

Integrated incentives Packages (small enterprises)

- Information sheet -

<p>Type of incentive</p>	<p>Integrated Incentives Packages are part of a range of flexible incentive schemes, designed to facilitate new business investments, available from the Apulia Regional Government, through the regional in-house agency Puglia Sviluppo.</p> <p>Integrated Incentives Packages represent a regional grant scheme, aimed at supporting small-medium sized capital investment projects for investors who create new jobs and safeguard existing jobs, contributing to the consolidation or recovery of existing industrial activities and/or to the creation of new business in the region.</p>
<p>Types of eligible investments</p>	<p>Integrated Incentives Packages support investment projects for existing businesses already located in Apulia or for new businesses to be located within the region, aimed at the following types of initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - setting up a new production unit; - expanding an existing production unit; - new product development within an existing production unit; - introducing substantial changes to the overall production process within an existing production unit.
<p>Investment limits</p>	<p>Funding is available for investment projects with overall eligible expenditure and costs falling within the range between 1 million and 20 million Euros</p>
<p>Who can apply: beneficiaries</p>	<p>Small enterprises (a small enterprise is a company which employs less than 50 employees and produces an annual turnover of less than 10 million Euros), that, on the date of the application for funding, have both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. approved accounts for at least the past three financial years; ii. produced an average annual turnover of no less than 1.5 million Euros over the past three financial years, with a workforce of no fewer than 10 full-time employees during the previous 12 months.
<p>Eligible sectors</p>	<p>Almost all manufacturing business sectors (ATECO - Classification of economic activity code - Letter "C") are eligible, although the European Commission restricts aid in the following industry sectors which are not currently eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12.0 Tobacco industry; - 20.6 Manufacturing of fibres; - 24.1 Iron and steel; - 24.2 Manufacturing of tubes, pipes, hollow profiles and related accessories in steel (excluding those cast steel); - 30.11.02 Shipyards for metal constructions and non-metallic (excluding seats); - 33.15 Repairs and maintenance of ships and boats (excluding engines). <p>In addition, some fishery and agricultural products are subject to restrictions. Some service industry business sectors may also qualify, depending on the economic activity code.</p> <p>A full list of the eligible ATECO economic activity codes is available on the following website: http://www.sistema.puglia.it/SistemaPuglia/piapiccoleimprese</p>

<p>Eligible expenditure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investments in eligible “tangible assets” (purchase of land; construction works and similar; machinery and plant facilities; computer programmes; patents), including feasibility studies and works management - Investments in eligible research activities (research related to industrial or experimental R & D) - Investments in consultancy services, only for participating SME’s, for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o technological and business innovation, including quality control, environmental policy, social responsibility and ethical certification o e-business practices o environmental protection and energy savings measures o international marketing and international business development programmes - Investments for the participation in trade fairs
<p>Level of funding for investments in “tangible assets”</p>	<p>Funding is available, depending on the type of costs involved, as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25% - 45%.
<p>Level of funding for investments in R&D activities</p>	<p>Funding is available, depending on the type of costs involved, as set out below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Investments in industrial research (for a total of up to 5 million Euros per project enterprises): 70%. ii. Investments in experimental R&D (for a total of up to 3.5 million Euros per project): 45%. iii. Technical feasibility studies (for a total of up to 0.5 million Euros per project): 50%. iv. Patents and other industrial property rights (for a total of up to 2 million Euros per project): 50%. <p>Additional funding of up to 15% of eligible costs may be available for industrial research and experimental development, based on specific eligibility criteria.</p>
<p>Level of funding for consultancy services</p>	<p>Funding is available, depending on the type of costs involved, as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investments in consultancy services for technological and business innovation (for a total of up to 0.5 million Euros per project): 50%; - Investments in other consultancy services (for a total of up to 200,000 Euros per project): 45 - 50% - Investments for the participation in trade fairs (for a total of up to 120,000 Euros per project): 45 - 50%.
<p>Regulatory reference</p>	<p>Art. 27 Regional Regulation n. 17/2014</p>
<p>How to apply</p>	<p>Applications must be submitted electronically, in Italian, through the website www.sistema.puglia.it, following the procedure in the specific section “PIA Piccole imprese” (Integrated incentives packages - small-sized enterprises)</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>Additional information is available on the following websites: www.pugliasviluppo.eu - www.sistema.puglia.it or by contacting Puglia Sviluppo SpA Via delle Dalie, Zona Industriale Modugno (BA) Tel: +39 080 5498811 - E-mail: fdi@pugliasviluppo.it</p>