

SEERA-EI Pilot Joint Call National Eligibility and Funding Rules

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	R&D National Program/Call name	R&D field(s) covered	Opening/Cut-off dates
A	National R&D Plan II (2007 - 2013), program Partnerships in Priority Areas	Information and Communication Technology	Once a year

A. Applicants eligibility

A.1 Who can apply?

Research organizations (Universities and research institutions) and Enterprises, in the meaning of the legislation of the state aid scheme.

A.2 Conditions

For details please consult ANNEX 9 – State aid of the Call text guide for the Partnerships program at the official website: http://www.uefiscdi.gov.ro/articole/2626/Program-PARTENERIATE_Proiecte-colaborative-de-cercetare-aplicativa_Competitia-2011.html)

B. Costs eligibility/budget limits

B.1 Eligible type of costs (e.g. personnel costs, travel& subsistence, materials, organization of events etc):

For the fundamental research activities, industrial research and experimental development, according to HG 134/2011, types of expenses are eligible, as follow:

- a. Personnel costs;
- b. Logistics expenses;
- c. Travel;
- d. Overhead (indirect costs).

B.2 Conditions

The specific conditions for each type of expenses are the following:

a. Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and support staff employees during the project research as required by law); these expenses include all corresponding state and social contributions; these costs are subject to regulations in force of the maximum revenue by a person to participate in one or more projects within the National Plan II.;

b. Logistics expenses:

- costs of materials, supplies and similar items necessary for research;
- capital expenditures may not exceed 30% of its funding from the public budget:
 - expenses for purchases of tools and equipment needed for research project. For entities that involve state aid, if these tools and equipment have a life greater than the duration of the research project, only depreciation expenses during the project are eligible, calculated on the basis of accounting practices regulated;
- costs of services performed by third parties can not exceed 25% of funding from the public budget:
 - expenses for acquisition of technical knowledge and patents or rights to use them from outside sources at market prices and costs for procurement of consulting services and equivalent services used exclusively for research;
 - for technical feasibility studies are eligible costs for preparatory studies for industrial research activities and experimental development;

- other operating expenses;
- for entities that involve state aid, eligible costs are all costs prior to obtaining intellectual property rights, as required by law, including costs related to preparing, submitting and tracking applications and renewal costs resulting from the application before granting such rights;

c. Travel expenses for travel within the country or abroad of the teams members, for documentation periods or research internships, participation in the prestigious events in project's area; travel expenses of collaborators within the country or abroad for participating in scientific events organized within the project; travel expenses cannot exceed 15% of funding from public budget.;

d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: Personnel costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 25% of direct costs, excluding the cost for subcontracting.

C. Project Proposals Eligibility

C.1 Phases of R&D being funded: (basic research, applied research, innovation, serial production etc), funding rates (app.)

In the framework of the Partnership – Joint Applied Research Projects (PCCA) the following activities can be financed from the public budget, as defined in the document issued by the European Commission C (2007) 6545, behind ANCS President's decision 9451/2007:

- fundamental research (but no more than 10% of the funding from the public budget);
- industrial research;
- experimental development;
- technical feasibility studies;
- activities for obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights for SMEs.

C.2 Conditions

The project should comply with one of the priority thematic topics of the PJC in Research and Skill Building in Cloud Computing. The focus of projects should be a collaborative work of researchers in SEE countries in area of cloud computing, and not investment in computing equipment.