

## GREEK NATIONAL REGULATION FOR THE PRIMA SECTION 2

### “Transnational open and competitive Calls funding by participating Member States.”

#### ✓ **Funding body details (country, name and acronym).**

Hellenic Republic (Greece), General Secretariat for Research and Innovation of the Ministry of Development and Investments (GSRI), <https://gsri.gov.gr>

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#### **Important notice!**

Submission of the proposal at national level

**Each Greek partner participating to a proposal submitted to PRIMA shall also submit on-line, in Greek language, a short proposal description, providing more details regarding the work undertaken by Greek partners, within 10 working days after the first and the second stage submission deadline.**

The URL of the dedicated platform for submissions and other details will be defined in the respective Decision of GSRI which will be issued soon after the PRIMA call for proposals is published.

**This submission is mandatory. Any Greek applicant who does not submit the aforementioned documents by the deadline specified above, will be considered as non-eligible for funding.**

#### ✓ **National criteria:**

These rules are additional to the terms and conditions described in the PRIMA call for proposals text for Section 2.

The National Implementation guide (ΑΔΑ: 6ΣΣΔ46ΜΤΑΡ-Γ6Θ) and the national call, contain detailed information about eligible costs per activity and type of beneficiary. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to read the PRIMA call for proposals text, the present document and the regulations published at the GSRI site carefully. They may also consult the national contact points listed above.

#### ✓ **Participating Thematic Areas**

Please note that for the current call GSRI will only participate and provide national funding to projects under the following thematic fields a) **Water Management** and b) **Agrofood Chain**, and **NOT** under the field of **Farming Systems**.

#### ✓ **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. GSRI will ensure that double funding is avoided and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.**

**In case of undertakings, aid with identifiable eligible costs may be cumulated with:**

**(a) any other State aid, as long as those measures concern different identifiable eligible costs,**

**(b) any other State aid, in relation to the same eligible costs, partly or fully overlapping, only if such cumulation does not result in exceeding the highest aid intensity or aid amount as defined above.**

- ✓ Costs are eligible at the earliest after the date of submission of the application for funding to GSRI. Costs incurred before that date and/or after the duration of the project are not eligible. The date of the eligibility

of the costs, the starting date of the project and its duration will be defined in the funding decision issued by GSRI.

**Participation criteria: *Eligible applicants (Type or nature of participants)***

GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities legally operating in Greece namely:

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

Apart from 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.

○ **Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal.**

The maximum amount of public funding will not exceed:

- per partner: 200.000 € (250.000 € in case of project coordinator)
- and
- per proposal: 400.000 € (450.000 € if the proposal is coordinated by a Greek entity)

○ **Eligible costs per activity and type of potential beneficiary:**

**A. Research and Development activities:** activities falling within one or more of the following categories: fundamental research, industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies.

It is stressed that R&D activities are mandatory for each Greek partner of the transnational collaborative project.

**Beneficiaries:**

(a) Any entity performing economic activities (Undertakings)

Eligible costs and maximum aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.25 of Regulation EU 651/2014 (General Block Exemption Regulation-GBER).

(b) Research performing and knowledge-dissemination organizations

(c) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

In particular, beneficiaries qualify for types (b) or (c) if they fulfill the conditions stipulated in the “Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation” (2014/C 198/01) for public funding of non-economic activities. In this case the funding rate can amount to 100% of eligible costs.

**Eligible Costs (direct costs)**

(i) Personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project; maximum gross cost per month is 3,000 €

(ii) Costs of instruments and equipment (depreciation costs);

Especially in the case of beneficiaries under types (b) or (c) or are treated as such (type c), costs for the acquisition of instruments and equipment are also considered eligible.

(iii) Costs of buildings (depreciation costs) and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible;

(iv) 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;

Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget and they should be well justified.

(v) Other expenses, including costs of materials, consumables and similar products, travelling costs, dissemination costs etc. incurred directly as a result of the project.

(vi) Costs of the feasibility study

## **B. Innovation activities**

### **Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:**

(a) SMEs: eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.28 of GBER (Reg 651/2014)

(b) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations

(c) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

### **Eligible costs:**

(i) Costs for obtaining, validating and defending patents and other intangible assets;

(ii) Costs for the secondment of highly qualified personnel from a research and knowledge-dissemination organization or a large enterprise, working on research, development and innovation activities in a newly created function within the beneficiary and not replacing other personnel;

(iii) Costs for innovation advisory and support services;

The aid intensity for SMEs shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs.

## **C. Aid to SMEs for participation in fairs**

### **Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are SMEs.**

Eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.19 of GBER (Reg 651/2014).

### **Eligible costs:**

Eligible costs shall be the costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand for the participation of an SME in a particular fair or exhibition, given that such participation is directly related to the funded project. Participation in a trade fair for products or services in which the SME is already active is not eligible.

The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs.

This activity (cost category) is not eligible for enterprises operating in primary agricultural sector and the fishery/aquaculture sector.

## **D. Training and mobility activities**

### **Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are qualify as:**

(a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations

(b) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

**Eligible costs and funding level:**

The costs for transnational mobility of both Greek and foreign graduates, PhD students, post-doctoral students and researchers from or to Universities, research centers and research organizations, for a short period, are eligible. The maximum monthly cost for the relevant research organization (host organization or origin organization) is 3000 €. It will include travel expenses, subsistence expenses, daily allowance according to the law 4336/ 2015, in particular the articles 2, 5, 17, 23).

**E. Indirect costs and overheads**

**Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:**

(a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations

(b) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Indirect costs should not exceed 5% of the budget (excluding VAT and subcontracting costs).

○ **Dissemination activities.**

While not obligatory, it is highly recommended that both dissemination and communication activities are included.

All activities pertaining to this category, even those to be carried out after project completion, must acknowledge the GSRI financial support and PRIMA labelling requirements with the use of logos and/or appropriate reference. In the event of non-compliance with the above, the relevant expenditure may be deemed ineligible, resulting in the recovery of part or the entire relevant amount disbursed.

○ **Capacity building, training and mobility**

See above under “D. Training and mobility activities”

○ **VAT eligibility.**

Only not reclaimable VAT is eligible.

○ **Subcontracting rules.**

Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget of the Greek Partner and they should be well justified.

○ **Non-eligible costs (Non-exhaustive list):**

- any costs not directly related to the specific aided project but related instead to other research and development activities of the beneficiaries, or to their regular activities
- any profit
- excessive expenditure or expenditure of no avail
- costs for advertisement, distribution and promotion of commercial products and activities
- any forecast for possible future damages or debts
- any interest or return on invested capital
- unsubstantiated debts
- entertainment costs
- costs pertaining to other projects that have been funded by third parties

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✓ **Consortium agreement requirements.**

The consortium agreement should be submitted in English and sent to GSRI before the first instalment.