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CLUSTER Programme: Lithuanian eligibility criteria and funding information



Eligibility criteria

- ✓ The national application is submitted by the **Lithuanian research and study institution**.
- ✓ **At least one partner is mandatory** - a privately registered legal entity in Lithuania (SME).
- ✓ Applications can only be submitted by those applicants who have submitted an international application and have entered into a cooperation agreement with all project participants.
- ✓ **Funded activities:** starting from the 5th (or higher) TRL stage.
- ✓ **Projects are encouraged** to achieve results corresponding to TRL stages 7–9.
- ✓ The research and study institution must have a valid procedure for managing rights arising from intellectual activity results.
- ✓ **Project duration:** up to 36 months.
- ✓ **Financing:** up to 300 000,00 euros.

Requirements for projects

According to the National Rules, financing is provided as *state aid*.

The funding amount depends on the participant's status and the nature of the activity (economic/non-economic):

- ✓ For non-economic activities of research and study institutions, 100% of their eligible expenses (state aid not provided);
- ✓ For SMEs (state aid), the funding amount is up to 80% of eligible expenses. The portion of eligible expenses that is not covered by the funding allocated to the project must be financed from the partner(s)' funds.

Financing Rules – State Aid

| Organization Type | Applied Research | Experimental Development |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Research and Study Institutions | up to 100% | up to 100% (if non-commercial) |
| Very Small, Small Enterprises (SME) | up to 80% | up to 60% |
| Medium Enterprises | up to 75% | up to 50% |
| Large Enterprises | up to 65% | up to 40% |

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Funding is provided as state aid under EU and Lithuanian regulations. Maximum funding intensity depends on organization type, size and activity:

- ✓ **Additional bonuses:** +**15%** for SMEs collaborating with other enterprises or research institutions.
- ✓ **Private co-financing required** for companies receiving aid.

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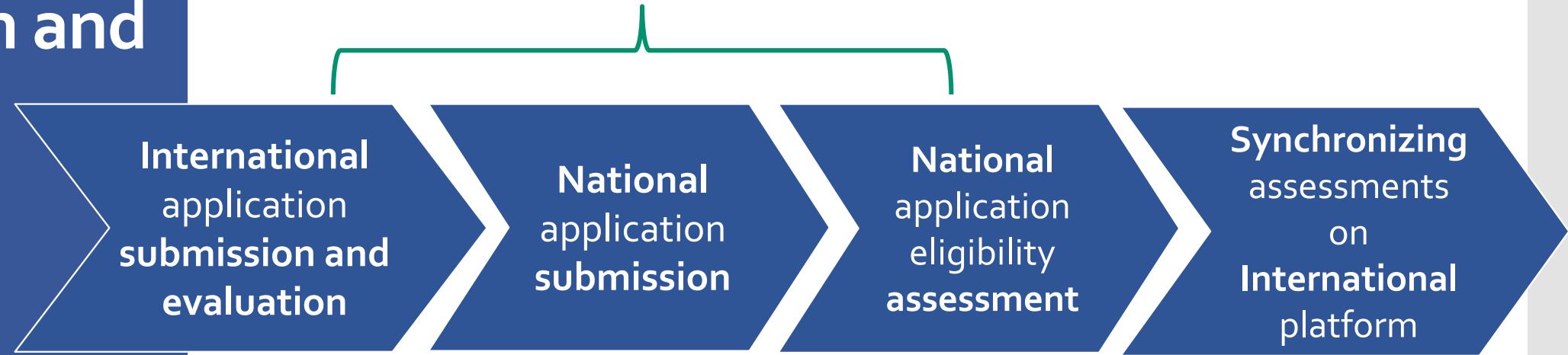
Eligible costs and funding rates

Eligible costs are:

- ✓ Personnel costs: salaries, social security contributions, taxes and any supplementary payments made to employees within national law and benefits schemes paid by the company.
- ✓ Travel costs.
- ✓ Fixed assets.
- ✓ Indirect costs (overhead): 3%.

→ Funding rates can reach up to 100% for research and study institutions and up to 80% for industrial partners (SME).

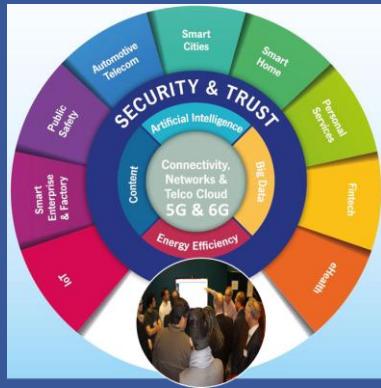
Application and evaluation procedure



The national call is
announced once a year

Key Takeaways & Next Steps

- ✓ CLUSTER programme provides state aid for innovative R&D projects.
- ✓ An eligible applicant from Lithuania is a research and study institution together with an Lithuanian SME.
- ✓ Funding varies based on company size, type and activity type.
- ✓ Eligible costs include salaries, equipment, subcontracting, and more.



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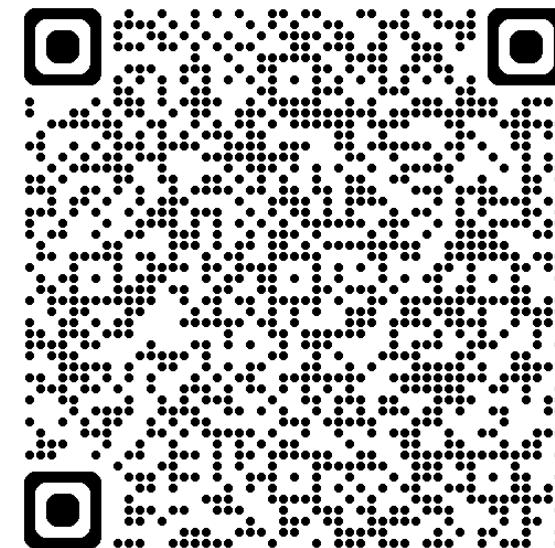
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