

Greece

GSRI – General Secretariat for Research and Innovation,
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National Funding Rules for the 2022 Calls of the EUROSTARS-3 (Innovative SMEs Partnership Programme)

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The following conditions are provisional and without prejudice to the application of legal rules (legally binding documents), currently under preparation, concerning the terms and procedures for the management of the action at national level.

A. Legal requirements for the eligibility of a partner or a project

1) Type or nature of participants

GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities legally operating in Greece (not natural persons) namely:

- a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations (e.g. Higher-education Institutions or Research Centres/Institutes)
- b) Undertakings (a private and/or public sector unit, regardless of its legal status or size, engaged in economic activity)
- c) Other entities that will be considered as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations, if respective requirements are met, or undertakings

Besides natural persons the following categories of undertakings are also not eligible:

- An “undertaking in difficulty” (according to Reg. EU 651/2014, art.2).
- An undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market.

2) Legal, administrative and financial conditions

Eligible activities

- In case of participants falling under category (b) the main part of the project should fall within the categories of industrial research or experimental development or feasibility studies (according to the provisions of art 25 of Reg. EU 651/2014). For SMEs funding for innovation activities (art. 28 of Reg. EU 651/2014) may also be provided.

3) Consortium configuration: no restrictions

4) Other conditions

-It is mandatory for Greek applicants to submit on-line, in Greek, a short proposal description, regarding the work undertaken by Greek partners and the documents that are necessary for performing the eligibility check within 20 working days after the first and the second stage (if applicable) submission deadline.

All applications should be accompanied by all elements and relevant documents that allow the Greek authorities to assess the eligibility criteria and in particular those with regard to article 2 of GBER Regulation, 651/2014 for undertakings in difficulty and the size of undertakings/enterprises.

In addition, all Greek applicants should provide additional information on the contribution of the project to the Greek economy/competitiveness and society. Furthermore, the possible industrial and commercial impact of the project to the country.

More detailed information on proposal Submission and national rules for the signing of the grant agreement and monitoring of project implementation are currently under preparation and will be published at a later stage at the GSRI website.

B. Eligibility of the costs and funding

1) Double funding

The project submitted for funding must neither have already benefited from public funding nor be redundant or overlap with projects or part of projects already funded.

2) Co-funding source

National Public Investments Programme

3) Funding rates

For Research and Knowledge-dissemination organizations, or other entities treated as such, the funding rate may reach a maximum of 100% of the eligible cost for non-economic activities.

Maximum aid intensity for undertakings is calculated according to paragraphs 5,6,7 of article 25 and art. 28 of Reg. EU 651/2014.

Table 1. Aid intensity

Type of enterprise/ Type of Activity	Aid intensity -TBD		
	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small and too small Enterprises
R&D Activities (art.25 Reg. EU 651/2014)			
Industrial/applied research	up to 50%	up to 60%	up to 70%
Industrial/applied research given that conditions i) or ii) are met	up to 65%	up to 75%	up to 80%
Experimental development	up to 25%	up to 35%	up to 45%
Experimental development given that conditions i) or ii) are met	up to 40%	up to 50%	up to 60%
Feasibility Studies	up to 50%	up to 60%	up to 70%
Innovation Activities (art.28 of Reg. EU 651/2014)			
Activities defined in art. 28, REG. (EU) 651/2014	0%	50%	50%

Conditions for increasing the maximum aid intensity for research and development activities (Reg. (EU) No 651/2014):

The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased by 15 percentage points and up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% of the eligible cost 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 cost 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, free or open-source software.

Cumulation: In case of undertakings aid with identifiable eligible cost may be cumulated with:

- (a) any other State aid, as long as those measures concern different identifiable eligible cost,
- (b) any other State aid, in relation to the same eligible cost, partly or fully overlapping, only if such cumulation does not result in exceeding the highest aid intensity or aid amount as defined above.

Maximum state aid per project is €150K (for the total of Greek contribution)

4) VAT eligibility

Only non-reclaimable VAT is eligible