



Green and digital partnerships for smart transformation grants



Grant amount:

to 1.5 mil. BGN, which can represent up to 80% of the eligible costs of the project.

**Who can apply:**

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (up to 250 people, including related companies); registered before 31 December 2022; with net sales revenues for 2023 and 2024 above the relevant thresholds; to be in partnership with at least one scientific organization/higher education institution

Eligible activities:

- Activities for testing, maturation and validation of innovative technologies/products in the field of green and digital solutions;
- Activities for validation of the new technology/product/process, including through prototyping, modeling, user tests and other validation tests;

Eligible activities:

- Activities for research and development of sustainable business plans and models for the potential for commercialization of markets with high added value;
- Activities for research on growth prospects, intellectual property protection, analysis of competitive technologies, regulatory, certification and standardization regimes, if applicable, etc.;

Innovative technologies/products in the field of green and digital solutions need to belong to one of the thematic areas of the Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization 2021-2027:

- "Informatics and ICT";
- "Mechatronics and Microelectronics";
- "Industries for healthy living, bioeconomy and biotechnology";
- "New Technologies in Creative and Recreational Industries"; and
- "Clean technologies, circular and low-carbon economy".

Eligible costs:

1) Remuneration costs (including health and social security contributions at the expense of the employer) of staff for the duration of the project implementation – researchers, technical staff and other qualified personnel directly involved in the project activities – BGN 31/hour;

Costs sum up to 40% of staff costs:

2) Costs for tools and equipment (Tangible fixed assets and Intangible fixed assets) – purchase of new equipment and/or depreciation of existing equipment of the applicant and partner(s);

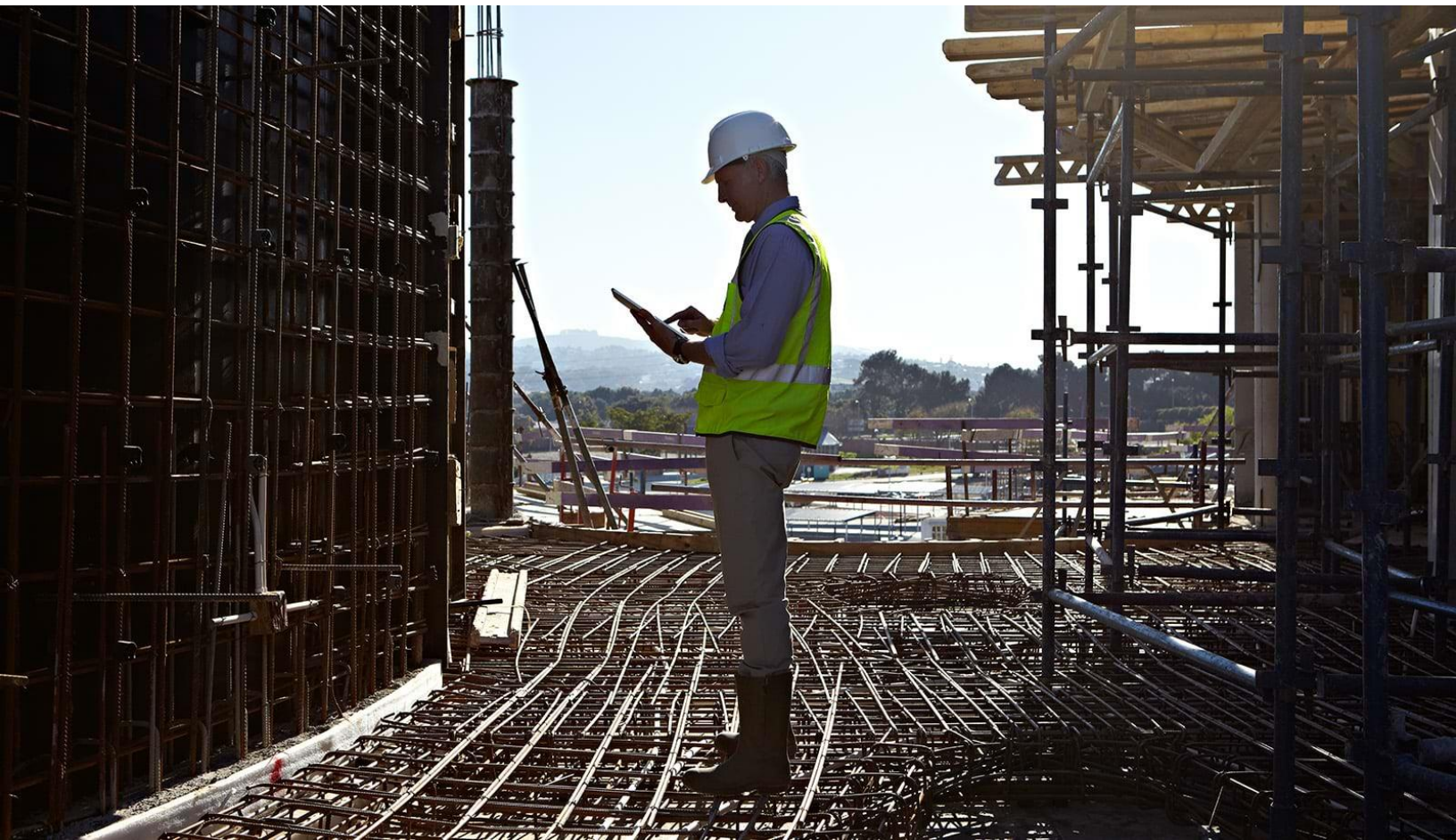
3) Costs of knowledge contracts and patents purchased or licensed from external sources, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project;

4) Operating and overhead costs, including costs for materials, consumables.

Duration of project implementation: 24 (twenty-four) months, but not later than 31.12.2029.

Deadline for submission of project proposals: to be announced

The information presented is based on a draft of guidelines for public discussion and as of the date of the official announcement it is possible that changes may occur.



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