

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL FINANCIAL INCENTIVES SUPPORTING IP PROTECTION IN THE V4 COUNTRIES

Brief guide

This brief guide is based on the mapping report on national and regional financial schemes, programmes and incentives supporting IP protection, prepared in the framework of the project “Financial incentives as a tool for improving the V4 innovation ecosystem and enhancing IP protection”, financed by the Visegrad Fund under the Visegrad Grant No. 22220130 in 2023, and provides a valuable insight into the financial initiatives used to support innovation in our region.

Please note that the information contained in this document is a snapshot at a specific point in time and is intended to give ideas on where to find the most appropriate financial support for your goals. Please always check the actual conditions and availability of funding schemes, as financial incentives are often subject to change.

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Introduction

The “Report on mapping national and regional financial schemes supporting IP protection” was prepared within the implementation and as a result of the project “Financial incentives as a tool for improving the V4 innovation ecosystem and enhancing IP protection” financed by the Visegrad Fund under the Visegrad Grant No. 22220130, by the consortium of four partners from the V4 countries:

- Centre for Technology Transfer CITTRU of Jagiellonian University (Centrum Transferu Technologii CITTRU) Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Poland, coordinator;
- Charles University, Faculty of Law (Univerzita Karlova, Právnická fakulta), Czech Republic, partner;
- University of Debrecen (Debreceni Egyetem), Hungary, partner;
- Slovak Organization for Research and Development Activities (Slovenská organizácia pre výskumné a vývojové aktivity (SOVVA), Slovakia, partner.

The aim of the project was to identify effective financial schemes and incentives that support IP protection, exchange best national practices, and develop recommendations for policymakers and financing organisations at the national and regional V4 levels to design new effective financing incentives.

This quick guide was prepared based on the above mapping report compiled in 2023, and presents the excerpt of list of regional and national financial programmes of the V4 countries implemented recently and/or currently running.

The complete mapping report provides an overview of the overall description of the national innovation ecosystem, the list of financial schemes, programmes, incentives as well as conclusions and recommendations for the respective V4 countries.

The mapping report reflects the information available at the end of 2023. The full report is available for download from the project website at:

<http://cittru.uj.edu.pl/documents/1587933/154378753/Final+report+on+mapping+on+financial+incentives+supporting+IP+protection+in+V4.pdf/79ef4cf5-2b6e-4ae5-bf58-061d688af4f0>

The findings of the report were presented at an event in September 2023. Presentations of the consortium partners are available for download from the website of CITTRU, the coordinator of the study, at:

<https://cittru.uj.edu.pl/visegrad/event>

I. REGIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE V4 REGION

1. Regional programmes supporting IP protection

Although the preliminary focus of this report is mapping IP financing schemes at the national level in V4 countries, those provided by the EU but available for applicants from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia as EU countries are also relevant and important. The availability of financing from EU resources may influence the decisions of both national policymakers regarding the provision of similar schemes locally and applicants as to the source of financing.

Currently, the EU provides attractive support for companies from the region in effective IP portfolio management, particularly in meeting the needs of SMEs. From 2021, SMEs in the EU, including V4 countries, can benefit from the EU SME Fund. The SME Fund, established as part of the Action Plan on Intellectual Property, aims to support the EU's recovery after the Covid-19 crisis, including helping them benefit from the value of IP. To promote the effective use and deployment of IP, the first EU SME Fund, with a total budget of €6.8 million, offered services to reimburse the costs of IP Scan and national trademark and design registration costs of 12,989 SMEs from all 27 Member States, including beneficiaries from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. The second EU SME Fund, with a budget of €47 million launched for 2022-2024, offers, among other services, the reimbursement of the following costs related to obtaining formal IP rights:

- 75% of the fees charged by intellectual property offices (including national intellectual property offices, the European Union Intellectual Property Office and the Benelux Intellectual Property Office) for **trademark** and **design registration**;
- 50% of the **fees charged by the World Intellectual Property Organization** for obtaining international trademark and design protection;
- 50% of the **fees charged by national patent offices** for the registration of patents in 2022; and partial reimbursement of the costs of the patent priority search, of the patent filing application; private IP advice charged by IP attorneys (for patent registration, licensing agreements, IP valuation, alternative dispute resolution costs, etc.

