

TYPOLOGY

The Incentive Scheme for the Qualification of SMEs aims to select projects that aim to qualify SMEs in intangible domains to promote competitiveness of SMEs and their ability to respond in the global market. Support for individual strategy qualification projects of SMEs, in the following intangible areas of competitiveness:

- a) Organizational innovation and management;
- **b)** Digital economy, information technologies and communication (ICT);
- c) Brand creation and design;
- **d)** Product, services and processes development and engineering;
- e) Industrial property protection;
- f) Quality;
- **g)** Knowledge sharing;
- h) Distribution and logistics;
- i) Eco-innovation;
- j) Professional qualification.

MAIN ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS

- Specialized consultancy services in various fields;
- Acquisitions to apply new organizational methods;
- Obtaining certifications under the Quality System costs;
- Obtaining, validating and defending patents or other industrial property registration costs;

- Salary costs for hiring highly qualified human resources and a maximum of two new technical staff per project, with a qualification level equal to or greater than 6, for the development of the project;
- Professional training, etc.

BENEFICIARIES

SME companies (excludes large companies) of any nature and under any legal form.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

All NUTS II regions of the Continent (North, Center, Lisbon, Alentejo and Algarve).

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (CAE)

All those aimed at producing tradable and internationalizable goods and services, with the exception of the following activities:

- Financial and insurance; Defense; Lotteries and other betting games;
- Fisheries and aquaculture sector; Primary agricultural production sector, aid for participation in fairs and aid for innovation in terms of processes and organization.



FINANCING RATE OF ELIGIBLE **EXPENSES**

Non-refundable incentive. Maximum incentive rate of 50%.

Maximum incentive of 500,000 euros. (*)

In the case of Professional Training, the Incentive is not refundable and the base rate of 50% applies, maximum 70% (maximum 50% projects located in POR Lisbon). (*)

EXPENDITURE LIMITS (*)

Minimum limit for total eligible expenditure: 25 thousand euros.

(*) Information regarding notice within the scope of PT2020

