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Financial aids in Luxembourg for EMAS and the EU Ecolabel

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Legal Basis for Ecolabel/EMAS supporting aids

- Ministry of the Economy (MECO) Research and Innovation Directorate
 - All companies



Act of 17 May 2017
related to the promotion
of research,
development and
innovation aid schemes

The state aid applications must be submitted
prior to commencement of work
or before making any binding commitments!

- Ministry of the Economy (MECO) DG for SMEs and Entrepreneurship
 - Craft companies
 - Commercial companies



Act of 30 June 2004
related to aids for small
and medium-sized
enterprises

Applicable rules

• Ineligible companies: Undertakings in difficulty

- for all SMEs (excluding SME < 3 years of existence), where more than half of its subscribed share capital (share premium included) has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses

• Definition of an SME

- SMEs: Staff headcount < 250 AND (Turnover ≤ 50m OR Balance sheet total ≤ 43m)
- According to the European SME definition, (Grand-Ducal Regulation of 16 March 2005), it is required to agglomerate company data of all linked and partner enterprises (including companies held through holding companies or through physical persons)

<http://www.innovation.public.lu/fr/financer/competitivite/grants/definition-pme/index.html>

• Incentive effect

- The innovation aid application must be submitted prior to the commencement of work
- No binding commitment related to the project may be made before the submission

Aid schemes related to the promotion of research, development and innovation

Act of 17 May 2017



Principles of the RDI financial aids

- **Subsidies** to encourage companies to carry out R&D and innovation activities
- Individual assessment of each single project
- The **innovation fund** budget is adapted to the needs of the projects (instead of distributing a budget to the best projects)
- Luxinnovation provides support services to help companies meeting the admission criteria

Main criteria to benefit from an RDI aid

Co-financing Capacity

Equity/free cash flow

Capital Increase

Bank Loans

Economic impact

Substance

Exploitation of assets resulting from the project activities

Incentive Effect

Application before start of works

Δ project

Innovation

Competitive advantage on the market

New or improved product, process, service

New marketing method/ New organizational method

Scheme specific criteria

Technological challenges (R&D)

Risk of failure (IOS)

Scoping of R&D activities (feasibility)

RDI aid schemes

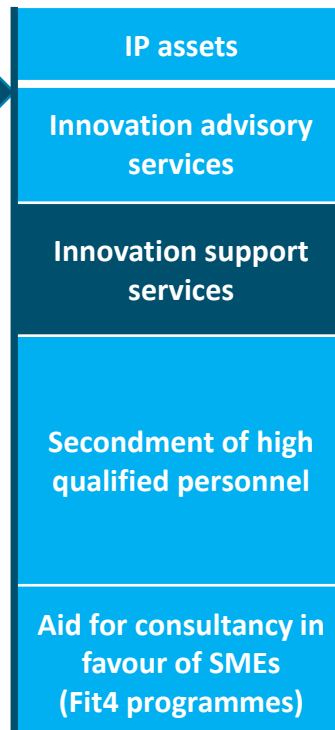
Innovation aid for SMEs (Art.7)



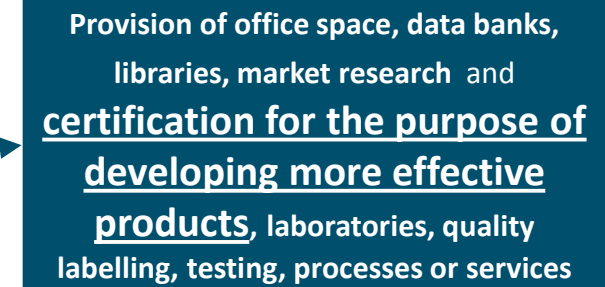
Type of RDI aid schemes



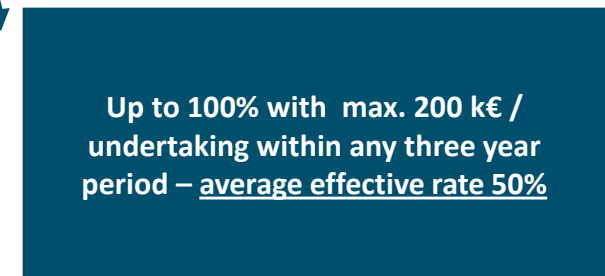
Type of support



Eligible costs



Funding rate



Innovation aid for SMEs (Art.7)

Guidelines

■ Required information

- Innovation of the product to be certified
- Expected deliverables
- Intended exploitation of the project results, expected economic impact

■ Required documents:

- Cost estimate of the service providers (including the costs in man-days and the expected number of days)
- Qualification of the consulting company
- Balance sheet, P&L, organizational chart (SME size check)

- Access to the guidelines: <http://www.guichet.public.lu/entreprises/en/financement-aides/aides-recherche-developpement/rdi/aide-innovation-pme/index.html>



Aid schemes for small and medium-sized enterprises

Act of 28 May 2009 modifying the Act of 30 June 2004



Financial aid for consultancy services for craft or commercial SMEs (Art. 2)

Occasional services provided by external consultants for one-off projects

■ Prerequisites

- be established in Luxembourg;
- offer sufficient guarantees in terms of viability;
- hold a business permit granted by the General Directorate for SMEs and Entrepreneurship;
- be soundly managed, and;
- actively contribute to and form part of the country's economic structure.

■ Amount of aid

- aid in the form of capital grant
- approximately 30% for certifications



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investments designed to enhance quality (quality assurance, quality management, certification according to international quality standards)

■ Ineligible companies

Exhaustive list of businesses carrying out certain specific activities (Act of 9 May 2010 <http://legilux.public.lu/eli/etat/leg/rgd/2010/05/09/n1/jo>)

■ Access to the guidelines:

<http://www.guichet.public.lu/entreprises/en/financement-aides/aides-artisanat-commerce/investissement-developpement-pme/aide-services-conseils/index.html>



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Thank you!

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