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## COMMERCIAL PROOF OF CONCEPT

Calls for Proposals

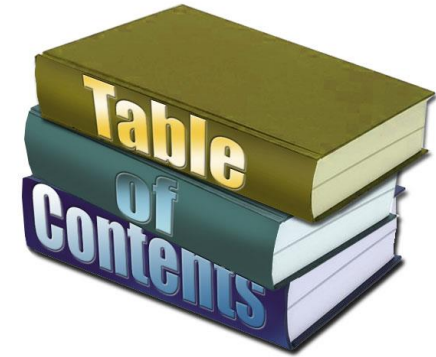
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## ▶ Targets

- ❑ *to accelerate innovation in the energy production, storage, transmission and distribution verticals and address key challenges in grid integration, renewable energy utilization, and energy system resilience.*
- ❑ *to support transitioning solutions from pilot deployments to commercial readiness. It helps intensify R&D efforts to scale up and optimize solutions already deployed in the field.*
- ❑ *to enhance the performance, reliability, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of existing technologies, ensuring their viability for widespread adoption in primarily industrial and commercial applications.*



## ► General Call Information (1)

**DEADLINE**

- Calls Announcement: **26 June 2024**
- Proposal Submission Deadline: **22 October 2024, 13:00 local time**
- Evaluation Timeline: **November – February 2024**
- Contracts Signing: **April 2024**
- Budget: **€ 1.607.000**
- Maximum Funding per Project: **€ 200.000**
- Project Duration: **12 Months**
- Funding Intensity for Enterprises: **80% Max Funding Percentage on Eligible Expenses**



## ► Conditions for Participation (1)

- Host Organisation (HO): **Small, Medium, or Large Enterprise with** product or service in the market as justified through audited financial statements
- Research Organisations, Enterprises or Other Organisations may participate as **Partner Organisations (PAs)** (*PAs support the HO in accomplishing the project's objectives and may have their own commercial and/or scientific interests in achieving the Project results*)
- Participation of **Foreign Research Organisations** is allowed



## ► Conditions for Participation (3)

- All beneficiaries that have not previously participated in the RESTART 2026-2020 Programmes, should make use of the **simplified cost Method «Standard Scales of Unit Costs»** for the calculation of personnel costs
- Funded Projects should comply with the **«Do No Significant Harm» principle**, according to which they must not include or support activities that could cause significant harm to the environment
- The Host Organisation should **interact with the Central Knowledge Transfer Office (KTO)** for the preparation of a **customised Action Plan** for the Provision of Services by the KTO

## ► Eligible Activities

- ❑ The projects must necessarily include Experimental Development activities. They may also include Industrial Research activities and/or Feasibility Study.
- ❑ Project activities should fall within **Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 5-8** but it must include at least activities of TRL  $\geq 6$
- ❑ By the Project completion, the HO must prepare a «**Commercialization Plan**», including an assessment and analysis of the project results' market potential and the planning of exploitation of results



## ▶ Eligible Costs

- ❑ The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the simplified cost method “Personnel costs plus 40% on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs”.



## ▶ Proposal Submission



- ❑ Proposals are submitted through the Research and Innovation Foundation's IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy>)
  
- ❑ The Project Proposal consists of the following parts:
  - **Part A** – General Information & Budget (*electronic form (fields) to be completed online through the IRIS Portal*)
  - **Part B** – Technical Annex (*document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format*) - **Maximum number of pages 20**
  - **Annex I** – Curricula Vitae (*CVs of the Coordinator and the key personnel – Optional*) - *Recommended that CVs are created according to the EUROPASS format and do not exceed 5 pages per person*



## ► Evaluation

- Proposal **Preliminary Check**
- Remote Evaluation** by two (2) independent evaluators
- Proposals are deemed eligible for funding if they secure an Evaluation Score of at least 12.00/15.00
- Evaluation Criteria: (1) Excellence 20%, (2) Added Value and Benefit 40%, (3) Implementation 40%**

## ▶ Selection

### Selection for Funding:

- according to their ranking until the exhaustion of the Total Call Budget.





## ► Useful Documents

- ❑ **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme Document**  
*EL*  
*EN*
  
- ❑ **Call Documents**  
*Call Document (EL)*  
*Call Document(EN)*  
*Part B – Technical Annex*  
*Guide for Evaluators and Rapporteurs*
  
- ❑ **IRIS Guidelines (Registration, Proposal Preparation/Submission)**  
<https://iris.research.org.cy/#!/documentlibrary>

## ► Contact / Support



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