



The Stairway to excellence (S2E)

Boosting regional growth through innovation

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- Smart Growth OP Covers support for R&D in enterprises and R&D units, implementation of RDI (in SMEs), development of R&D friendly environment;
- SGOP – EUR 8.6 billion of European funds;
- Role of the Ministry: Managing Authority (overall supervision of the Programme & its implementation system); direct supervision of largest projects, including financial instruments.

Context for introducing synergies in SGOP

R&D&I activity of Polish enterprises growing, but still below EU average

- Structure of GERD
- Recently – low level of investment

Programmes on EU level – highly competitive

- Low participation
- Low success rate

Availability of EU R&D&I funds on national and regional level

- Need to build capacity to participate in more complex projects / programmes



Objectives for introducing synergy instruments in SGOP

Building capacity to participate in EU programmes + increasing visibility of EU programmes

Providing match-funding

Providing support for high-quality projects



Instrument 1 – International Research Agendas

- Synergy with Teaming for Excellence programme in H2020
- Type of synergy: simultaneous funding
- Number of projects envisaged: 3 (out of 10 planned for financing in the instrument)
- Budget of the whole IRA project: EUR 127m
- Financing for implementation of a research agenda, including remuneration of researchers, renting of necessary research infrastructure, contracted services



Instrument 1 – International Research Agendas

- Implementation stage: first call for proposals closed.
- Next calls envisaged annually (2017, 2018), in line with ToE calls for proposals.



Instrument 2 – Feasibility studies for R&D projects

- Synergy with SME Instrument phase I
- Type of synergy: alternative funding
- Financing scheme very similar to the one offered in H2020
- Objective of support: to verify the commercial and technology potential of the technology / product / service and to prepare a feasibility study
- Financing in the form of lump sum – around EUR 50K per enterprise
- State aid / de minimis aid



Instrument 2 – Feasibility studies for R&D projects

- Implementation stage (pilot scheme): first call for proposals to be announced in April.
- Call on a continuous basis (2017)
- Pilot phase of the scheme: financing for around 35 projects
- Assessment of applications: verification of SoE certificate



Instrument 3 – R&D projects

- Synergy with SME Instrument phase II
- Type of synergy: alternative funding
- Financing for R&D necessary for the advancement of a solution towards commercialization
- Financing on the basis of state aid for R&D (relevant support intensity thresholds apply)



Instrument 3 – R&D projects

- Implementation stage: first call for proposals to be announced in May, open June - December.
- Call on a continuous basis
- Envisaged amount of financing for the call: EUR 12m
- Assessment of applications: formal verification + limited criteria

Challenges / questions

- ensuring the application covers the same project;
- aligning financing levels & rules (including smart specialization areas);
- timing.

SoE



- timing of calls for proposals.

Teaming



- possibility to use the SME qualification tool in cohesion policy programmes

Technical

SME?



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