

BUSINESS INCENTIVES 2030 / PORTUGAL 2030

On 14 July 2022, the Portuguese Government and the European Commission signed the Partnership Agreement for the period 2021-2027. Portugal will thus have at its disposal a global amount of 23 billion euros to implement a transformation based on the qualification and empowerment of human resources, social inclusion, innovation and digital transformation, climate transition, and sustainability, as well as the challenges linked to territorial cohesion and demographic change.

Portugal 2030 (or PT 2030) is part of this multiannual financial framework and succeeds PT 2020. It aims to support four distinct thematic areas essential for the development of the economy, society, and territory of Portugal, until 2030:

- **Productive Innovation** - investments by companies in innovative activities;
- **Internationalization** - increase in the volume of international sales through the development and application of new business models and valorization of the adoption of e-commerce as a tool for internationalization
- **Qualification** - promoting the competitiveness of SMEs and the ability to respond in the global market
- **R&TD** - to support research and development of technological projects.

This strategy frames the investments of European funds for the period 2021-2027, establishing the operational structure of the Cohesion Policy funds for the same period.

Portugal 2030 is implemented through 12 programs:

- **4 thematic programs** - Demography, Qualifications, and Inclusion; Innovation and Digital Transition; Climate Action and Sustainability and Sea;
- **5 regional programs**, corresponding to the NUTS II of the Mainland, two of the Autonomous Regions and one for Technical Assistance.

In addition to these, there are 11 European Territorial Cooperation Programmes in which Portugal participates.

THE ABOVE 23 BILLION EUROS ARE PROVIDED BY THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

- ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) - 11.5 billion euros, plus 139 million euros for European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)
- ESF + (European Social Fund) - 7.8 billion euros
- Cohesion Fund - 3.1 billion euros
- Fair Transition Fund - 224 million euros
- European Maritime, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Fund (EMFF) - 393 million euros
- Transfer to the Connecting Europe Facility - 1.048 billion euros

THE AVAILABLE FUNDS WILL BE INJECTED INTO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES:

THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

- Demography/Skills/ Inclusion:
5,691 million euros
- Innovation/Digital Transition:
3 905 million euros
- Climate Action/Sustainability:
3 105 million euros
- Sea:
393 million euros

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

- 169 million euros

REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

- North - 3.395 million euros
- Centre - 2.172 million euros
- Alentejo - 1.104 million euros
- Algarve - 780 million euros
- Lisbon - 381 million euros

PROGRAMMES OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONS

- Azores - 1.140 million euros
- Madeira - 760 million euros

TYPES OF INCENTIVES PROVIDED FOR:

TENDER PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION

Beneficiaries:
SME and non-SMEs

Objectives:

- To increase business investment by large companies in innovative activities;
- To strengthen the business capabilities of SMEs for the development of tradable goods and services through business investment in innovative activities.

Maximum overall financing rate: 75%
Combination:

- Non-refundable Incentive;
- With interest-free refundable incentive.

TENDER INTERNATIONALIZATION

Beneficiaries:
SMEs

Objectives:

- Promoting an increase in international sales volume through the development and application of new business models;
- Enhancing the adoption of e-commerce as an internationalization tool.

Incentive Rate: 45%
(non-refundable incentive), with an incentive limit of 500.000,00 euros.

TENDER QUALIFICATION

Beneficiaries:
SME and non-SMEs

Objectives:

- Qualification actions for SMEs in non-material areas;
- To promote the competitiveness of SMEs;
- Response capacity in the global market.

Incentive Rate: 45%
(non-refundable incentive), with an incentive limit of 500.000,00 euros.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE PT 2030 PROGRAMME?

One of the novelties of this program is that the access is simpler, compared to PT 2020.

The filling of the forms should be done through the "Balcão dos Fundos" - <https://balcaofundosue.pt/>. This Desk is meant for all entities (natural or collective) wishing to apply for support under PT2020, PT 2030, and Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR).



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