



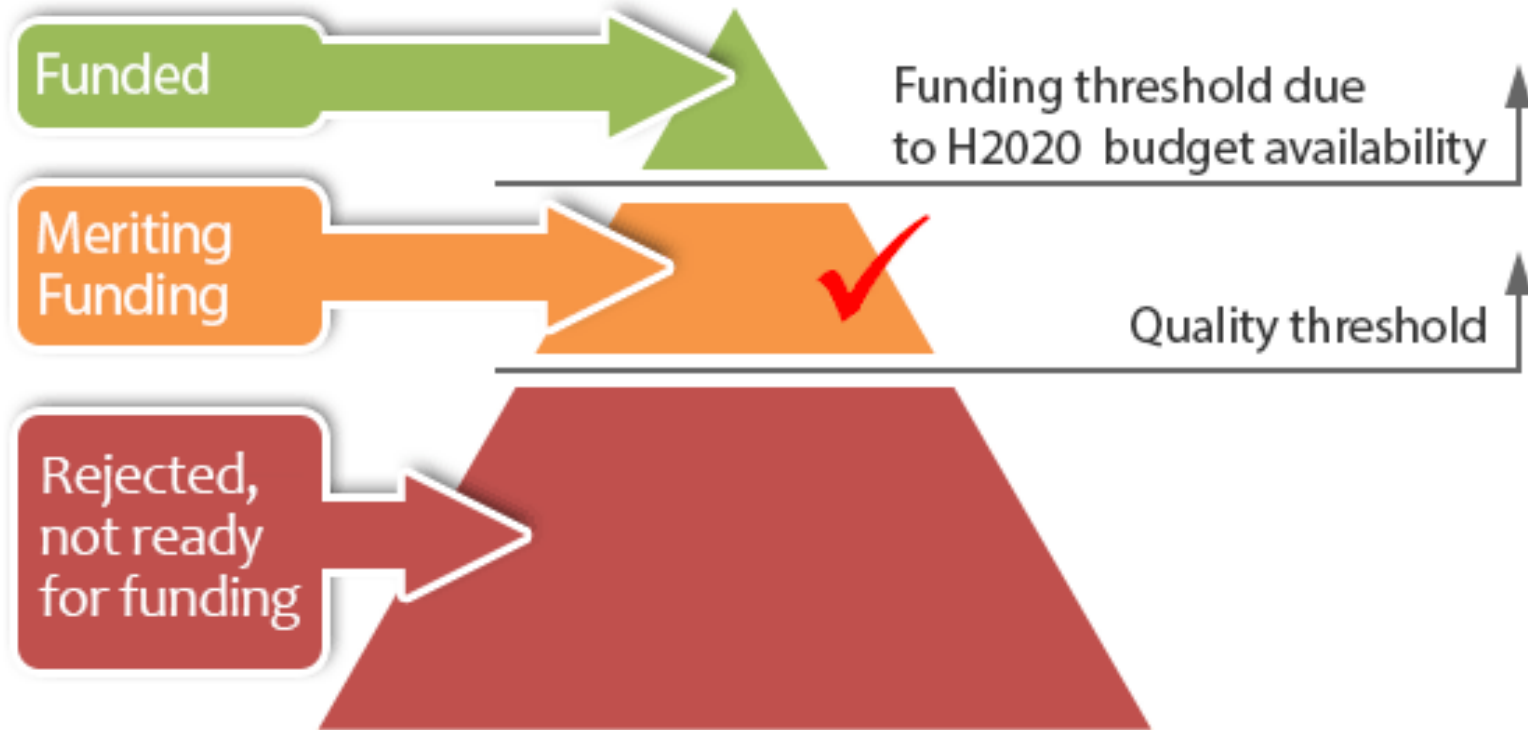
Seal of Excellence as a tool to encourage participation in H2020 projects – Polish case

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The idea of SEO



Objectives and beneficiaries of Smart Growth Operational Programme 2014-2020

Stimulating innovation and competitiveness of the Polish economy, demonstrated mainly by increased private expenditure on R&D .

Means to achieve the objective:

- Supporting enterprises in innovative and R&D sectors
- Improving the quality and interdisciplinarity of R&D
- Increasing the degree of commercialisation and internationalisation of R&D

Types of beneficiaries:

enterprises (esp. SME), research units, universities, business environment institutions and different forms of their cooperation (clusters, technology platforms, consortia).



Seal of Excellence in SG OP

SME Instrument	Complementary SG OP measure	Institution
Phase I	<i>2.4.1 Centre for analysis and pilotage of new instruments - inno_LAB</i>	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development
Phase II	<i>1.1.1 Industrial research and experimental development implemented by enterprises</i>	National Center of Research and Development



Seal of Excellence – level I

Financing scheme

Synergy with SME
Instrument phase I

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

First results

Out of around 30 companies eligible – 20 projects financed

Wide variety of areas (IT, medicine, waste management)

Expected results – applications to SME Instrument phase II



Seal of Excellence – level II

Financing scheme

Synergy with SME Instrument phase II
Financing for R&D necessary for the advancement of a solution towards commercialization
Financing on the basis of state aid for R&D

First results

2017 call – EUR 12.5 m, June – December (monthly cut-offs)
First results: 7 projects financed



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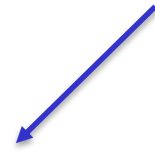
Overall budget of the *Fast Track scheme* with envelope for SEO

670 milion

€

2 950 milion

PLN





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Seal of Excellence” certificate

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As of **19 June 2017** apply online to SoE-dedicated „Fast track” call



Only project, that have been awarded „Seal of Excellence” no later than 18 months before application to SGOP



Apply Online



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Meet the requirements of the SGOP: write it in Polish, adjust to State Aide scheme, check if all your tasks in the SME project can be proved as R&D activity, **attach your „Seal of Excellence” certificate together with your application**



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Get ready for the simplified evaluation (you are lucky: NCBR will recognise most of the evaluation criteria as fulfilled and only „burning issues” related to 1303/2013 and 651/2014 will remain subject of evaluation)



Thank you!

Questions, comments?

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