



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING
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GENERAL SECRETARIAT
FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY



**OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES:
“COMPETITIVENESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP”
AND REGIONS IN TRANSITION**

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE ACTION
“COOPERATION 2011 – PARTNERSHIPS OF PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH
INSTITUTIONS IN FOCUSED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY”**

The Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs/ General Secretariat for Research & Technology invite interested parties meeting the requirements for participation to submit proposals for financing under the Action “COOPERATION 2011 – Partnerships of Production and Research Institutions in Focused Research and Technology”.

The Action supports the collaboration between Greek enterprises and research organisations through the joint implementation of research and technology projects that promote the “green” growth, competitiveness and extroversion of Greek enterprises and improve the quality of life of Greek citizens. More specifically, the Action will provide funding for the implementation of R&T projects in specific sectors and activities which (a) are of interest to Greece’s production sector and will contribute –directly or indirectly– to the development of new or improved products and services and to the penetration in new markets; (b) meet the needs of society and of various area-specific policies, such as energy policy and environmental policy; and (c) produce new knowledge that can be further utilised.

The total public expenditure of the present Call under the Action stands at 68.32 million Euro and is financed by the Operational Programme “Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship” (EPAN-II), under the Programme’s Priority Axis (PA) 1 “Creation and Exploitation of Innovation supported by Research and Technological Development”. It is also financed by the Regional Operational Programmes (ROPs) under which the five (5) transitional support Regions of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2007-20013 fall, as follows: ROP Attica – PA 3 “Strengthening of Competitiveness, Innovation and Digital Convergence”; ROP Macedonia-Thrace – PA 4 “Digital Convergence and Entrepreneurship in the Region of Central Macedonia” and PA 5 “Digital Convergence and Entrepreneurship in the Region of Western Macedonia”; ROP Thessaly-Mainland Greece-Epirus – PA 8 “Digital Convergence and Entrepreneurship in Mainland Greece”; and ROP Crete and Aegean Islands – PA 6 “Digital Convergence and Entrepreneurship in the Region of S. Aegean”.

The Action focuses on the following R&T sectors: 1. Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics; 2. Food/Drinks; 3. Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Biotechnology; 4. Chemical processes in industry; 5. Advanced Materials; 6. Information Technology, Telecommunications and Automations; 7. Energy; 8. Environment; 9. Safety; 10. Services.

Submission of proposals is open to domestic partnerships (Consortia) of production-commercial enterprises of all sizes, research centres, institutes, Tertiary Education

Institutions (Universities, Technological Educational Institutes), technological, public and other organisations. It is pointed out, however, that the Action's key recipients (target groups) are enterprises –regardless of their size– and research organisations (Universities, Technical Educational Institutes, Research Centres, Institutes). Other organisations will participate, with only a few exceptions, as end-users/recipients of the products/technologies/services to be developed.

The public expenditure of the Action stands at 68.32 million Euro and its total budget is estimated at 85 million Euro. The total budget for research projects shall range between €300,000 and €3,000,000, with durations ranging from 2 to 36 months.

At the project level, the maximum aid level (public expenditure) shall be 80% of the total budget for the corresponding project, while the remaining cost (private participation) shall be borne by the beneficiaries in proportion to the aid to which each one of them is entitled. It is pointed out that the minimum level of private participation shall be 20% and shall be covered by funds put up by the beneficiaries themselves.

The activities and cost categories eligible for financing are as follows: (a) Aid for research and development projects, including experimental development (Personnel costs, Costs for instruments and equipment, Costs for buildings, Technology – know-how acquisition costs, Costs for contracted research (carried out by natural and legal persons), Additional costs, Costs for consumables); (b) Aid for technical feasibility studies; (c) Aid for Industrial Property Rights costs.

Proposals shall be submitted electronically via the Internet and shall be drawn up in the English language using the relevant electronic form available on the web page: <https://apps.gov.gr/minedu/synergasia/>, by **11/07/2011** (closing date).

Submission of the proposals shall take place under the responsibility of the Coordinators, who must take care to ensure their timely and valid submission.

Details on the Action are supplied in the Call for Proposals, in the Guide for Applicants and in the relevant accompanying documents, all of which are available on the GSRT website (www.gsrt.gr).

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