

## Italy

<b>Name of the programme</b>
FIRST (Fondo per gli Investimenti nella Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica)
<b>Funding agency</b>
MIUR - Ministry of Education, University and Research
<b>Beneficiaries</b>
<p>The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: 1. Enterprises; 2. Private research bodies; 3. Consortia; 4. Universities; 5. Public research institutions; 6. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014</p> <p>The Italian part of the project consortium must include at least an Italian SME. The research activities performed by the Italian SME(s) must be predominant, in terms of cost, with respect to the activities of all other Italian participants</p>
<b>Thematic restriction</b>
None
<b>Type of research eligible for funding</b>
Industrial research, experimental development
<b>Maximum duration of projects</b>
Maximum duration set in the MANUNET Call 2017 (24 months) applies
<b>Eligible costs</b>
All costs incurred during the lifetime of a project under the following categories are eligible: personnel, equipment, subcontracting, consumables, and overheads. Overheads ( <i>spese generali</i> ) cannot be higher than 50% of the personnel costs.
<b>Limits of funding</b>
€ 200.000 per projects, independently from the number of Italian participants
<b>Other eligibility requirements</b>
<p>Beneficiary must have stable organization in Italy</p> <p>Beneficiary has to prove a stable financial situation (only private entities)</p> <p>Majority of project costs for the Italian applicant must concern Industrial research activities (they must be predominant with respect to Experimental Development activities)</p>
<b>Type of funding (grant/loan/mixed/other)</b>
Grants plus soft loans for enterprises, consortia, private research bodies (which do not meet the research organization requirements) and all other private entities.

Grants only for universities, public research institutions, and research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014

### **Funding rates**

1. For enterprises, consortia, private research bodies (which do not meet the research organization requirements) and all other private entities:

Industrial research:

Grants: 20% of eligible costs;

Soft loans: 75% of eligible costs;

Experimental development:

Grants: 10% of eligible costs;

Soft loans: 70% of eligible costs.

For small and medium enterprises, the intensity of the grant contribution is increased by 10% for medium enterprises and by 20% for small enterprises.

2. For universities, public research institutions, and research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission:

Industrial research:

Grants: 50% of eligible costs;

Experimental development:

Grants: 25% of eligible costs.

### **Geographical coverage**

Italy (eligible participants must have stable organization in Italy)

### **National/regional deadlines**

National additional documents must be sent to MIUR by the same deadline established in the international joint call for the pre-proposal phase. National forms can be retrieved on our website.

### **More information available at**

[http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-\(h2020\)/manunet-iii.aspx](http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-cofund-(h2020)/manunet-iii.aspx)

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