 1/3 of the initial duration taking into account the starting date without modifying the scientific or increasing the financial part of the project and the prerequisites of the current Operational Programme 2014-2020 (e.g. closing date for financing the projects in national level).

National phase: A national call will be announced for the submission of the approved proposals at national level after the selection of the projects at European level.

At national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposals and full proposals stages. We rely on the evaluation made by the COFUND Call Evaluation Committee and external reviewers.

For more information please contact the NCP

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