



The Binational Chamber of Commerce Bulgaria Israel

Open Grant Scheme under BG16RFOP002-1.005 „Development of product and manufacturing innovations”

The Grant scheme under BG16RFOP002-1.005 „Development of product and manufacturing innovations”, belongs to OP „Innovations and competitiveness” 2014-2020, is open. The deadline for submission of project proposals through the ISUN 2000 electronic system is **17:30** on **26.09.2017** (including).

The main features of the Grant scheme are:

Applicants must have minimum *3 completed financial years (2014, 2015 and 2016)*. The implementation of the project should lead to the development of an innovation having at least 6th or higher level of technological readiness: TRL 6 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies); TRL 7 - System prototype demonstration in operational environment; TRL 8 - System complete and qualified; TRL 9 - Actual system proven in operational environment (competitive manufacturing in the case of key enabling technologies; or in space).

The implementation of the project should result in the development of a product (product or service) or a process falling under any of the following priority areas of *the Bulgarian Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation*: ICT and informatics; Mechatronics and clean technologies; Industry for healthy living and biotechnologies; New technologies in the creative and recreational industries.

The Grant scheme implies *two combined application regimes* - applicable regime „Support for projects for R&D“ and regime „de minimis“. Partnership with an outside scientific organization or university is encouraged - it gives higher funding intensity and additional points in the evaluation.

For a Project to be eligible for funding, it must receive **a minimum of 70-73 points** (with a maximum of **90 points**), paying attention to:

- Developed innovation should prove to be a novelty on the global or European market and outperforms alternative solutions - 20 points;
- The candidate enterprise must have proven innovative capability and be financially stable before the project is implemented (the company's balance sheet for 2014-2016) - 37 points.

The remaining points, with few exceptions (for example, the enterprise is registered in the Northwest region), can be obtained from well-written projects.

The current Grant scheme budget will include about 100 projects for micro and small businesses, around 25 projects for medium-sized enterprises and about 20 large enterprise projects.

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