

Tuscany Region

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Diritti Valori Innovazione Sostenibilità



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INCENTIVES FOR INDUSTRIAL, CRAFT, TOURIST AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

GUIDE AND CATALOGUE

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The following are some of the open schemes (October 2009), whose beneficiaries can also be large enterprises:

Aid scheme 6. PRSE 2007-2010. Line of intervention 1.3

“Development of the activities of networks which help promote technology transfer and support innovation processes”.

Beneficiaries Networks of business service centres, industrial research and technology transfer centres and structures, knowledge centres, professional associations, individual SMEs and Large Enterprises, groupings of enterprises, public bodies. For a complete list of eligible beneficiaries, please contact our offices.

Funded activities Innovation and technology transfer projects.

Eligible costs Personnel costs, costs of consumable materials, supplies and services, costs of instruments and equipment, costs of consultancy services, costs of patents, overheads.

Aid instrument Non-repayable grant

Aid intensity Maximum possible amount

For infrastructural projects the aid amount is equal to 70% of the eligible costs. The aid intensities for industrial research activities are 50% for large enterprises, 60% for medium enterprises and 70% for small enterprises. The aid intensities for experimental development activities are 25% for large enterprises, 35% for medium enterprises and 45% for small enterprises. In case the project is presented by a grouping of enterprises, the aid amount is increased.

Allocation procedures Elaboration of a ranking on the basis of a call for projects. The aid can be granted in the following ways: 1) 100% of the sum in advance, upon presentation of a bank guarantee; 2) as the project progresses; 3) at the end of the project.

State of execution The call for projects will be published in December 2009.

Deadline for the submission of applications by beneficiaries The deadline will be indicated in the call for projects.

Geographical areas of intervention The entire regional territory.

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Aid scheme 9. POR CREO 2007-2013. Activity 1.5.b “Support to integrated investment projects in industrial research and innovation aiming to promote the formation of clusters of enterprises, through forms of strategic alliance on specific projects, the creation of networks and other forms of collaboration at a transnational level”. Call ERA-SME.

Beneficiaries Tuscan SMEs and Large Enterprises in collaboration with enterprises from other Regions/States of the EU. For a complete list of eligible beneficiaries, please contact our offices.

Funded activities Transnational investment projects in industrial research and experimental development activities.

Eligible costs Personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, costs for building, cost of contractual research and technical knowledge, costs for the acquisition of patents, acquired or licensed from external sources at market prices, additional overheads incurred directly as a result of the research project.

Aid instrument Non-repayable grant.

Aid intensity Maximum possible amount

The amount of the grant varies according to the activity and to the size of the beneficiary. The aid intensities for industrial research activities are 65% for large enterprises, 75% for medium enterprises and 80% for small enterprises. The aid intensities for experimental development activities are 40% for large enterprises, 50% for medium enterprises and 60% for small enterprises.

Allocation procedures Elaboration of a ranking on the basis of a call for projects. The aid is granted either in advance, upon presentation of a bank guarantee, or at the end of the project.

State of execution Active.

Deadline for the submission of applications by beneficiaries The applications must be submitted on the Era-SME website (www.era-sme.net/public/help-desk-1) within 30 October AND then on the ARTEA website (www.artea.toscana.it) within 10 November 2009.

Geographical areas of intervention The entire regional territory

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Aid scheme 12. POR CREO 2007-2013. Line of intervention 1.1.c

“Support to the implementation of joint industrial research and experimental development projects of enterprises and research bodies in the health field”.

Beneficiaries Micro, small, medium and large enterprises together with research bodies. For a complete list of eligible beneficiaries, please contact our offices.

Funded activities Investment projects.

Eligible costs Personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, costs for building, cost of contractual research and technical knowledge, costs for the acquisition of patents (either acquired or licensed), additional overheads and operating expenses incurred directly as a result of the research project.

Aid instrument Non-repayable grant

Aid intensity Maximum possible amount

The amount of the grant varies according to the activity and to the size of the beneficiary. The aid intensities for industrial research activities are 65% for large enterprises, 75% for medium enterprises and 80% for small enterprises. The aid intensities for experimental development activities are 40% for large enterprises, 50% for medium enterprises and 60% for small enterprises.

