

Invest in Emilia-Romagna



# Attraction of investments in Emilia-Romagna CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2025

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**Please refer to the full text of the call for proposals (in Italian) before sending your application.**

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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** and economic, environmental and social **sustainability**
- Even if **the whole regional territory is eligible**, a further objective is the **development of disadvantaged areas**

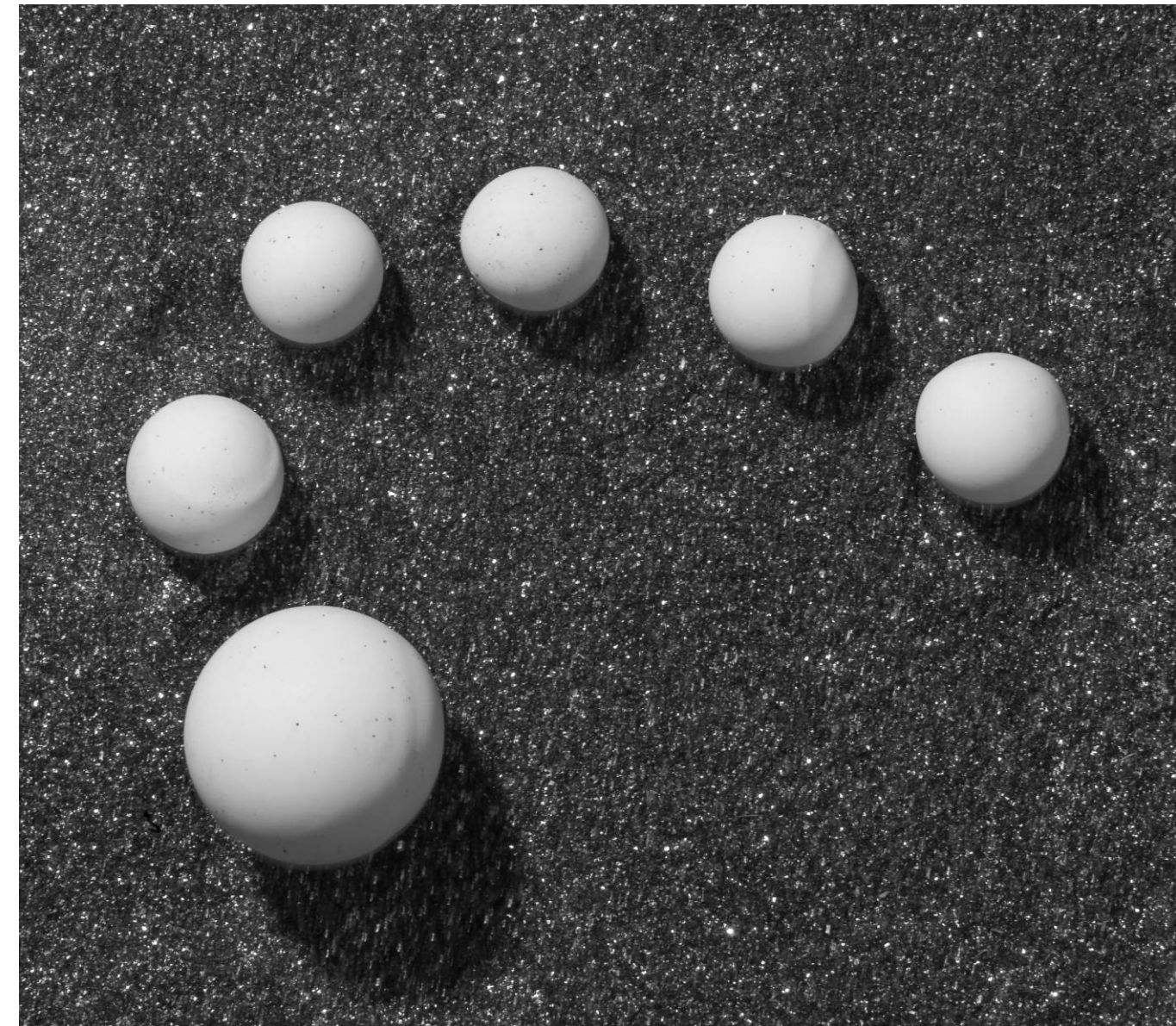


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## **BENEFICIARIES**

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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## TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS

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**



- **Testing and experimentation facilities**



- **Energy from renewable sources**



- **Investment aid for the implementation of investment programmes** by SMEs across the regional territory, and by large enterprises only within assisted areas (Art. 14 and Art. 17 of the GBER)

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### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

- **R&D intervention is mandatory to be eligible for the call**
- **Each R&D project must have total eligible costs of:**
  - no less than €3 million for large enterprises
  - no less than €2 million for SMEs
- **Each R&D project must include mandatory expenditure for new research personnel.** Such personnel must be hired on open-ended (permanent) contracts after the submission of the application and must hold a Master's degree in technical-scientific disciplines. Master's degrees in other fields will also be eligible, provided there is a clear and demonstrable link to the planned research activities
- **Each R&D project must include a mandatory (minimum) expenditure for collaborations with universities, research organizations, research institutions, and/or other entities primarily engaged in research, innovation, or know-how transfer.** This is calculated based on the following two tiers of R&D investment for each individual project:
  - 10% of eligible expenses up to €2.5 million for large enterprises and up to €1.5 million for SMEs;
  - 5% of eligible expenses exceeding €2.5 million (up to a maximum of €4 million) for large enterprises, and exceeding €1.5 million (up to a maximum of €3 million) for SMEs.
- **An industrial plan** has to be attached to the eligible programme.

