

Summary of the invitation to submit industrial research projects

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Period for submitting projects:	February 10, 2010 – April 9, 2010.								
Eligible participants:	companies, small businesses, consortiums and consortium companies, research centres and science and technology parks. Participation is permitted on an individual or group basis.								
Requirements:	<p>Participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ have a permanent establishment in the relevant region (Calabria, Campania, Puglia, Sicilia); or ■ upon applying to participate, formally undertake to establish the necessary establishment in those areas required to carry on the project activities. <p>In any event, the establishment must exist for at least five years after the project has actually ended.</p> <p>The activities may be carried out outside the relevant region provided that the relevant costs do not exceed 25% of the overall research project costs.</p> <p>The projects must envisage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ industrial research² (including activities that are not prevalently experimental activities³); and ■ related training for researchers and/or research technicians. <p>The projects submitted for entry when applying for the funding must not exceed 36 (thirty six) months.</p> <p>The cost of each project, including the training expenses, must be higher than Euro 5 million and under Euro 25 million. The cost for each single participant must be under Euro 10 million.</p>								
Applicable sector:	ICT, advanced materials, energy and energy saving, human health and biotechnology, agri-food, aerospace/aeronautical, cultural assets, advanced transport and logistics, environment and safety.								
Project features:	strong reference to the use of pervasive enabling technology including relating to nanotechnology research and with specific reference to the benefits arising from the convergence of that technology for innovative products, processes and services, aimed at encouraging competition between production systems and increasing the quality of life, health, safety and wellbeing.								
Funds:	<table> <tr> <td>Region of Calabria</td> <td>Euro 80 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Region of Campania</td> <td>Euro 145 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Region of Puglia</td> <td>Euro 150 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Region of Sicilia</td> <td>Euro 90 million</td> </tr> </table>	Region of Calabria	Euro 80 million	Region of Campania	Euro 145 million	Region of Puglia	Euro 150 million	Region of Sicilia	Euro 90 million
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Funding:	<p>The tender will cover the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 50% of the admissible costs relating to industrial research; ■ 25% of the admissible costs relating to experimental activities; ■ 100% of the admissible costs relating to training. <p>The above percentages may be increased for group projects.</p>
Admissible costs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ personnel costs; ■ costs for tools and equipment required and used for the duration of the research project; ■ costs for advisory and similar services used exclusively for research purposes; ■ general disbursements (max 50% of the personnel costs); ■ other running costs including materials, supplies and similar products which are incurred directly as a result of the research activities.

1 Decree of the Ministry for Education, University and Research, published in the Official Journal on January 21, 2010.

2 Industrial research: planned research or critical investigations aimed at acquiring new knowledge which will be used for new products, processes or services or will significantly improve existing products, processes or services. It includes creating components for complex systems that are required for industrial research, in particular for validating general technology.

3 Experimental activities: includes acquiring, combining, structuring and using existing knowledge and capabilities of a scientific, technological, commercial or other nature for the purpose of producing plans, projects and designs for new, different or improved products, processes or services. These activities may also include pursuing the conceptualisation, planning and documentation of new products, processes or services. The activities may include drawing up plans, designs and other forms of documentation provided they are not intended for commercial use. Experimental activities include the creation of prototypes that may be used for commercial purposes and of pilot projects aimed at technological and/or commercial experiments, provided that the prototype is the final commercial product and it costs too much to manufacture for it to be used only for demonstrations and testing. Any further use of the demonstration projects or pilot projects for commercial purposes would incur the decrease in income generated from the admissible costs. They can furthermore include the production and testing of products, processes and services provided that they cannot be used or transformed for the purpose of industrial application or for commercial purposes. They do not include routine changes or periodical changes made to products, production lines, manufacturing processes, existing services or other changes even if they constitute improvements.

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