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Funding Criteria and Regulations

Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information

FIRST (Fondo per gli Investimenti nella Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica) and IGRUE account for the EU cofunding.

Min. project duration: 24 months

Max. project duration: 36 months

Maximum funding per project

Overall funding commitment for the call: 500.000 €.

A maximum grant of 150.000 Euro can be awarded to each project proposal, even if it includes more than one Italian participant.

Institutional eligibility criteria

A maximum of two Italian participants per project proposal, requesting funding to MIUR, is admitted.

A Principal Investigator can participate (either as coordinator or as partner) in only one project proposal, requesting funding to MIUR.

All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Subcontracting, Consumables, and Overheads.

Applicant typology		Funding Rates			
		Enterprises and private research bodies (which meets the requirements of research organization under EU Reg. no. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)			Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Reg. EU n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)
Activity typology		Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Big Enterprises	
		Basic Research	grant	40%	30%
Industrial Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	50%
Experimental Research	grant	30%	20%	10%	25%

On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to:

- 80% of the total contribution for public entities;
- 50% of the total contribution for private entities.

The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period.

1) Type/nature of participants

According to art. 60 of the Decree-Law n. 83/2012 and art. 5 of its implementing Ministerial decree 593/2016, the following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises, universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. Eligible participants must have a stable organization in Italy.

2) Legal/administrative/financial conditions

The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by MIUR.

The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.

The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni".

3) Financial conditions

For any participant, with the exception of public universities and public research institutions (Entipubblici di ricerca), the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled:

$$\mathbf{CN > (CP - I)/2}$$

Where:

- CN = net assets (Capitale netto)
- CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year
- I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

$$\mathbf{OF/F < 8\%}$$

Where:

- OF = financial charges (Onerifinanziari)
- F = turnover (Fatturato)

In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MIUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link:

<http://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it>

These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the JPI Oceans international joint call on Microplastics II.

Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the deadline of the call JPI Oceans Microplastics, will be considered not eligible for funding.

It is strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR.

Institutional thematic priorities

All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.

Furthermore, Basic research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities.
