



RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

FUNDING SCHEME

«RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation

PROGRAMME

«Research in Enterprises»

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ENTERPRISES / 0916



The Framework Programme RESTART 2016-2020 for Research, Technological Development and Innovation is co-funded by the Republic of Cyprus and the European Regional Development Fund.



INTRODUCTION

The Research Promotion Foundation announces the Call for Proposals for the «**Research in Enterprises**» Programme within the framework of the «**RESTART 2016-2020**» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation and invites potential beneficiaries to submit relevant Project Proposals (Proposals).

The present Call is part of the «Competitiveness and Sustainable Development 2014-2020» Operational Programme and is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the Republic of Cyprus.

GENERAL CALL INFORMATION

Pillar	I. Smart Growth
Programme	Research in Enterprises
Call Identifier	ENTERPRISES/0916
Call Budget	4.000.000 Euro
Maximun Funding Per Project	200.000 Euro
Publication Date	16 September 2016
Deadline	20 December 2016, 13:00 Following RPF's announcement dated 02/12/2016, the deadline has been extended until 20 January 2017, 13:00.

The English version of the Call, even though an official translation endorsed by the Research Promotion Foundation, is provided for information purposes only. Only the Greek version of the Call is legally binding and shall prevail in case of any divergence in interpretation.

OBJECTIVES

The “Research in Enterprises” Programme aims at (a) enhancing the competitiveness of Cypriot enterprises thus resulting in making a contribution in the country’s economy growth, through the development of new products / services / production methods of high added value, or significantly optimised products / services / production methods which will be commercially used, and (b) intensifying the participation of Cypriot enterprises in research activities resulting in raising the contribution of the private sector in the country’s RTDI investments.

RESTART 2016-2020 WORK PROGRAMME

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organisations and individuals, the eligible activities and costs, as well as the specific information regarding the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme**, which is the



main reference document and an important information source for interested parties and can be found on the Research Promotion Foundation's **IRIS (Innovation Research Information System) Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Within the framework of the present Call for Proposals the following specific conditions, which are not defined in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme, apply:

- Each organisation can receive funding as a Host organization for a maximum of two projects.

SUBMISSION

Proposals are submitted through the Research Promotion Foundation's **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy>).

The Project Coordinator and all local participating organisations in the Project Consortium, should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.

Potential applicants are advised to use the «**Guide for Applicants**», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «**IRIS Portal User Manual**» which can be found on the IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

The Project Proposal consists of the following parts:

1. Part A – General Information & Budget (electronic form (fields) to be completed online through the IRIS Portal).
2. Part B – Technical Annex (document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format).
3. Annex I – Curricula Vitae (document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format).

PROJECT SELECTION

Evaluation Procedure

As described in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme, for the evaluation of Proposals to be submitted under the «Research in Enterprises» Programme, a Proposal Eligibility Check and a remote scientific evaluation procedure by two (2) independent evaluators will be followed.

Prior to the scientific evaluation of each Proposal according to the evaluation criteria, evaluators are requested to assess the Proposal's compatibility with the objectives of the



Programme and the relevant Call for Proposals. The evaluator will not proceed with the assessment of the evaluation criteria should the Proposal fail the compatibility assessment.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Excellence – Weight 20%

- Quality of Project Objectives.
- Degree of Project Innovation and Originality in relation to the existing knowledge (state-of-the-art) at international level.
- Soundness, credibility and feasibility of the proposed new or significantly improved product / service / production method.
- The proposed new or significantly improved product / service / production method compared to already existing solutions and identification of the current or future market gap and opportunity it addresses.
- Relevance of the proposed research activities (industrial research and experimental development) with the Projects' and Program's objectives.

2. Added Value and Benefit – Weight 40%

- Scientific, technological, economic and social impact deriving from the development of the new or significantly improved new product / service / production method for each of the Consortium members separately and the consortium as a whole (e.g. expected increase in job positions, future prospects of the technological application, exploitation of patents, etc.).
- Effectiveness of the proposed measures for the exploitation (including management of Intellectual Property Rights) and dissemination of results for achieving maximum Project visibility.
- Completeness, quality and achievability of the business plan, and include at the very least a description of: (a) the market, (b) the competition, (c) the market rollout plan including a risk analysis and mitigation plan, (d) the competitive advantage of the new or significantly improved product / service / production method in relation to existing or future competition, and (e) the fundamental economic forecasts in relation to the growth and future exploitation of the new or significantly improved product / service / production method.



3. Implementation – Weight 40%

- Completeness and appropriateness of the Work Packages' content, the allocation of various activities, the timetable and the budget.
- Effectiveness of the proposed methodology for the implementation of deliverables.
- Completeness, quality and capacity of the Consortium for the implementation of the Project (at the level of Organisations and/or individuals) and achievement of the proposed objectives.
- Suitability and adequacy of the proposed coordination and management activities, including identification and handling of potential risks.
- Completeness and reliability of the Contingency Plan within the framework of the Project implementation.

Selection

Proposals will be selected for funding according to their ranking, which will be determined by their overall evaluation score.

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The Research Promotion Foundation may at its discretion, proceed to the extension or revocation of the present Call by applying the same publication procedure.