

HELLENIC REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

INTERNATIONAL S&T CO-OPERATION DIRECTORATE Bilateral and Multilateral Organization section

<u>Subjec</u>t: Modification of the Eligibility Criteria concerning the Greek contribution to the 2nd COFASP Call, February 2015, as follows:

- a. the addition of the conditions 1.a.b.c.d.e.
- **b.** the addition under the point 5: "In case of non-participation of other Greek regions the above limitation is not valid".
- c. the revision under the point 6: paragraphs a. and b.

Eligibility Criteria and funding

(Type/Nature of the participant/Legal/administrative/financial conditions):

- 1. All legal entities (public and private sector) may participate on the following conditions:
- a. The aided project shall be of interest to all undertakings in the particular sector or sub-sector concerned.
- b. Prior to the date of the start of the aided project the following information shall be published on the internet:
 - (i) that the aided project will be carried out
 - (ii) the goals of the aided project
- (iii) the approximate date for the publication of the results expected from the aided project and its place of publication on the internet
- (iv) a reference that the results of the aided project will be available to all undertakings active in the particular sector or sub-sector concerned at no cost.
- c. The results of the aided project shall be made available on internet from the end date of the aided project or the date on which any information concerning those results is given to members of any particular organisation, whatever comes first. The results shall remain available on internet for a period of at least 5 years starting from the end date of the aided project.
- d. Aid shall be granted directly to the research and knowledge-dissemination organisation and shall not involve the direct funding of non-research related aid to an undertaking producing, processing or marketing fishery or aquaculture products.
- e. Eligible enterprises are those having been operating for, at least, two (2) economic years and have published, at least, two (2) balance-sheets. For the "Spin-off" Enterprises eligible are considered those having been operating for, at least, one (1) economic year and have published one balance-sheet.
- **2.** For private Companies and SMEs the *Public contribution* may cover maximum **up to** 70%, of the total budget of each partner in a project. Their own contribution must cover at least 30% of the total budget of the project. In case of Fundamental/Basic Research the maximum contribution may amount to 100% of the total budget.
- **3**. For the Public Research Institutes and Universities, the *Public contribution* may cover maximum **up to** 100 % of the total budget.
- **4.** In case a Greek eligible entity participates in more than one successful/funded projects in the frame of the same call and the total of its requested budget exceeds the 20% of the National contribution to the COFASP, the

Attachment: Annex to the eligibility criteria (modified)

GSRT will examine the possibility of reducing the requested total amount, taking into account the total available national contribution and the number of the Greek beneficiaries in the successful/to be funded proposals.

- **5.** The National contribution for all Greek legal entities located in: **a/** the Region of Attica (Source of funding: Operational Programme of Attica) and **b/** the Region of South Aegean cannot exceed the 40% cumulatively of the total available national contribution, in the framework of the Call of Proposals 2015 of the COFASP. In case of non-participation of other Greek regions the above limitation is not valid.
- **6.a** Subcontracting funding for public legal entities cannot exceed 25% of the budget for the specific part of the research project undertaken by the Greek project partner. Concerning the quotas of the direct subcontracting and in order to ensure competition, the rules applied to all other European projects are also applied in this case. **b.** Subcontracting should also be eligible when it deals with the implementation of part of the research project which should not exceed 30% in terms of Large Enterprises and 60% in terms of Small and Medium Enterprises.
- **7.** Activities already financed by other public funds are not allowed to be financed by the COFASP. A formal declaration is demanded from the applicants/participants, stating that they have not received nor will they receive any kind of additional Public funding/funds for the same purpose.

The formal declaration will be asked from the participants by GSRT as soon as their proposals will be approved for funding and not with the submission of the proposal Under Point 2.7.

8. The Greek applicants are obliged to inform the General Secretariat for Research and Technology-GSRT/Ministry of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs (address: 14-18 Mesogeion Blv, 115 10 Athens – GR) on their participation in proposals in the frame of the 2nd Call of Proposals of the COFASP. They are obliged to submit a document with the title of the project, the summary, the partners and the total requested budget for the project and (clearly) the part budget dedicated to the Greek partner. The Greek applicants are obliged to submit this document to the GSRT **within three days** following the closure date of the 2nd Call of the COFASP.

Type of Activity	Percentage of maximum costs (up to) covered by national funding				
	Large	Medium	Small	Public Research	
Tomas	Enterprises,	Enterprises	Enterprises	Institutes and	
Type of	Groups and			Universities	
Organisation	Associations of				
	Enterprises				
Fundamental /					
Basic Research	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Industrial/Applied Research)					
, , , , ,	50%	60%	70%	100%	
(Experimental					
Development)	25%	35%	45%	100%	

Experimental Development, if covered one of the following conditions: 1. The project involves efficient collaboration between, at least two mutually independent Enterprises, on condition that: a) no single undertaking bears more than 70% of the eligible costs of the collaboration project, and b) the project involves collaboration with, at least, one SME from EU or with another partner from participating countries from EU 2. The project involves efficient collaboration between an undertaking and a research organization. The research organization bears, at least, 10% of eligible expenditure (the total budget), and) the research organization has the right to publish the results of the research projects in so far as they result from research conducted by itself. Notice/Caution: Note that the conditions 1 and 2, subcontracting is not considered efficient collaboration	40%	50%	60%	100%

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