

## **National Funding Regulations\***

### **Eligible entities:**

- Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding - public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organisations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises;
- The Principal Investigator of Romanian team must hold a Ph.D. degree. This condition does not apply if the Romanian host institution is an enterprise according with the specific European and national laws.
- No simultaneous funding is possible for more than one application under the same call.
- The Principal Investigator of Romanian team is full time employed within the host institution with permanent position, with fixed term contract covering at least the duration of the project or has an agreement with the host institution for his/her employment at least for the duration of the contract;
- It is forbidden to submit a proposal which seeks to fund activities already funded by other public sources;
- The host institution does not have a seizure on its accounts; it has not been declared bankrupt or wound up; it has not made false declarations concerning its economic and legal statute; it has not broken other contract previously signed with a public contracting authority;
- The host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary resources/infrastructures, to support the project implementation in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian team, in respect of all legal provisions in force, if the project is selected for funding.

### **Eligibility of the costs and funding**

The following activities are eligible for funding:

- research and development activities ( e.g. technical and industrial research; experimental development; fundamental research)
- technical feasibility studies
- activities for obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights for SMEs

## Eligibility of costs

The following categories of expenses are eligible:

A. *Staff costs* (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);

B. *Consumables* (materials, supplies or similar);

C. *Equipments* (in full compliance with state aid regulations);

D. *Subcontracting* (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);

E. *Travel expenses* (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams members);

D. *Overheads* (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs).

Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.

### **Funding rates**

- The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250.000 euro for up to 36 month.

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\* The eligibility rules will be updated according to the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2014-2020, (when available ).