Additionally, the SME Fund offers reimbursement of 90% of the fees charged by Member States for **IP Scan services**.

The grant application is open throughout 2022-2024 on a 'first in, first out' basis. The 2023 edition, entitled the Ideas Powered for Business SME Fund, was scheduled from 23 January 2023 to 8 December 2023 with two new intellectual property vouchers for EU-based SMEs. The new EU SME Fund services include:

- 90 % reimbursement of the fees for IP Scan services.
- 75 % reimbursement of the application fees for trademarks and designs (at national, regional, and EU level).
- 50 % reimbursement of the application fees for trademark and designs for customers outside the EU.
- 75 % reimbursement of the application fees charged by national patent offices and the European Patent Office.
- 50 % reimbursement of the application fees for new plant varieties at the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO).

The SME Fund proved to be highly successful. Of the applicants for the SME Fund 2022, a total of 21,976 SMEs came from 27 EU countries, the vast majority of which were trademark and design application grants (Vaucher 1). Voucher 2 (national patents), a new addition to the 2022 SME Fund, received 2208 requests. Poland with 2764 requests is placed as the second country (after Spain) that made the most applications in 2022⁶. By November 2023, the SME Fund over 33 000 applications have been submitted from businesses all over Europe, with 75% of applicants used the SME Fund to file an

2. Mutual co-operation of V4 countries in the field of innovation and IP protection

Visegrad Group countries collaborate closely in many areas, with a focus on priority areas determined by the country of the annual Presidency. The cooperation involves joint support of the innovation ecosystems of the Visegrad countries and cooperation between national patent offices in the field of protection of innovations by patent.

3. The Visegrad Patent Institute

The cooperation between national patent offices in the field of protection of innovations by patent is conducted via a special regional agency - **the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**, which was established by industrial property offices of the four member states under the Agreement on the Visegrad Patent Institute signed on February 26, 2015. The VPI has status of a non-governmental organization operating with the aim to promote innovation in the region through better and less expensive protection of innovative solutions in the V4 countries⁸.

The primary mission of the VPI is to provide services as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)⁹ and assist applicants from the V4 by enabling easier and cheaper access to the PCT system and the obtainment of patent protection in several countries abroad.

Submitting an international application in the international phase of PCT procedure before the VPI significantly decreases the costs. While maintaining the quality of searches and examinations conducted by the VPI, the authority offers fees lower by 25-37% compared to the fees charged by the EPO for the same. Lowering the costs of obtaining patent protection abroad is of particular importance for SMEs, local universities and research institutes.

Meanwhile, the operation of VPI proves to be an important incentive for applications from the region to ensure patent protection at the international level. It supports the development of innovation and competitiveness in the region and helps in increasing innovation indicators in the V4.

Joint activities initiated by the VPI also play an important role in raising awareness on patenting and the sharing of experience, expertise and practice in protecting inventions by patents. The knowledge hub of the VPI helps to share information on events, publications and other useful information with respect to patenting.

4. Co-operation of V4 countries in the area of R&D and IP protection in the V4 Presidency Agenda

The collaboration and support for the further development of VPI and the quality of its services, as well

as the development of common positions on the most important aspects of industrial property (including cooperation with the EC, EUIPO, EPO, WIPO) can be listed as forms of cooperation between the V4 in the area of IP protection. This was explicitly mentioned in the Programme of the Polish Presidency (July 2021 – June 2022)¹⁰. Within the framework of VPI cooperation, the Polish Patent Office's examiners prepared 43 reports on the current state of applications submitted under the PCT procedure, along with a written (preliminary) opinion on the applications¹¹.

However, additional activities aimed at IP protection are not included among priority areas of activities in the Presidency Programmes of the V4¹². The Programmes more generally mention:

- exchange of experience concerning planned instruments to support enterprises in research, development and investments in the 2020+ perspective and presentation of best practices in support instruments in the 2014–2020 perspective,
- exchange of experiences between V4 countries and partner countries with regard to the use of EU funding for science, research and innovation (Programme for the Czech Presidency of the Visegrad group 2019/2020 “V4 Reasonable Europe”),
- assessing the implementation of centrally managed programmes and joint discussion on factors facilitating success in programmes, as well as an attempt to identify good practices,
- formulating recommendations for V4+ countries to increase the participation of the region's countries in using funds from centrally managed programmes.

