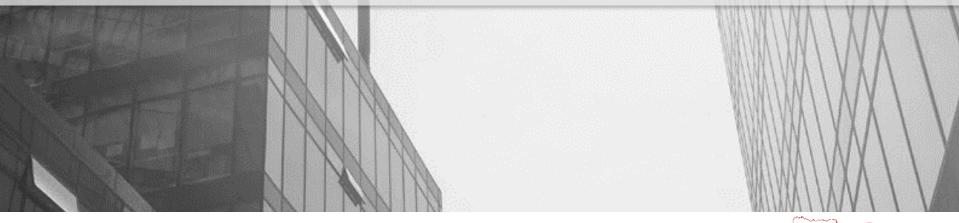
ATTRACTION OF INVESTMENTS IN EMILIA-ROMAGNA

4th CALL – 2020 - Regional law n. 14/2014 REGIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENTERPRISES





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PRESENTATION

4° CALL FOR APPLICANTS - REGIONAL LAW 14/2014

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OBJECTIVES

SUPPORT INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES OF REGIONAL INTEREST AND HIGHLY STRATEGIC VALUE, THAT:

- will increase the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the regional value chains;
- are integrated with the regional research and training system;
- have a significant qualitative and quantitative impact on employment;
- generate benefits for the territory in terms of economic impact and environmental and social sustainability.



TIMING

• Publication of the call: 14th **OCTOBER, 2020**

First period to apply: • FROM THE 1° OF DECEMBER **2020 TO THE 1° OF FEBRUARY** 2021

Second period to apply : **TBD** (only if financial resources will be still available)



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MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS

THIS CALL IS OPEN TO :

- <u>R&D INVESTMENT ≥ 2 MILLION EUROS ;</u>
- With <u>AT LEAST NEW 20 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES to</u> <u>be hired (compared to company's employees already</u> active in Emilia-Romagna on October 5th, 2020 data of approval of the regional call);
- At least <u>30% OF THE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES</u> <u>HAVE TO BE GRADUATED.</u>



BENEFICIARIES

 ENTERPRISES that PRODUCE GOODS AND SERVICES,

- that are <u>NOT YET ACTIVE IN THE REGION</u> and intend to invest in Emilia-Romagna with at least one local unit to be settled before the signing of the agreement, <u>or</u>
- are ALREADY PRESENT IN THE REGION (with at least one local unit).

The participation of new companies is allowed if they meet the following 2 requirements:

- have a corporate structure made up of at least two subjects with legal personality, independent of each other and not belonging to the same Group;
- 2) have a share capital approved, at the time of submitting the application, equal to at least the amount of the requested contribution.



ELEGIBLE ACTIONS

R&D - Research and development – <u>this action is</u> <u>mandatory to be eligible for the call</u>

- **RESEARCH FACILITIES** (even if together with other private and public entites)
- ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: energy efficiency, cogeneration in energy production from renewable sources, recycling and reuse of waste
- EMPLOYEES TRAINING PROJECTS
- **HIRING** DISADVANTAGED AND DISABLED WORKERS

Only for companies not already present in Emilia Romagna:

- **PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS** (for SMEs and
- in "assisted areas" also for large companies)
- ADVISORY SERVICES related to the investment programme for SMEs



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MAXIMUM INCENTIVES in non repayble grants

- **1. MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM **20 TO 49 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**
- 2 MILLION EURO FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM 50 TO 69 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES
- 4 MILLION EURO FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES HIRING FROM 70 TO 149 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES
- **7 MILLION EURO** FOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES WITH **AT LEAST 150 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES**



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ELIGIBLE EXPENSES, GRANT INTENSITY and MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AID BY CATEGORY

The call provides more information





A - CREATION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

ADMISSIBLE COSTS	 Specific works and infrastructures, with the exception of the construction of new buildings. The works must be strictly functional to the installation of equipment aimed at the activities of the research infrastructure;
	 Systems/installations strictly functional to the research infrastructure activities;
	• Equipment
	• Software
	Patents
	• Licences
	 Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge about new technologies
MAXIMUM AID	• 50%
	Up to 1 million euro for investments with a maximum of 149 new hires
	Up to 3 million euro for investments with over 149 new hires
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B - RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

- a) New research personnel
- b) Personnel for research, design, experimentation activities (max 30 % of expenditures in points "d", "e", "f")
- c) Personnel for production functions or research personnel without a degree and less than 10 years experience (max 25% of expenditure in the previous point «b»)
- d) Purchase or lease of plant and equipment
- e) Research contracts

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

MAXIMUM AID

- f) Physical creation of prototypes (max 20% of expenditures in points "a", "c", "d", "e,")
- g) General expenses (max 15% of expenditures in points "a", "b", "c").
- Industrial research: 50%
- Experimental development: 25%
- Up to 2 Million euros per project
- Up to 3 million euro for investments with over 149 new hires

N.B. - Minimum amount of the mandatory R&D investment is 2 million euros









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C) PROJECTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISADVANTAGED AND DISABLED WORKERS

ADMISSIBLE COSTS

 The admissible expenses are those envisaged in Regional Government Resolution no. 412 dated 23 November 2015.