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The grant amount for one or more industrial research and experimental development projects can be increased – in accordance with the percentages set out in the Call – upon the **submission of an employment plan (as defined in the Call), which provides for at least 30 new full-time, open-ended hires based at the investment site.**



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## TIMING AND DURATION

- **Deadline for application: 31st of March 2026 (12am)**
- Opening of the online platform to submit the application: 26th of January 2026
- The investment programme has to be completed by June 30, 2028. A 6-month extension can be requested.
- **Eligible expenses will be considered starting from the date of the application submission until June 30, 2028 (subject to potential extensions)**



Opening of the online platform to submit the application

26th of January 2026

Deadline for application

31st of March 2026 (12am)

The investment programme has to be completed

June 30, 2028. A 6-month extension can be requested.

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## LINK AND CONTACT

- **Contact point:** [infoleggeregionale14@art-er.it](mailto:infoleggeregionale14@art-er.it) - +39 051 6450429
- **Full text of the call for proposal , documentation and forms (in Italian):**



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

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## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

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

### ELIGIBLE COSTS

- New research personnel with open-ended contracts and technical-scientific degrees
- Personnel assigned to research, design, and experimentation activities.
- Purchase or lease of new equipment and newly manufactured systems necessary for project implementation (depreciation quota or lease payments).
- Expenses for the acquisition of services with high scientific and technological research content (e.g., patents, technical expertise, etc.).
- Expenses incurred for the construction of prototype machinery.
- General expenses: maximum 7% of the total expenses of: a), b), c), d), and e).

Personnel expenses are reportable up to a **limit of 1,720 hours per year**. **Costs are calculated based on standard unit costs:** High (management levels): €83.00/hour, Medium (middle management/specialist levels): €47.00/hour, Low (clerical/worker levels): €30.00/hour.

It is possible to submit multiple projects. Minimum project amount: €3 million for large enterprises, €2 million for SMEs

<b>INTENSITY</b> Art 25.5, lett. b) c), <i>GBER</i>	<b>Research</b>	<b>Development</b>
With a commitment to hire at least 30 new employees	50%	25%
Without an employment commitment	40%	20%

**Maximum amount of aid:** 4 million €

#### Minimum Conditions:

- Expenditure for collaborations with Universities and/or research organizations and/or research institutions and/or other entities that primarily perform research, innovation, or know-how transfer activities.
- Inclusion of activities performed by new researchers (at least one) hired after the submission of the application.



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## B) TESTING AND EXPERIMENTATION FACILITIES

### ELIGIBLE COSTS

- a) Systems strictly functional to the activities offered by the infrastructure
- b) Equipment
- c) Computer programs / Software
- d) Patents
- e) Licenses
- f) General expenses, calculated at a flat rate of 7% of the total expenses of a), b), c), d), and e)

It is possible to submit only one project. **Minimum project amount:** €1 million

**INTENSITY** *Art 26bis, GBER*

**25% of the eligible costs**

**Maximum amount of aid:** €1 million

**Minimum Conditions:**

- Submission of at least 1 letter of interest from Universities and/or Research Centers and laboratories regarding technical-scientific collaboration within the scope of the services offered by the infrastructure.
- Submission of at least 2 letters of interest from companies for access to the infrastructure's services.
- Access to the testing and experimentation infrastructure for companies other than the grant beneficiary must be guaranteed on a non-discriminatory, transparent basis and at market conditions.

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## C) ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES

### ELIGIBLE COSTS

- a) Systems (including ancillary works strictly functional to the installation of the system) and equipment intended for the specific intervention and aimed at adapting production methods
- b) General expenses, calculated at a flat rate of 7% of the total expenses of point a)

It is possible to submit only one project. **Minimum project amount:** €1 million

**INTENSITY** *Art 41.7.a, GBER*

45% of the eligible costs

**Maximum amount of aid: €0.3 million**

**Minimum Conditions:**

- It is possible to submit only one proposal related to the creation of a self-consumption system serving a production unit of the company located in Emilia-Romagna.

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## D) INVESTMENT AID FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES

by SMEs across the regional territory, and by large enterprises only within assisted areas (Art. 14 and Art. 17 of the GBER)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

- a) Purchase of systems, machinery, equipment, hardware, and tangible capital goods;
  - b) Purchase of software licenses or subscriptions for software licenses, patents, and services provided via cloud computing and Software as a Service (SAAS), as well as the purchase of datasets for the implementation of innovative solutions based on AI technologies;
- General expenses, calculated at a flat rate of 7% of the costs for tangible assets.

It is possible to submit only one project. **Minimum project amount:** €1 million for large enterprises, €0.5 million for SMEs

INTEGRITY OF AID			Investments by SMEs across the regional territory (art.17, GBER)
Investments in «107.3.c» assisted areas (art.14, GBER)			
107.3.c area	Large	SMEs	
Ferrara	15%	Small 35% Medium 25%	Small 20% Medium 10%
Piacenza	10%	Small 30% Medium 20%	

**Maximum amount of aid:** €0.5 million

**Minimum Conditions:**

- The interventions must be functional to the submitted investment programme.
- For large enterprises, the intervention must consist of an initial investment for the creation of a new economic activity\*

\* (art.2.51 GBER) Creation of a new plant/local unit or diversification of the activity of a plant/local unit, provided that the new activity is not the same as or similar to the activity previously carried out in the same plant/local unit