The last two priorities are of particular relevance to the aim of mapping IP schemes funded by VF funds.

II. NATIONAL INITIATIVES

POLAND: Support schemes, programmes and incentives with focus on financing IP protection

A) National

1. Name of programme	Programme European Funds for a Modern Economy Priority 1 Support for Entrepreneurs Recruitment FENG.01.01-IP.01-002/23 - SMART Path	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	EU Funds	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	Minimum eligible costs: PLN 1 million (applies to R&D module)
	Maximum	Maximum value and level of co-financing: dependent on the type of public assistance selected within the modules
	Fixed	
Programme budget	PLN 667,000,000 - for projects implemented by large enterprises on their own	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	Inventions, utility models or industrial designs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	National Centre for Research and Development	
Eligible activities	<p>Internationalization Module - funding for foreign promotion of products (products or services) under the company's product brand or products owned by the entrepreneur or planned to be developed/implemented under the project, or to obtain protection of industrial property rights or their defence in case of their infringement;</p> <p>Project external services including industrial property rights, with the following eligible costs under this category:</p> <p>a) coverage of the costs of the services of a professional attorney covering preparation of application documentation for an invention, utility model or industrial design and representation before an</p>	

	<p>industrial property protection body; 12 Under the Expenditure Eligibility Guidelines 2021-2027</p> <p>b) coverage of the costs of translation, including certified translation, of documentation necessary to apply for an invention, utility model or industrial design and conduct proceedings before a competent national, regional, EU or international industrial property protection body.</p>	
Formalities	The project subsidized in the call must fit into at least one National Smart Specialization.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	
	Large companies	Large enterprises (with the exception of small mid-cap companies) must plan to cooperate with SMEs under the project in order to receive support
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria		
Duration	Recent Start of call for proposals: 10.05.2023 End of call for proposals: 30.06.2023	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	<p>The project must obligatorily include an R&D module (industrial research and development or only development work). The remaining modules are optional. The eligible costs of the R&D module must constitute at least 20% of the total eligible costs of the project.</p> <p>Funding is provided in the form of grants as state aid and de minimis aid. A conditional grant will be provided for the implementation of the innovation implementation module. - The value of each type of public aid must not exceed the limits in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 - The value of <i>de minimis</i> aid must not exceed the limits indicated in Regulation 1407/2013.</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	

Source of additional information (links)	https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/sciezka-smart-nabor-feng0101-ip01-00223 [in Polish]
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2. Name of a program	2.3.2 Technology Credit Priority 2 Innovation-friendly environment	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Program European Funds for a Modern Economy 2021-2027	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum No minimum value of total eligible project expenditure is set	
	Maximum	Costs related to obtaining patents (within the framework of innovation support aid for micro, small or medium-sized entrepreneurs). The intensity of support for these expenses may not exceed 50% of the value of these eligible expenses. The maximum amount of eligible expenditure in this category is PLN 500,000
	Fixed	
Programme budget	PLN 578 million total budget of the programmed aimed at financing also other forms of activities	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	patents, licenses, know-how, and other intellectual property rights	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego BGK (Polish development bank BGK) VARSO 2 Chmielna 73 street, 00-801 Warszawa	
Eligible activities	Protection of intangible assets, in the form of patents, licenses, know-how, and other intellectual property rights, which: - will be used by the entrepreneur exclusively at the company receiving assistance,	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be subject to depreciation in accordance with accounting regulations, - will be purchased on market terms from third parties unrelated to the company, - will constitute assets of the company and will remain related to the project: - in the case of a micro, small or medium entrepreneur for a period of at least 3 years, from the date of completion of project execution 	
Formalities	<p>The technology loan is a non-refundable support instrument designed for micro, and SMES.</p> <p>The support takes the form of a technology bonus paid by Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego BGK. It is used to partially repay an investment loan investment loan, which the entrepreneur has taken from a lending bank cooperating with BGK. The loan is used to finance expenses in the project necessary to implement a product or process innovation on the market, as a result of the application of a new technology.</p> <p>The amount of funding for investment expenses is calculated on the basis of the regional aid map for 2021-2027, which depends on the size of the enterprise and the location of the project. In addition it is possible to take advantage of consulting support and for obtaining patent protection.</p> <p>Support is provided for projects involving the implementation of technological innovations - own or generated results of research and development work and launching on its basis the production of new or significantly improved products, processes or services.</p>	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Activity performed in the territory of Poland	
Duration	Recent	23.03.2023 do 31.05.2023
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	One of the document required is a copy of the technology loan promise or conditional technology loan agreement from the lending bank lending bank	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications)	N/A	

