



# Norway grants

Norwegian Financial Mechanism's  
2014-2021 Programme «Business  
Development, Innovation and  
SME's»

 **LIAA** Latvijas Investīciju un attīstības aģentūra  
Investment and Development Agency of Latvia



# Programme's activities



Introduction of  
Green Innovation  
and ICT products  
into production

OPEN CALL



Development of  
Green Innovations  
and ICT products

SMALL GRANT SCHEMES



Development of  
Welfare technologies



Tech Business  
Center

TBC

# Programmes' areas of support

## GREEN INNOVATION



Energy storage and recovery



Creation of environmentally friendly and energy-efficient materials and products



Waste management



Management of water resources



Reduction of air pollution



Smart mobility and clean transport



Utilisation of surplus production processes



Prolonging the life cycle of products

# Programmes' areas of support

INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATION (ICT)



Artificial intelligence  
and virtual reality



Solutions for  
automation, robots,  
including  
autonomous robots  
and sensors



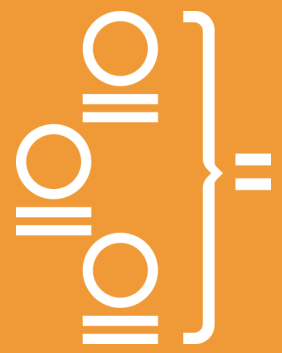
3D and 4D printing

Any other  
improvement related  
to ICT products,  
technologies or  
processes that  
contributes to  
digitisation and  
sustainability



Internet of Things, big  
data, cloud computing  
and next-generation  
mobile technologies

# Open call «Introduction of Green Innovation and ICT products into production»



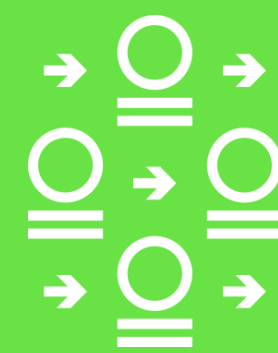
TOTAL  
AVAILABLE  
FUNDING

8,4 mil. €



AVAILABLE  
FUNDING PER  
PROJECT

200 000 -  
600 000 €



AID INTENSITY

Micro and small-sized  
enterprises

55%  
of the eligible costs

Medium-sized  
enterprises

45%  
of the eligible costs



# Project promoter

- Legal person registered in the Commercial register of the Republic of Latvia
- Small (micro), small or medium-sized enterprise
- Insolvency proceedings have not been declared; economic activities have not been terminated
- Do not have any tax debts, which exceed EUR 150
- No violation of Section 68<sup>4</sup>, Paragraph 3 of the Immigration Law
- Has not been punished for the criminal offence referred to in Section 280 of the Criminal Law
- Conformity with requirements of the Commission Regulation No.1407/2013 (*de minimis*)
- In addition to the support of the Commission Regulation No.651/2014