MAXIMUM AID – EMPLOYMENT OF DISADVANTAGED WORKERS

- 50% of gross wage (direct + indirect) costs of disadvantaged workers;
- 50% of assistence cost provided to the disadvantaged worker;
- For 12 months (24 months for very disadvantaged workers);

Max 1 million \in for company/year

MAXIMUM AID – EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLE WORKERS

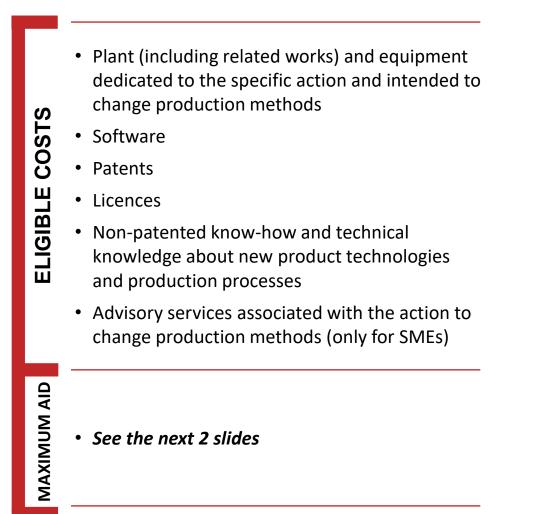
- 50% of gross wage cost of disable worker;
- 100% of additional costs aimed to assist and support a disable worker
 Max 1 million € for company/year







D) INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION









D INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION **MAXIMUM AID (1)**

PURPOSE OF AID	MAX. INTENSITY OF AID
	30% large enterprises
	40% medium-sized enterprises
Invoctment in energy officiency*	50% small enterprises
Investment in energy efficiency*	+ 5% assisted areas**
	Max. 0.5 million euros per enterprise and per project
	45% large enterprises
	55% medium-sized enterprises
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High efficiency co-generation*	+ 5% assisted areas**
* Grant to be calculated on the extra-costs (sovraccosti)	Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project
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D) INVESTMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MAXIMUM AID (2)

PURPOSE OF AID	MAX INTENSITY OF AID
	30%-45% large enterprises
	40%-55% medium-sized enterprises
Investment in energy production from renewable sources*	50%-65% small enterprises
from renewable sources"	+ 5% assisted areas**
	Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project
Recycling and reuse of waste	35% large enterprises 45% medium-sized enterprises
(beyond the state of the art)*	55% small enterprises
	+ 5% assisted areas**
	Max Euro 0.5 million per enterprise and per project

* Grant to be calculated on the extra-costs (sovraccosti)

** See the call (Regional Government resolution no.31/2016)





CATEGORIE DI AIUTO

E-F - PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS AND ADVISORY SERVICES

Productive investments

- a) Expenses for masonry and construction works, with the exception of the construction of new buildings, and strictly connected to the installation of machinery, capital goods, equipment and systems. <u>These expenses are recognized only for SMEs and up to a maximum</u> limit of 5% of the sum of the other types of expenses indicated and permitted.
- b) Machinery
- c) Installations
- d) Various equipment
- e) Computer programs
- f) Patents Licenses
- g) Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge concerning new technologies of products and production processes

For SMEs only, design and study costs up to a limit of 4% of the total eligible investment

Consulting services only for SMEs

• Consultancy services related to the investment project provided by external consultants, which must not refer to consultancy provided by persons who are partners and / or members of the administrative bodies of the company requesting the contribution or who hold corporate positions. Consulting services cannot be provided by companies belonging to the same group. The consultations cannot be defined as periodic or continuous. Nor can they refer to ordinary activities such as tax, legal or advertising consultancy

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E-F – FOR SMEs only: PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS AND ADVISORY SERVICES

MAXIMUM AID

Productive investments (art.17 GBER)

20% for small companies 10% for medium companies Max 1 million euro for each company

Advisory services (art. 18 GBER) 50% for SMEs Max 50,000 euro for each company

N.B. – This category of aid is available only for companies not yet established in Emilia-Romagna at the date of the approval of the call (October 5th, 2020)







E – PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS IN ASSISTED AREAS – FOR NEW PLANTS ONLY (Art. 14 GBER)

MAXIMUM AID

30% small companies – max 1.5 million euros

20% medium companies – max 1.5 million euros

10%: large companies – max 1.5 million euros

N.B. – This category of aid is available only for companies not already present in Emilia-Romagna before the approval of the call (October 5, 2020)







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