

Invest in Emilia-Romagna



Attraction of investments in Emilia-Romagna

7th CALL FOR PROPOSALS (2023) - Regional law n. 14/2014

Regional Agreements for the settlement and development of enterprises

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MAIN OBJECTIVES

- support **investments of regional interest** that increase the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the regional value chains
- **integration with the research and training system**
- relevant **employment impact** (in terms of quality and quantity) and economic, environmental and social sustainability
- the **development of the whole regional territory** with a focus on specific **disadvantaged areas**

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

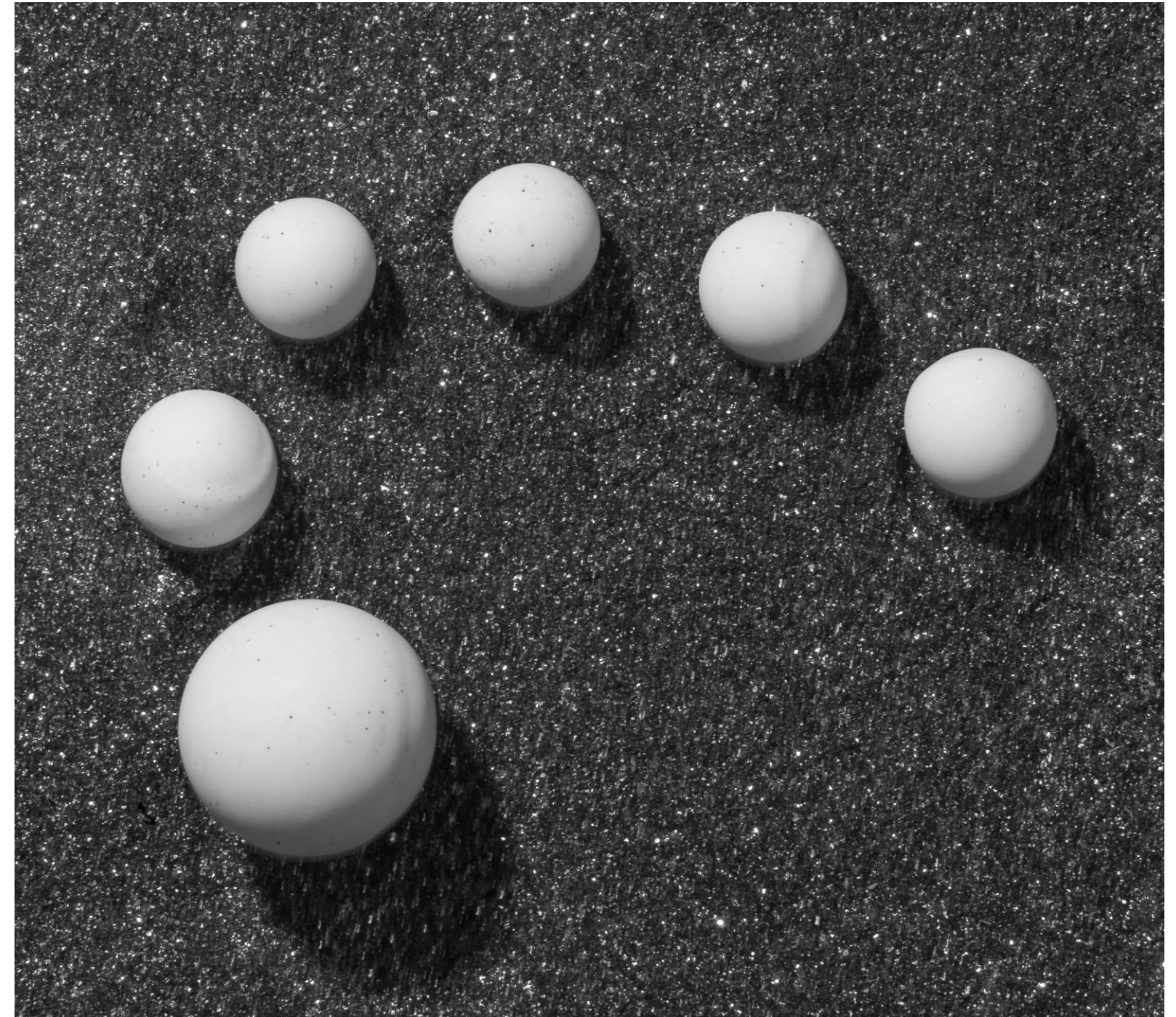
- **13 million euros** are available for the present Call for proposals