filed, number of entities supported)	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.bgk.pl/male-i-srednie-przedsiębiorstwa/finansowanie-dzialalnosci-biezacej/pozyczki-unijne/kredyt-technologiczny-feng-2021-2027/ [in Polish]

3. Name of a programme	Incubator of innovativeness 4.0	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Financed from European Funds as part of the non-competitive project "Support for the management of scientific research and commercialisation of the results of R&D work in scientific entities and enterprises", implemented under the Smart Growth Operational Programme 2014-2020	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	The amount of funding is a maximum of PLN 1.1 million (PLN 1.9 million if the project is implemented as part of a consortium), but cannot exceed 90% of the project implementation costs. Own contribution of at least 10% of the grant amount requested (in cash or in kind)
	Fixed	
Programme budget	Total expenditure foreseen: PLN 66 111, 750 Value of granted funding: PLN 58 500, 228 Own contribution from consortia: PLN 7 611, 523 (after extension the value of granted funding increased to PLN 75 million)	
Supported projects	Expected	-
	Factual	32 consortia and 2 stand-alone grantees comprising 76 entities

IP supported	Patents, utility models, industrial designs and other intellectual property rights	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Ministry of Education and Science Wspólna Street 1/3 00-529 Warszawa	
Eligible activities	Application for an invention, utility model or industrial design and the conduct proceedings before the relevant national, regional, EU or international industrial property protection authority, official fees	
Formalities	Projects selected in the competition procedure – there has been one call for projects.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Innovation Incubators, i.e. universities and their special purpose vehicles or consortia established by universities, special purpose vehicles of universities, scientific institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, research institutes or international scientific institutes established on the basis of separate acts operating in the territory of the Republic of Poland	
Duration	Recent 1 July 2020 – 30 April 2023	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fulfilling eligibility criteria - entity/consortium applying must be active in the commercialisation of the scientific results (applied for at least 15 patents or utility models, domestic or foreign and commercialised at least 10 technologies i.e. sold or licensed them) or created at least 1 spin off company. - entity/consortium must ensure the establishment of a board or investment committee, with a majority of representatives from the business community and investment funds, to monitor and evaluate the tasks carried out under the programme and approve decisions on support for pre-implementation work 	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Statement of funds as at 31.01.2023: Funds spent in accordance with the financial statements – PLN 55 082, 047 Performance of programme indicators (as for 31.01.2023):	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of R&D works performed: planned originally - 495, planned after extension: 649, executed - 756 (116%) - Number of patent applications filed: planned originally - 966, planned after extension: 1255, implemented - 1531 (122%) - Number of established forms of cooperation between the scientific community and the business environment (licence, sale, lease, research services agreements): planned originally - 1947, planned after extension: 2545, implemented - 2631 (103%) - d) Number of created spin-off companies: planned originally - 82, planned after extension: 77, implemented - 36 (47%).
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja-i-nauka/inkubator-innowacyjnosci-40 [in Polish]

