

ICT-AGRI-2 Call 2015: IWT particular conditions

Any enterprise, from an SME to the Flemish branch of a multinational company, may request funding.

The application can be submitted by an individual enterprise or by several enterprises sharing the risk and financial burden of the project (industrial partners). A collaboration with other enterprises acting as subcontractors is also possible. Furthermore, it is also possible to collaborate with research institutes (through outsourcing or as a research partner) for the implementation of the project.

Activities of structured knowledge acquisition or activities that directly support the knowledge acquisition are the basis for the funding.

The project budget consists of personnel costs and other costs. The personnel costs are calculated on the basis of person months and annual salary per project collaborator, summed up over all collaborators. The other costs amount to maximum 40 k€ per person year, of which maximum 20 k€ per person year indirect. Direct other costs should be underbuilt.

The funding is calculated as a percentage of the approved project budget. The basic funding rate is 25% for development activities and 50% for research activities. A small enterprise (SE) obtains 20% additional funding and a medium-sized enterprise (ME) 10%. The project obtains 10% additional funding if there is a genuine collaboration with at least one partner from another EU Member State.

Applicants may choose to apply for one of these 3 project types:

- SME innovation project – open for development activities by SMEs – project duration max. 24 months, min. budget 50 k€, funding rate 25 + 20 (SE) or 10 (ME) + 10 = 45-55%, max. funding 250 k€.
- Sprint project – open for development activities by large enterprises without the capabilities to carry out large-scale R&D projects – project duration max. 24 months, min. budget 50 k€, funding rate 25 + 10 = 35%, max. funding 250 k€.
- R&D business projects – open for research and development activities - project duration max. 24 months (and up to 36 months if justified), min. budget 100 k€, funding rate 50 (research) or 25 (development) + 20 (SE) or 10 (ME) + 10 = 35-80%, max. funding 3 M€.

For more information on IWT funding of industrial projects, consult

http://www.iwt.be/sites/default/files/subsidies/documenten/IWT_handbook_funding_industrial_projects_novem2012_version3_01.pdf

Apart from all evaluations foreseen by the ERA-NET, IWT performs an extended eligibility check with respect to the innovation goal and the economic impact in Flanders. Flemish applicants therefore should submit to IWT both their international pre-proposal and the Regional Addendum ERA-Annex corresponding to the chosen project type

(http://www.iwt.be/sites/default/files/subsidies/documenten/KMO_annex_eranet_innovatieproject_en_april2013.doc,

http://www.iwt.be/sites/default/files/subsidies/documenten/sprint_annex_eranet_april2013.doc, or http://www.iwt.be/sites/default/files/subsidies/documenten/O&O_annex_eranet_april2013.doc).