

Grants for enterprises transition to a Circular Economy

The information presented below is based on indicative version of the procedure and may change as of the date of the official announcement.

Purpose of the grant: Accelerating the transition to a Circular Economy through circular models for resource use and the implementation of climate-neutral methods and technologies and circular solutions to reduce the resource footprint by applying technologies for:

- Preventing or reducing the generation of waste;
- Reduction of raw materials used;
- Limiting the use of plastic packaging and single-use plastic products;
- Production of sustainable products.

Eligible applicants: SMEs and large enterprises from sector C "Processing Industry". According to the current procedure, candidates can participate individually or jointly with partners.

Eligible costs:

- Costs for the acquisition of machinery, facilities and equipment;
- Costs for the acquisition of specialized software for the production process.



Funding rate:

| Category of the enterprise – applicant/partner | Max funding rate for activities outside <u>South-West Region</u> (NUTS-2) | Max funding rate for activities in South-West Region (NUTS-2) |
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| Micro and small enterprises | 50 % | Sofia city (capital): 40% Sofia district: 50% Blagoevgrad district: 50% Pernik district: 40% Kyustendil district: 45% |
| Medium enterprises | 50 % | Sofia city (capital): 30% Sofia district: 50% Blagoevgrad district: 50% Pernik district: 30% Kyustendil district: 35% |
| Large enterprises | 30 % | Sofia city (столица), Sofia district, Blagoevgrad district, Pernik district, Kyustendil district: 20 % |

Max grant amount:

- Micro enterprises: 350 000 BGN
- Small enterprises: 550 000 BGN
- Medium enterprises: 750 000 BGN
- Large enterprises: 1 000 000 BGN

Min grant amount:

• For all categories of enterprises: 70 000 BGN



Eligible activities:

- Preventing or reducing the generation of waste through implementation of technologies for preparation, reuse and processing, recycling and/or other activities to use the waste from the production activity (of the applicant and/or the partner) and putting them back as raw material in the production process (for the production of existing and/or new products for the enterprise);
- Reduction of the raw materials used, the amount of raw materials used for the production of a unit of product and/or the reduction of types or quantity of raw materials put into the final product;
- Limiting the use of plastic packaging and plastic products for single use;
- Production of sustainable products by implementing technologies that ensure:

- repeated or multiple use of existing and/or new products for the enterprise, and/or increasing their durability, and/or

- providing opportunities for modernization and repair - repair/replacement of damaged parts and/or components with a view to increasing the durability of usage of the products, and/or

- increasing the possibilities of recycling the products after their use, including the possibilities of disassembly at the end of the life cycle in order to facilitate the recycling or recovery of the waste from the products after their end-of-use.

Expected opening date: March 2023





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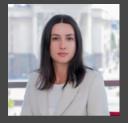
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