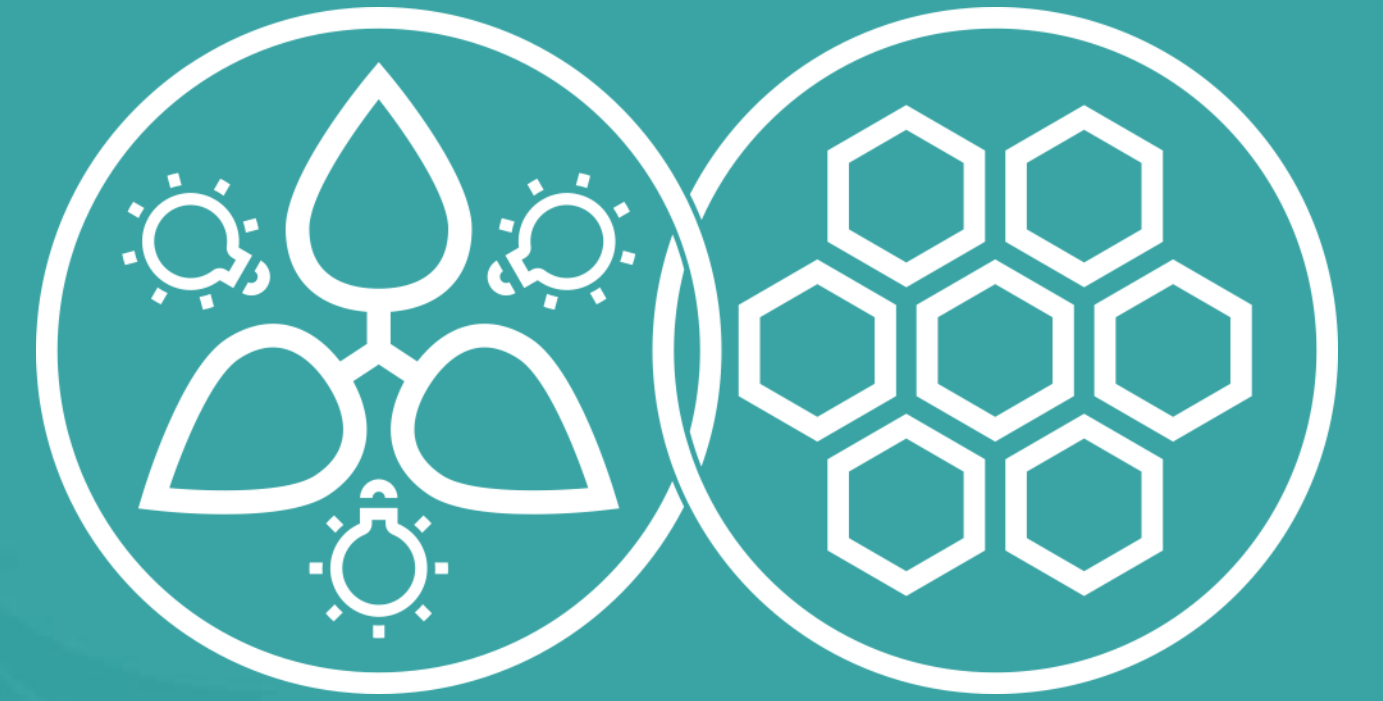
Status of undertaking  
of difficulty



Shall not be subject to the recovery order  
(referred to in Article 1(4)(a) of Regulation No.651/2014)

# Eligible activities

GREEN INNOVATION OR ICT



Commission Regulation  
Nr. 651/2014

The purchase of new equipment,  
software, licences and patents



Commission Regulation  
Nr. 1407/2013 (*De minimis*)

- Information and communication activities
- Activities related to R&D (new product introduction into production)
- Knowledge transfer activities (project partner)
- Receipt of an advance guarantee

# Eligible direct costs

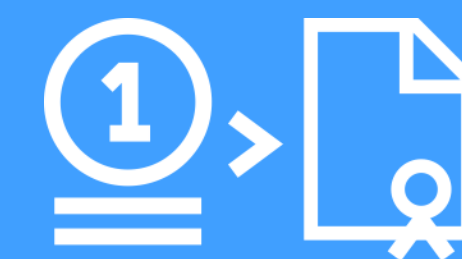
## THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, LICENCES AND PATENTS



Costs for the purchase, supply, installation and servicing personnel of new equipment or components of equipment



Costs of software (if a confirmation from the manufacturer of the equipment has been submitted that the software directly ensures the performance of the technology)



Purchase of licences and patents

Applicable, if:

- Initial investments have been purchased from third parties
- The maintenance and use of initial investments shall be ensured for at least 5 years
- Initial investments shall be insured against losses
- Initial investments will remain in the ownership of the project promoter for 5 years
- Initial investments are directly related to the introduction of new product and technology in commercial activities



# Eligible direct costs

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

- The costs of organizing seminars, conferences and informative events
- The costs of manufacturing the information plate and informative stand
- The costs of creating a website or supplementing an existing website
- Other costs of supply and service contracts, which are necessary for the organization and provision of information and communication activities (including marketing materials, translation, press releases, photos, video, audio and visual materials)



# Eligible direct costs

## ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION INTO PRODUCTION

- Reimbursement costs for staff implementing the project, which together does not exceed EUR 4000 per month. Applicable if the staff involved in the project invest at least 30% of the working time;
- Business travel costs for not more than 2 persons, if the costs are included in the budget of the project;
- Research and testing materials and costs of supply directly related to the new product/technology development (R&D);
- Costs of outsourced services (testing and product certification services, licensing services, information system development services)



# Eligible direct costs

## FINANCING THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR A PROJECT PARTNER

- Reimbursement costs for staff of the partner
- The costs related to the business travel for project partner
- The costs of the statement of independent and certified auditor



# Eligible direct costs

## FOR RECEIPT OF AN ADVANCE GUARANTEE

Commission of a credit institution registered in the European Union for the examination of an advance guarantee and granting to a merchant for receipt of advance payments



