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CALABRIA OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2014-2020: USING ESI FUNDS TO SUPPORT SMES’ PARTICIPATION IN H2020
Starting point
Calabrian Program
Smart specialization strategy
Calabrian Actions in using esif to support SMES for H2020
Calabria Performance in H2020 up to now

**Italy** n. 331 GRANTED PROJECTS
**Calabria** n. 6 GRANTED PROJECTS – 1.8% of Italian Projects

**Phase 1:**
- Eco4Cloud (Spin off Unical), 2014
- Gipstech (Spin Off Unical), 2015
- Calbatt (Spin Off Unical), 2015
- Galascreen (Spin Off Unical), 2016
- Nanosilical Device, 2016

**Phase 2**
- Eco4Cloud

- Low performing
- Public Support
Calabria Performance in H2020 up to now

For Calabria region, have been registered the following “Seal of Excellence”

**Phase 1**
- Arcon
- Coremuniti (ex GreenDEA)
- Galascreen

**Phase 2**
- Gipstech
ROP Calabria 14/20

It is divided into 14 priority Axes or Thematic Objectives. The first one is the “Promoting of Research and Innovation”

The amount of funds reserved are: 8,83% of Total FUNDS ROP Calabria 2014/2020 (€ 210,213,417 of € 2,378,956,842)
T01 - Promoting of Research and Innovation.

2 investment priorities

1 a – Support research infrastructure

- Voucher for innovation services
- Industrial Research and Experimental Development projects
- Cluster
- Precommercial Public Procurement
- Living Labs
- Start Up / Spin Off

1 b - Support SME
S3 Calabria

The future is a daily job

“Il futuro è un lavoro quotidiano”
S3 Calabria 14-20 >> Innovation Areas

Agro food
- food safety, quality products and processes, waste recovery, functional food, marketing, packaging

Tourism and Culture
- ICT for tourism, diagnosis and restoration. Design and creativity

Sustainable building
- intelligent building sites, sustainable building energy savings, materials, seismic safety

Logistics
- port logistics: green port services. Reverse logistics, agri-food logistics

ICT and Tertiary Innovative
- complex service systems, Pervasive Business Intelligence, Open Linked Data, cyber security. Internet of Things.
- Smart materials, Smart processes, Smart solutions

Smart Manufacturing

Environment
- Monitoring, prevention and intervention on coast, landslides, floods, fires and earthquakes. Early warning. Waste management and energy sources

Life Sciences
- advanced diagnostics, nutraceuticals, personalized medicine, biomedical devices

APPLICATION AREAS
Indirect Action: CalabriaInnova Project (POR FESR 2007-2013)

Specific objectives:
• Exploitation of academic scientific results
• Improve competitiveness of SMEs
• Enhancing profitability and growth performance of SMEs by combining and transferring new and existing knowledge into innovative, disruptive and competitive solutions
Indirect Action: CalabriaInnova Project (POR FESR 2007-2013)

Local Results:
• 12 spin-off and 36 startup (31 innovation startup italian register)

Several SMEs have asked support to start a international patway. It submitted a proposal in SME Instrument phase 1 and phase 2

European Results:
• 3 Grant SME Instrument ph-1 (50,000 €)
• 4 Seal of Excellence in SME Instrument ph-1
• 1 Seal of Excellence in SME Instrument ph-2
ESI funds to support SMEs’ participation in H2020

**direct Action:** Call Horizon 2020 (ROP 2014/2020)
Calabria Region helps small and medium enterprises to participate in the European Horizon 2020 programme

http://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/website/portaltemplates/view/view_bando.cfm?287

For full details, interested parties are invited to consult the full version of the document here:

http://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/website/portalmedia/bandi/2016-07/Avviso%20Pubblico_Horizon%20Azione%201212.pdf
Action 1.2.1 – Call HORIZON 2020

**Description:**
Call provides for the granting of aid to the Calabrian companies involved to develop project proposals to be presented on the "call for proposals" under the Horizon 2020 Community Program.
Call provides collection of applications without a deadline but until exhausted amount of funds and evaluation report.

**Status of implementation:**
Pre-information notice published in July 18, 2016.

**Timetable:**
Publication on Official gazette of the Region (BURC): October 15, 2016; adoptions first ranking: 31 December 2016

**Budget amount:** 1.2 million Euros

**Contribution:** For each SMEs Calabria Region shall make a contribution of up to EUR 15,000 (max 75% of the eligible costs)
Eligible Costs

- Employees (staff);
- Expert consultants;
- Analysis / Studies and Research Expenditure;
- Expenditure incurred in initiatives of mentoring and coaching support for H2020;
- Travel expenses for eu partner research

How to apply:
Applications are submitted online through the web site: www.regione.calabria.it/calabriaeuropa.
Evaluation procedure:
Capital contribution, with a maximum aid intensity of 75% of eligible costs and with a maximum amount for each proposal of:
Euro 7,000 € for each partner (not co-ordinator) of the proposal to Horizon 2020;
Euro 15,000 € for each (individual proposal or co-ordinator) project of the proposal to Horizon 2020.

Following reporting evaluation assessment:
75% of eligible expenditure incurred in case of an overall score greater than 10/15 for each Evaluation summary report;
60% of eligible expenditure incurred in case of an overall score equal to 9/15 or 10/15;
40% of eligible expenditure incurred in case of an overall score less than 9/15.
ESI funds to support SMEs’ participation in H2020

Direct Action

Calabria Region is one of **41 funding organization** involved in M-Era.Net.

M-ERA.NET is an EU funded network which has been established in 2012 to support and increase the coordination of European research and innovation programmes and related funding in materials science and engineering. Between 2016 and 2021, the M-ERA.NET consortium will continue to contribute to the restructuring of the European Research Area (ERA) by operating a single innovative and flexible network of national and regional funding organisations.

Calabria **Region cofunds by using ESIF (0,5 million)**
Thanks for your attention!