Gazdasági és Közlekedési Minisztérium





ÁNYOS JEDLIK PROGRAMME

Call for proposals

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I. Objectives

The programme aims at enhancing the competitiveness of the economy and improving the sustainability of development by promoting application-oriented, strategic research and development in the field of state-of-the-art technologies. Its objective is to promote innovation taking Hungarian R&D strategies into consideration.

Project proposals under the programme shall have unequivocal and clear objectives applying cross-disciplinary technological solutions.

Successful project proposals shall contribute to

- realising application-oriented research and development,
- strengthening the innovative capability of enterprises and achieving their long-term, strategic R&D objectives,
- the complex solution of economic-social challenges by strengthening cooperation between enterprises and the R&D sector,
- enhancing the competitiveness of the economy: developing competitive products and services,
- creating knowledge-intensive and human-centred workplaces,
- the Hungarian preparation for the 7th Framework Programme of the EU.

The programme invites proposals under four sub-programmes to provide R&D solutions for economic and social challenges.

- 1. Healthy Human
- 2. Competitive Industry
- 3. Competitive Agriculture
- 4. Liveable and Sustainable Environment

II. Source and Budget of Funding

To achieve the objectives of this Call, the National Office for Research and Technology provides **HUF 8 billion** for project funding from the Research and Technology Innovation Fund (hereinafter referred to as: Fund).

III. Expected number of funded project proposals

The expected number of funded project proposals is: 18-30.

IV. Eligible Applicants

Under all Sub-programmes of this Call, entities registered in Hungary, or registered in the European Economic Area with premises in Hungary shall be eligible, these entities being

- business enterprises and cooperatives with legal entity,

- non-profit organizations with legal entity not carrying out market-influencing activities, public bodies or their institutes with legal entity,

as members of a research consortium established to carry out the proposed project. Project proposals shall be submitted by consortium-members together as set forth by the Call and Guide. The number of consortium-members may not exceed 6, while the coordinator must be an enterprise.

V. Form and Duration of Funding

<u>The funding is provided in the form of</u>: a non-refundable final contribution (hereinafter referred to as: grant).

The <u>duration of the proposed project</u> shall be a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 36 months.

VI. Funding

Under all four Sub-programmes, requested grant for the total duration of the project shall be a minimum of 200 and a maximum of 800 million forints.

Applicants are required to provide their own share of project funding - the rate of which shall depend on the type of funded activity and the type of company.

VI. 1. Maximum rate of funding per applicant under all Sub-programmes

1. For small and medium enterprises: the maximum rate of funding, under all sub-programmes, is governed by Regulation 364/2004/EC amending Regulation 70/2001/EC as regards the extension of its scope to include aid for research and development (OJ L 63 of 28.2.2004).

Calculated on the basis of eligible costs of the project, gross funding intensity shall be

- a) 100% for basic research;
- b) 60% for industrial research;
- c) 35% for experimental development

Gross funding intensity may be increased to a maximum of 75% for industrial research and 50% for experimental development.

2. Enterprises not qualifying as SMEs may only participate in consortia using their own resources without receiving funding, or they may receive de minimis funding. Provisions concerning *de minimis* funds are set forth by Commission Regulation 1998/2006/EC of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to de minimis aid (OJ L 379 of 28.12.2006.). According to this Regulation, the funding intensity provided to any undertaking as de minimis aid from any source may not exceed an amount of HUF equivalent to EUR 200 000 over any period of three years. As regards undertakings active in the road transport sector, this ceiling of de minimis aid should be set at a forint amount equivalent to EUR 100 000 over any period of three financial years.

3. For non-profit organizations with legal entity not carrying out market-influencing activities, public bodies and their institutes with legal entity: present funding does not qualify as State aid as defined in Article 87(1) of the Treaty, thus funding intensity may be 100% in their case.

At least 50% of the total funding requested by a given project must be requested by consortium-member enterprises.

R&D funding shall only be provided to enterprises if the funding promotes research and development beyond their regular activities.

VII. Eligible Activities

Projects may be implemented through basic research, industrial (applied) research and experimental development.

The proportion of different types of research within the project is determined by the nature of the project, but a maximum rate of 30% is set for basic research. Basic research, which may not be funded in itself, shall only be funded as part of a project, closely linked to industrial (applied) research and experimental development activities.

VIII. Process, Place and deadline for proposal submission

Under all Sub-programmes, each proposal compiled in compliance with the Call for Proposals and the Guide for Proposers should be submitted in Hungarian (1 original) and English (1 original) languages, in separately bound volumes in a closed parcel personally or by courier service to the following address:

Kutatás-fejlesztési Pályázati és Kutatáshasznosítási Iroda (Agency for Research Fund Management and Research Exploitation) 1117 Budapest, Neumann János u. 1/c. (Infopark, Building "C", Reception)

Submission deadline:

Project proposals may be submitted before 16:00 hours on 15th October 2007.

Funding shall be provided within the limits of the available budget.

The Call for Proposals, the detailed Guide for Proposers, the Application Form and the Guide to the Application Form as well as all other documents and information necessary for submission are available for download

from the website of the National Office for Research and Technology at (www.nkth.gov.hu), or from the website of the Agency for Research Fund Management and Research Exploitation (www.kpi.gov.hu), or from the website of The Ministry of Economy and Transport (www.gkm.gov.hu). For information concerning this call you may call:

Agency for Research Fund Management and Research Exploitation 06-1-484-2800, 06-1-484-2922

The Guide for Proposers and the Guide to the Application Form are integral parts of the Call for Proposals, these documents together contain all necessary requirements for proposals.