# Ineligible costs



Costs of purchasing used equipment



Project preparation costs



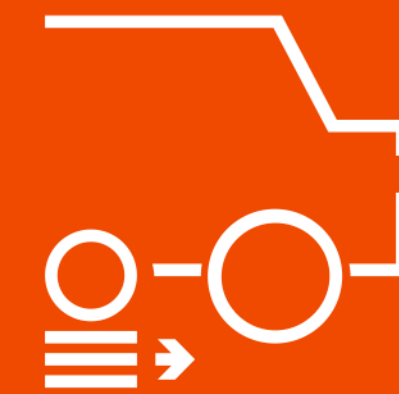
Operating leasing



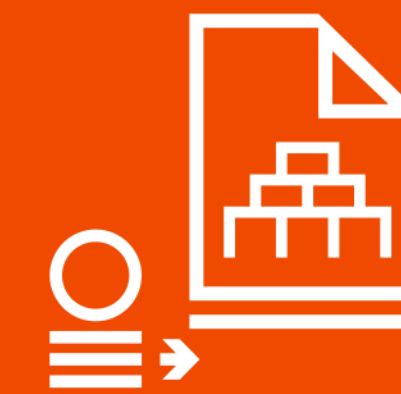
Currency exchange commission fees



Costs of the purchase of land and real estate



Costs of purchasing vehicles



Costs for the development and construction of building projects





# Important

- Status of SME
- Ineligible sectors
- Equity of the company at least 25% of eligible costs
- Readiness of the project (procurement activities have been performed, potential suppliers have been identified, etc.)
- Environmental impact – mandatory for green innovation projects
- Created new jobs
- Result – new products (product or service)
- Advance payment – 25%
- Project shall be implemented within 2 years, activities may be initiated after a positive decision



# New product

NEW PRODUCT  
IS EITHER PRODUCT OR SERVICE

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New to the project promoter or group of related companies



New to the market – the project promoter is the first to introduce something in the market or production or in the world



# Additional points



Donorstate (Kingdom of Norway) project partner



Orientation to export



Horizontal priority "Equal opportunities"



For ICT projects – environmental impact



# Partnership



## PROJECT PARTNER

- Any public or private body, a commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organization registered as a legal person in the Kingdom of Norway or the Republic of Latvia
- Has not been declared insolvency, the economic activity has not been terminated; does not have any sanctions
- Does not have tax or fee debts administrated by the State Revenue Service, which exceeds EUR 150 (applicable to Latvian partner)
- No violation of Section 68<sup>4</sup>, Paragraph 3 of the Immigration Law; have not been punished for criminal offence referred to in Section 280 of Criminal Law (applicable to Latvian partner)
- Initial investments as well as the project results (ownership to the developed product/technology, rights to commercialize and manufacture new product) remain as the property of the project promoter, no state aid is provided to a project partner
- Project partner and project promoter will work together to achieve project objective
- No contractual relationship being established with the partner for the supply of the goods, services or the sale of goods, services, and the partner is not related person to the project promoter

# Conditions for open call and small grant schemes



Project implementation may be commenced after a decision regarding the approval of the project



Project shall be implemented within 2 years



Project promoter and the project partner, shall carry out procurement in conformity with regulatory enactments

