

TECNONIDI - Information sheet -	
Type of incentive	<p>The TECNONIDI instrument is part of a range of flexible business incentive schemes, designed to facilitate new business investments, available from the Apulia Regional Government, through the regional in-house agency Puglia Sviluppo.</p> <p>TECNONIDI represents a regional grants scheme, designed specifically for technological start-ups and small-sized innovative enterprises, intending to set-up and/or develop investment plans in high-tech sectors in Apulia, aimed at introducing new business solutions or services by exploiting research results and knowledge acquired from the public and private research institutes, in the specific areas of innovation identified by the Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy.</p>
Types of eligible investments	<p>TECNONIDI supports investment projects for small-sized innovative enterprises located within the region of Apulia, which have been newly set-up or have been operating for a maximum of five years, as shown by the registration in the Italian Business Register, aimed at the following types of investment initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - setting up a new business unit; - expanding an existing business unit.
Investment limits	<p>Funding is available for investment projects with overall eligible expenditure falling within the range between 25,000.00 and 350,000.00 euros, of which maximum 250,000.00 euros for investment costs and maximum 100,000.00 euros for operating costs.</p>
Who can apply: beneficiaries	<p>Small-sized enterprises (a small enterprise is a company which employs less than 50 employees and produces an annual turnover of less than 10 million Euros), which have been registered in the Italian Business Register for no longer than 5 years, falling into one of the following categories:</p> <p>(a) a company which is effectively set-up and registered in the national Innovative Start-ups Register (established by national Decree no. 179 of 18/10/2012, converted into Law n. 221 of 18/12/2012);</p> <p>(b) a company which has sustained R&D costs totalling at least 10% of overall operating costs in at least one of the three financial years preceding the award of the grant or, in the case of start-ups without accounts for previous financial years, 10% of overall operating costs in the revised accounts for the current financial year, as certified by an external auditor. Alternatively, the company should be able to demonstrate, by means of an independent assessment to be carried out by an external expert, that its R&D activities will lead to the development of new products, services or processes, in the near future, that represent a significant breakthrough compared to the state of the art in the business sector and that involve high levels of business risk;</p> <p>c) a company that has been awarded the “Seal of Excellence”, under the European Commission pilot Initiative “Horizon 2020” SME Instrument Programme.</p>
Eligible sectors	<p>The proposed investment projects must be related to one of the following areas of innovation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable manufacturing: Aerospace; Capital goods; Transport; Other manufacturing sectors (e.g. textiles and clothing, furniture, chemicals); 2. Human wellbeing and environmental health: Agri-food; Environment; Sustainable energy; Pharmaceuticals; Medical and healthcare; 3. Digital, creative and inclusive communities: Creative industries, Social innovation. <p>A full list of the eligible ATECO economic activity codes is available on the following website: http://www.sistema.puglia.it/SistemaPuglia/tecnonidi</p>

<p>Eligible expenditure</p>	<p>Investment costs within the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tangible assets: machinery and production plant facilities, office furniture and commercial vehicles; • intangible assets: software, technology transfer through the acquisition of operating licenses or patented or unpatented technologies and know-how; <p>Operating costs within the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full-time employees salaries; • rental of business premises; • utilities; • insurance policies; • fees and subscription costs for access to databases, software services, "cloud" services, information services, Internet domain registration and housing, Web Marketing campaigns (search engine positioning, advertising spaces, keywords advertising), Social marketing campaigns for enhancing brand awareness and reputation; • personalised website development services; • consultancy services for innovation; • innovation support services; • consultancy services for the first-time introduction of an environmental management system, of product quality certification, of corporate social responsibility management and ethical and social reporting, based on international standards; • exhibition space and stand build-up costs for the first-time participation in a trade fair.
<p>Level of funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80% of eligible investment costs, for a maximum amount of funding of up to € 200,000.00, equally divided into one-part subsidy grant and one-part repayable loan; - 80% of eligible operating costs, in the form of a subsidy grant, for a maximum amount of funding of up to € 80,000.00.
<p>Regulatory reference</p>	<p>UE Regulation n. 651/2014</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 dedicated section "Tecnonidi"</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>