

Track 2 - enhancing readiness for implementation

Detailed information on the purpose of the grant, eligible expenditure categories and evaluation criteria

1. Co-financing may be granted for:

- a. making a prototype,
- b. research of the proof of concept type,
- c. experimental verification of features and testing of the usefulness of the Innovation, i.e. research results that were formally notified to CTT CITTRU through the Results Submission Form, from the point of view of the recipient or potential business partner interested in the implementation,
- d. performance of other research that increases the commercial potential of the Innovation,
- d. conduct other research that increases the commercial potential of the Innovation and enables and optimises the process of its implementation or increases the level of readiness for implementation or the possibility of its practical application, in particular, those that answer questions posed by a potential business partner interested in the implementation,
- e. purchase of expert services, including analyses and evaluations.

2. Eligible costs under the grant shall include the following categories of expenses:

- a. Remuneration of persons directly involved in the execution of the pre-implementation work covered by the support (research and scientific, technical and support personnel and persons included/participating in the research, if the Innovation is tested on a selected social group). Allowable only if necessary and justified, in an amount not exceeding 20% of the total value of pre-implementation work or 25% - if the cost estimate covered the salary of persons/social group included in the research. The total cost of personnel salaries should be included in this category, i.e. “gross, gross”;
- b. Cost of participation in fairs and business conferences related to the search for recipients of the Innovation and training necessary for the implementation of the pre-implementation work;
- c. Expenses for purchase of consumable materials and raw materials;
- d. Costs of renting UJ scientific and research apparatus, determined on the basis of price lists in accordance with the internal JU rules concerning the use of infrastructure;
- e. Expenses for the purchase of external services;
- f. Costs of domestic and foreign business travel related to the implementation of pre-implementation research;
- g. Other costs necessary to achieve the result (detailed justification necessary).

3. To be considered for funding, a grant application must:

- a. be the subject of prior formal submission of the Innovation to the CTT CITTRU through the Innovation Submission Form (registered Innovation, property rights to intellectual property in whole or in part belong to UJ). Only those Innovations can be co-financed for which a patent application has already been filed with the Polish Patent Office or another patent procedure abroad or for which at least the first version of the service or product exists, or there are proof of principle test results confirming the possibility of developing an innovative product or service,
- b. demonstrate that the Innovation has a high commercial and practical potential resulting either from the market analysis or from the demand directly reported by a business partner (supported by a document, e.g. letter of intent or a cooperation agreement, material transfer agreement, inquiry from a company, report from a meeting with the company),
- c. demonstrate that the planned pre-implementation work will significantly increase the level of readiness of the Innovation for commercialisation or practical use and, as a result, increase the chances for success of the process of technology and knowledge transfer from the university to the socio-economic environment.

4. The application evaluation criteria are as follows:

- a. assessment of the innovativeness of the solution in the context of market demand for a product/service based on the Innovation – scale from 0 to 15 points;
 - b. assessment of the technological readiness level of the Innovation according to the TRL (Technology Readiness Level) - scale from 1 to 3 points, whereby: 1 point for TRL 1-2, 2 pts for TRL 3-4, 3 pts for TRL 5-9;
 - c. the team's plans to establish a spin-off company, including the level of progress of the work involved in establishing the company. Scale from 0 to 5 points, whereby: 0 pts when the company is not planned, 1 pts when the company is planned however, no action has been taken except for the expression of intent confirmed by InnoCel (JU SPV), 3 pts when a business plan or business model of the company has been prepared and InnoCel positively opinionated it. The positive opinion should be attached to the application; 4 pts when there is a potential investor. The term sheet or other document confirming the planned capital investment and indicating the amount and general terms of this investment should be attached. If both a business model/plan and a document confirming the planned capital investment are attached to the application, the number of points awarded will be 5.
5. The proposal will be submitted to three experts for evaluation, including at least one external expert (from outside UJ) and one internal expert (from JU).