4. Name of a program	Priority III: SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION IN ENTERPRISES Measure 3.2: Support for implementation of the results of R&D works Sub-action 3.2.2: Credit for technological innovations	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Intelligent Development Operational Program 2014-2020 (EU Funds)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	The maximum amount of expenditure eligible expenditure – PLN 500,000	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	422 million euro (original) + 50 million euro	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported	Patents and other intangible assets (purchase of intangible assets in the form of patents, licenses, know-how and unpatented technical knowledge)	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego BGK (Polish development bank BGK), VARSO 2 Chmielna 73 Street 00-801 Warszawa	
Eligible activities	Costs associated with obtaining, validating and defending patents and other intangible assets, related to the technological investment	
Formalities	A prerequisite for applying to BGK for a credit is a company's	

	creditworthiness, as assessed by the lending bank lending bank, confirmed in the content of a conditional technology credit agreement or a technology credit promise concluded or issued no later than on the date of submission of the application for co-financing in BGK, constituting an attachment to the application for co-financing	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Micro, SMEs may apply for support entrepreneurs, conducting business activity in the territory of the Republic of Poland	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical 2020-2021	X
Conditions for getting support	<p>Projects financed by a loan for technological innovation. Credit for technological innovation is granted on a commercial basis by banks cooperating with the Bank of National Economy.</p> <p>Co-financing in the form of a grant - "technology bonus" is received to repay part of the technology loan. Co-financing is provided for eligible expenditures for the technological investment and for expert opinions, studies, concepts and projects related to the investment carried out by external entities.</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.funduszeuropejskie.gov.pl/nabory/32-wsparcie-wdrozen-wynikow-prac-br-322-kredyt-na-innowacje-technologiczne-5/ [in Polish]	

5. Name of a programme	Intellectual property in your company	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	

Source of financing	The project financed from the Intelligent Development Programme, Measure 2.6 "Non-Competitive Project of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland", under the European Regional Development Fund.	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micro companies – up to 95% of the IP audit costs - SMEs 90% of IP audit costs 	X
	Fixed	
Programme budget	The value of the entire project has been PLN 4 544,020	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported	All IP rights	
Institution/entity responsible for support	The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	
Eligible activities	<p>The intellectual property identification service (IP audit by regional contractors - experts in intellectual property protection, experienced in working with businesses), performed on-site or online, resulted with "tailor-made" recommendations for protecting his company's intellectual property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how to protect your intellectual property, i.e., for example, logos, company secrets, inventions, design projects, etc.; - how to obtain a patent, how to exercise copyrights, - how to structure contracts with employees working for the company; - what benefits it can derive from intellectual property protection to increase its company's competitiveness. 	
Formalities		
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - status of a micro, small or medium-sized entrepreneur; - registered office in the territory of the Republic of Poland; - operation in the area of National Smart Specializations (NSS); 	

	- the amount of support must be within the limit of permissible de minimis aid	
Duration	Recent (2021-2022)	
	Historical	X
Conditions for getting support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - status of a micro, small or medium-sized entrepreneur; - registered office in the territory of the Republic of Poland; - operate in the area of National Smart Specializations (NSS); - the amount of support must be within the limit of permissible de minimis aid 	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://uprp.gov.pl/pl/wlasnosc-intelektualna-w-twojej-firmie/o-projekcie/dokumenty [in Polish]	

6. Name of a programme	Intellectual property in your company	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Smart Growth Operational Program 2014-2020	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	For projects located in Masovian Voivodeship - PLN 3 551 107,45 For project located in other voivodeships than Masovian Voivodeship - PLN 4 123 000,00
Programme budget		
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	

IP supported	Patents and other IP rights	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Polska Agencja Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości Pańska 81/83 Street 00-834 Warszawa	
Eligible activities	<p>Financial assistance can be used to cover the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attorney's assistance in terms of obtaining property rights including: - preparation of necessary application documents, essential to receive protection (patent etc.) - representation before the competent authority - conducting proceedings concerning the property rights of the company - help in field of protection of owned rights - the costs of fees, translations and consultancy related to obtaining or defending protective rights. - advisory services regarding the commercialization of the subject of protection. 	
Formalities	<p>Projects for co-funding are selected in the competition procedure. Competition is divided into two rounds.</p> <p>The aim of the competition is to select projects for co-funding, which to the greatest extent will contribute to the achievement of the Smart Growth Operational Program objectives.</p> <p>These objectives include, in particular, supporting SMEs in the process of obtaining protection of industrial property rights in the national, regional, European or international procedure, excluding the possibility of application to the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland for the purpose obtaining and implementation of protection solely on the territory of Poland.</p>	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Activity performed in the territory of Poland	
Duration	Recent	
	Historical 31 January 2019-14 June 2019	X
Conditions for getting support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - status of a micro, small or medium-sized company - registered office in the territory of the Republic of Poland - project implementation cannot start before the date of submission of the application for funding or on the day of submitting the application for funding 	