Allocation procedures There are two procedures:

1. a procedure based on evaluations (call for projects), which applies to SMEs. The total cost of each project must be between 400,000 and 1,000,000 euro. In this case, the aid is granted as follows: a) 20% of the sum in advance, upon presentation of a bank guarantee; b) 40% of the sum as the project progresses, following submission of a written application certifying that 50% of the eligible costs have been paid; c) the balance at the end of the project.
2. a request for expressions of interest, followed by a negotiation procedure, which applies to all the projects whose total eligible cost is above 3,000,000 euro. The specific allocation procedure will be described in detail in the request for expressions of interest.

State of execution There are two procedures:

1. the call for projects for SMEs is already active;
2. the publication of the request for expressions of interest, which will be followed by the negotiation procedure, is scheduled for September 2009.

Deadline for the submission of applications by beneficiaries The deadline for the presentation of expressions of interest, which will be followed by the negotiation procedure, will be specified in the request scheduled to be published by autumn 2009.

Geographical areas of intervention The entire regional territory.

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Aid scheme 13. POR CREO 2007-2013. Activity 3.1

“Support to the creation of renewable energy power generation systems. Public and private subjects”.

Beneficiaries Enterprises, consortia, co-operatives, local bodies or associations of local bodies. For a complete list of eligible beneficiaries and possible exclusions, please contact our offices.

Funded activities Investment projects in the energy field.

Eligible costs Systems for the generation and use of renewable energy, hydroelectric power stations, solar thermal power systems, solar photovoltaic systems, wind power stations, biomass-fuelled electric and thermal power plants, low enthalpy geothermal fluids in production processes, urban district heating, biomass cogeneration plants.

Aid instrument Non-repayable grant

Aid intensity Maximum possible amount

The amount of the grant varies according to the activity and to the size of the beneficiary. The aid intensities are up to 60% of eligible investments for large enterprises, up to 70% for medium enterprises and up to 80% for small enterprises.

Allocation procedures

Elaboration of a ranking on the basis of a call for projects. The aid can be granted in the following ways: 1) 30% of the sum in advance, upon presentation of a bank guarantee; 30% of the sum as the project progresses and the remaining 40% at the end of the project; 2) entirely at the end of the project.

State of execution Active.

Deadline for the submission of applications by beneficiaries

The applications can be submitted from 18:01 of 30 September 2009 to 18:00 of 1 March 2010.

Geographical areas of intervention The entire regional territory.

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Aid scheme 13. POR CREO 2007-2013. Activity 3.2

“Promotion and support to the diffusion of energy-saving and energy-efficient systems in production processes. Public and private subjects”.

Beneficiaries Enterprises, consortia, co-operatives, local bodies or associations of local bodies. For a complete list of eligible beneficiaries and possible exclusions, please contact our offices.

Funded activities Investment projects.

Eligible costs New-generation system components, energy-saving devices and eligible interventions aimed at reducing or stabilizing the growth in energy consumption.

Aid instrument Non-repayable grant.

Aid intensity Maximum possible amount

The amount of the grant varies according to the activity and to the size of the beneficiary. The aid intensities are up to 60% of eligible investments for large enterprises, up to 70% for medium enterprises and up to 80% for small enterprises.

Allocation procedures

Elaboration of a ranking on the basis of a call for projects. The aid can be granted in the following ways: 1) 30% of the sum in advance, upon presentation of a bank guarantee; 30% of the sum as the project progresses and the remaining 40% at the end of the project; 2) entirely at the end of the project.

State of execution Active.

Deadline for the submission of applications by beneficiaries

The applications can be submitted from 18:01 of 30 September 2009 to 18:00 of 1 March 2010

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To get more information on the grants described above, as well as on other existing grants not described here, please visit the website of the Tuscany Region www.regione.toscana.it. Here you will also find some in-depth analyses, some of which are already available.

Here are some indications on the website www.regione.toscana.it:

the section “business and finance” (icon at the right of the home page) can be found at the following address: <http://www.regione.toscana.it/economiaefinanza/index.html>;

the “Documentation of Reference” mentioned in the descriptions can be found at the address <http://web.rete.toscana.it/attinew>;

details on the activities of the programme POR CREO 2007-2013 are available at the address <http://www.regione.toscana.it/creo>;

the regional plans and programmes, among which PRSE 2007-2010 (Regional Economic Development Plan) can be found at the address

http://www.regione.toscana.it/regione/export/RT/sito-RT/Contenuti/sezioni/azione_governo/attuazione_programmi/rubriche/glistrumenti/visualizza_asset.html_666481565.html.

You can also get more information from the regional offices listed for the various aid schemes.