Regional call for proposal 2023 for attraction of investments in Emilia-Romagna **BENEFICIARIES**

The call for proposals is open to **enterprises that produce goods and services** and that can be:

- **foreign/national companies not already settled in the region that intend to invest in Emilia-Romagna** (with at least one local unit to be settled in Emilia-Romagna before the signing of the Agreement)
- **regional companies already established in Emilia-Romagna**
- **newco**, made up of at least two subjects with different ownership



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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

For Micro, Small and Medium enterprises (MSMEs):

- **15 new full-time employees** of which **at least 30% (minimum 5 people) graduates**.
- **R&D project minimum amount of 1.5 million euro**.
- **Collaboration with universities, research institutes/organizations** with the following amount: 10% of eligible expenditures up to 1.5 million, 5% of eligible expenditures from 1.5 to 4 million euro, 2.5% of eligible expenditures > 4 million euros.
- **An industrial plan** has to be attached to the eligible programme.

For Large Companies:

- **20 new full-time employees** of which **at least 30% (minimum 7 people) graduates**.
- **R&D project minimum amount of 2.5 million euro**.
- **Collaboration with universities, research institutes/organizations** with the following amount: 10% of eligible expenditures up to 2.5 million, 5% of eligible expenditures from 2.5 to 4 million euro, 2.5% of eligible expenditures > 4 million euros.
- **An industrial plan** has to be attached to support the eligible programme.

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TYPES OF INTERVENTION

The call for proposal allows receiving non-repayable grants - with a single procedure - in the following types of intervention:

- **R&D Research and development – this type of intervention is mandatory to be eligible for the call**
- Research facilities
- Testing and experimentation facilities
- Energy from renewable sources

Only for Micro, Small and Medium enterprises (MSMEs):

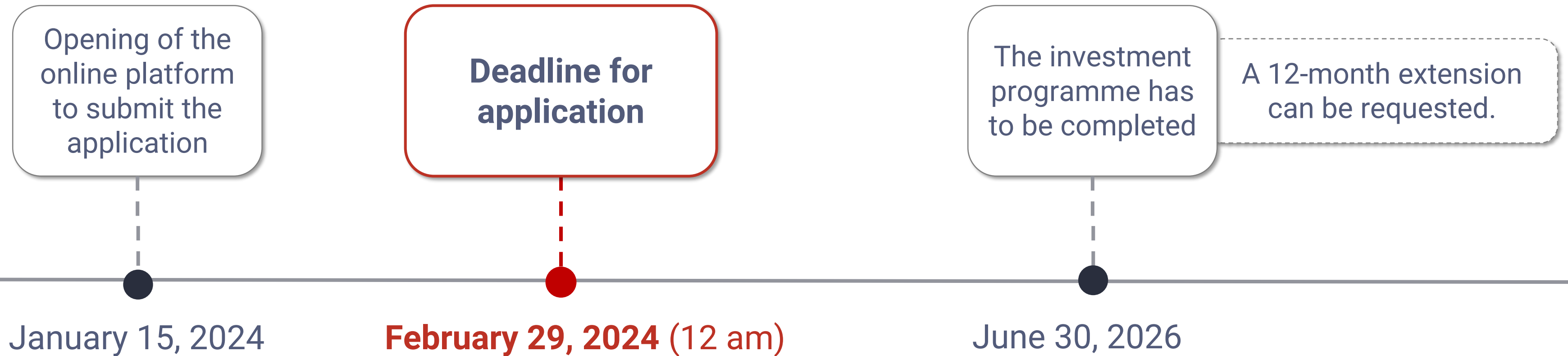
- Human resources: hiring of high-skilled employees

Only for companies not already settled in the region before the data of publication of the call:

- **SMEs:** new productive investments related to the industrial, digital and green transition
- **Large companies only in assisted areas:** new productive investments related to the industrial, digital and green transition

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TIMING AND DURATION



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LINK AND CONTACTS

- **Contact point:** infoleggeregionale14@art-er.it - +39 051 6450429
- **Call, documentation and forms (in Italian):** <https://fesr.regione.emilia-romagna.it/opportunita/2023/attrazione-investimenti-in-emilia-romagna-accordi-regionali-di-insediamento-e-sviluppo-delle-imprese-anno-2023>



Eligible expenses, grant intensity and maximum amount of aid by category

See the call for more detailed information

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A – RESEARCH FACILITIES (art. 26 GBER)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Only one intervention can be submitted, which can include the following eligible costs:

- a) Systems/installations strictly functional to the research infrastructure activities;
- b) Equipment (cost per each single equipment > 500,000 €)
- c) Software
- d) Patents
- e) Licences
- f) Non-patented know-how and technical knowledge about new technologies
- g) General costs at a flat rate of 5% of total expenditure (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)

MAXIMUM AID

- Minimum amount of investment: 1 million €
- Grants up to 50% of the eligible costs
- Maximum amount of aid: 1 million €

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B - RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (art. 25 GBER)

This type of intervention is mandatory to be eligible for the call

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- New research personnel (with open-ended contract, hired after the submission of the application and in any case after 1 January 2024)
- Personnel for research, design, experimentation activities (max 30 % of expenditures in points (d), (e), (f))
- 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))
- Purchase or lease of plant and equipment
- Expenses for the acquisition of services with a high content of scientific and technological research (eg: patents, technical skills, etc.)
- Physical creation of prototypes (max 20% of expenditures in points (a), (c), (d), (e))
- General costs (max 15% of total expenditure in points (a), (b), (c))

MAXIMUM AID

- Minimum amount of investment for each project: **2.5 million € for large enterprises, 1.5 million € for MSMEs**
- Grants in industrial research: up to 50% of the eligible costs
- Grants in experimental development: up to 25% of the eligible costs
- Maximum amount of aid for R&D activities: 4 million €



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C – TESTING AND EXPERIMENTATION FACILITIES (art. 26bis GBER)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Only one intervention can be submitted, which can include the following eligible costs:

- a) Systems/installations strictly functional to the testing and experimentation activities;
- b) Equipment
- c) Software
- d) Patents
- e) Licences
- f) General costs at a flat rate of 5% of total expenditure (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

MAXIMUM AID

- Minimum amount of investment: 0.5 million €
- Grants up to 25% of the eligible costs
- Maximum amount of aid: 1 million €

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D - ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES (art. 41 GBER)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Only one intervention is possible related to the construction of a plant producing energy for a local unit of the company in Emilia-Romagna.

- a) Plant (including related works) and equipment dedicated to the specific action and intended to change production methods
- b) General costs at a flat rate of 5% of total expenditure (a)

MAXIMUM AID

- Minimum amount of investment: 1 million €
- Grants up to 45% of the eligible costs
- Maximum amount of aid: 0.5 million €

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E - PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS (art. 14 and art. 17 GBER)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

a) Expenses for the purchase of tangible and/or intangible assets functional to the technological and digital transformation of companies according to the "Industry 4.0" model as identified in the lists in Annex A and in Annex B of the law n.232 of 11 December 2016 are eligible. The assets must belong to the following identified technologies (identified and described in Annex 2 of the Ministerial Decree of 30 October 2019):

- Advanced manufacturing solutions
- Additive manufacturing
- Augmented reality
- Simulation
- Horizontal and vertical integration
- Internet of things e Industrial internet
- Cloud
- Cybersecurity
- Big data and Analytics

b) General costs at a flat rate of 5% of total expenditure (a)

MAXIMUM AID

Minimum amount of investment: 0.5 million € for MSMEs, 1million € for Large Companies

Grants:

- **Small companies:** up to 20% of eligible costs (assisted area: Ferrara 35% and Piacenza: 30%)
- **Medium companies:** up to 10% of eligible costs (assisted area*: Ferrara 25% e Piacenza: 20%)
- **Large companies only in assisted areas ((census areas of the provinces of Ferrara and Piacenza - see call for proposal):** eligible costs in assisted areas of Ferrara (up to 15%) and Piacenza (up to 10%)

Maximum amount of aid: 0.5 million €



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F - INTERVENTIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SKILLS BY SMES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL, DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSITION

ELIGIBLE COSTS

ONLY FOR SMES

Gross annual salary costs accrued in a period of 15 months deriving from the full-time and permanent employment at local units located in Emilia-Romagna of personnel with a doctorate or equivalent qualification, or with a degree and a previous managerial experience of at least 3 years. The minimum period of 15 months refers to each full-time and permanent employment contract for which the grant is requested, started after the submission of the application to participate in this call and after 1 January 2024.

MAXIMUM AID

- Minimum amount of the salary costs for each hiring: 90,000 €
- Maximum amount of the salary costs for each hiring: 300,000 €
- Grants up to 25% of the eligible costs
- Maximum amount of aid for all the hires: 120,000 €