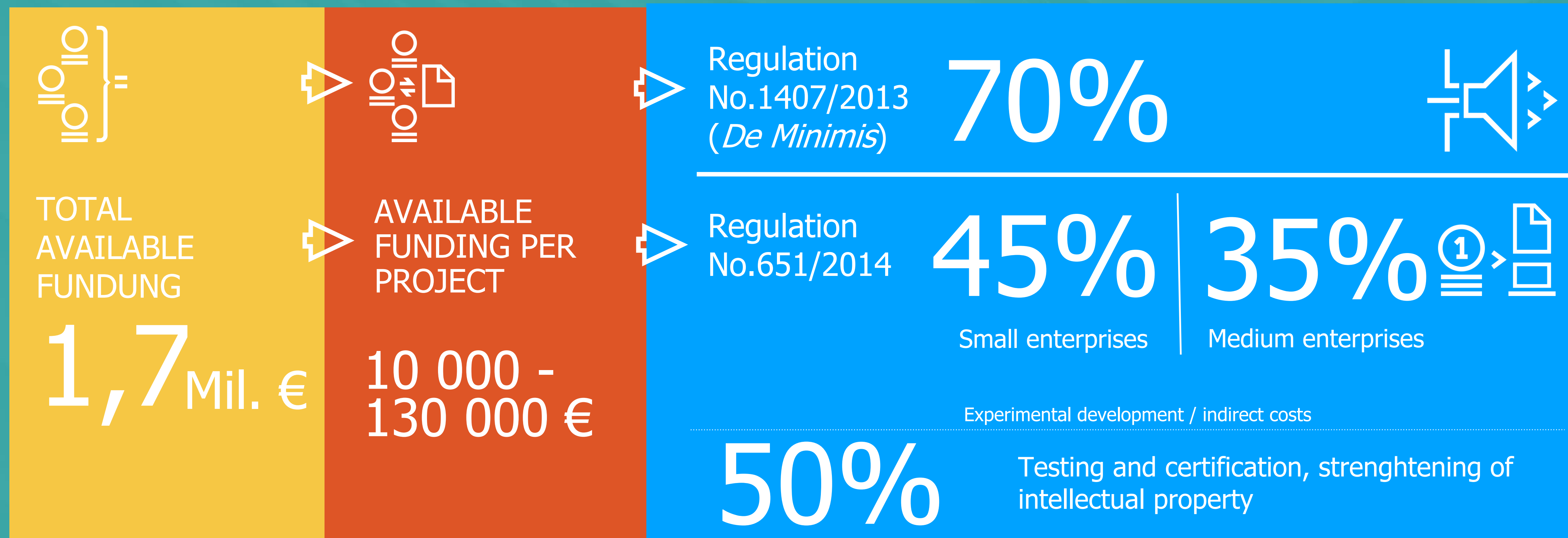


Property for the open call (including land) is owned by the project promoter or has a rental or building rights for 5 years after project implementation



# Small grant scheme

TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS OR TECHNOLOGIES IN GREEN INNOVATION OR ICT AREAS



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of difficulty



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# Eligible activities (Green Innovation and ICT areas)



# Eligible direct costs

EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING MANUFACTURE OF PROTOTYPE)



Depreciation or rental costs of instruments, equipment and licences, and low-value inventory, in so far as it is used in the project

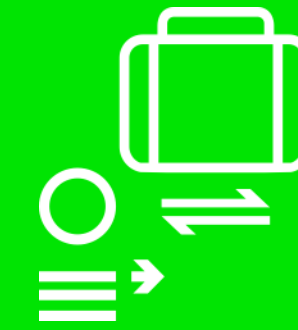
The costs of outsourced services directly related to the development of a new product or technology, not exceeding 65% of the total eligible costs of the project

Reimbursement costs for personnel implementing project, which together does not exceed EUR 4000 per month. If the staff involved in the project invested at least 30% of working time in the project.



# Eligible direct costs

BUSINESS TRAVEL  
(RELATED TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A  
NEW PRODUCT OR  
TECHNOLOGY)



Business travel costs of not more than 2 persons and work trip of employees

The actual costs of the business travel, including the bank commissions, incurred by the merchant employee when settling with a personal payment card abroad, in conformity with the submitted advance settlement



# Eligible direct costs

THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRODUCT OR TECHNOLOGY



The costs of materials and similar products, including supply costs, for the development of a new product or technology

# Eligible direct costs

TESTING AND  
CERTIFICATION



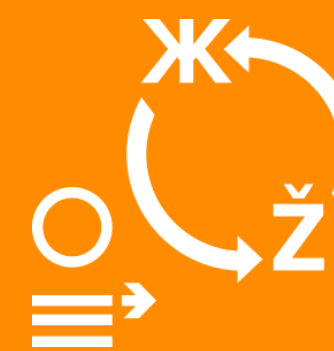
The costs for outsourced services for testing and certification of the new product or technology

# Eligible direct costs

## STRENGTHENING THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS



Costs for obtaining the intellectual property rights, fee costs related to the services for the strengthening intellectual property rights



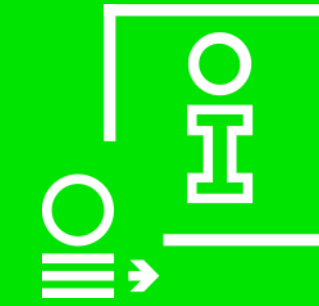
Costs of translation services

# Eligible direct costs

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES



The costs for organising seminars, conferences and information events



The costs for manufacturing the information plate, informative stand



Other costs of supply and service contracts necessary for the organisation and provision of information and communication activities of a small grant scheme, including marketing materials, translation, press releases, photographs, video, audio and visual materials



The costs for creating a website or supplementing an existing website

# Eligible direct costs

## FINANCING THE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER WITH PROJECT PARTNER



The costs of remuneration of the personnel of the project partner involved in the project



Business travel costs and work trips



The costs of an independent and certified auditor's statement regarding the costs of the project partner





# Welfare technology

TOTAL AVAILABE  
FUNDING

1,2  
mil. €





# Areas of the Programme

## WELFARE TECHNOLOGY





# Tech Business Center

TOTAL AVAILABE  
FUNDING

} = 2  
mil. €



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