	- the project implementation period cannot extend beyond the end date of the period eligibility of costs under SG OP (Smart Growth Operational Program) - 31 December 2023
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.parp.gov.pl/component/grants/grants/ochrona-wlasnosci-przemyslowej

B) Local

1. Name of a programme	RPLU.01.05.00-IP.01-06-001/19 Priority 1 Research and innovation, Measure 1.5 Voucher for innovations Regional Operational Programme Lubelskie Voivodeship for the years 2014-2020	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	Beneficiary's own contribution understood as % of eligible expenditure: 15%
	Maximum	Maximum allowable percentage of ERDF funding for the project: 85%
	Fixed	
Programme budget	PLN 12 871 500,001 (total budget, without distinction to specialised services supporting intellectual property rights)	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	9 project financed under the scheme, but any of the projects used the fund for obtaining IP protection

IP supported (with focus on patents)	Patents, utility models	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Lublin Agency for Entrepreneurship Support (Lubelska Agencja Wspierania Przedsiębiorczości)	
Eligible activities	Among other eligible activities for financing, projects involving the purchase of consulting services for the protection of intellectual property, related to the preparation of a patent or utility model application, concerning: the performance of studies, legal, economic and technical analysis and expertise on the subject matter of the application, as well as fees for filing the application.	
Formalities	Described in Call for projects Regulations	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	An applicant must be micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (as defined in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of May 6, 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, OJ. and medium-sized enterprises, OJ EU. L 124/36 of 20.5.2003). The projects must be implemented in the Lubelskie Voivodeship The applicant is required to have a registered office or branch (in the case of a sole proprietorship business activity - place of business) on the territory of the Lubelskie Voivodeship no later than on the day of application submission.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical 2019	X
Conditions for getting support	Projects selected in a call for projects	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.funduszeuropejskie.gov.pl/nabory/15-bon-na-innowacje-2/ [in Polish]	
2. Name of a programme	Priority 1 Research and innovation, Measure 1.5 Voucher for a patent Regional Operational Programme, Lubelskie Voivodeship for the years 2014-2020	
Form of the support	Financial	X

	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	EU Regional Development Fund	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum financing	PLN 48 000, 00
	Fixed	
Programme budget	PLN 12 873 900 00	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	<p>The grant is intended to cover costs related to the preparation and filing a patent application for an invention in the region's smart specializations (bioeconomy, medicine and health, low-carbon energy, information technology and automation).</p> <p>The main objective is to support entrepreneurs in the process of applying for patent protection of inventions, including protection of inventions resulting from scientific research or development work carried out by entrepreneurs of scientific research or development works operating in the Lubelskie Voivodeship.</p> <p>The above will contribute to an increase in the number of patent applications within the scope of smart specializations of the region included in the Regional Innovation Strategy of the Lubelskie Voivodeship until 2020.</p>	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Lublin Agency for Entrepreneurship Support (Lubelska Agencja Wspierania Przedsiębiorczości)	
Eligible activities	Patent Voucher WL ROP may concern patent application made in national, regional (European) or international.	
Formalities	Application meeting the requirements	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	

Eligibility criteria	<p>An applicant must be micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (as defined in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of May 6, 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. The projects must be implemented in the Lubelskie Voivodeship The applicant is required to have a registered office or branch (in the case of a sole proprietorship business activity - place of business) on the territory of the Lubelskie Voivodeship no later than on the day of application submission.</p> <p>Projects related to the preparation and filing of a patent application for an invention in the field of smart specializations of the region (bioeconomy, medicine and health, low-carbon energy, IT and automation).</p> <p>Support under may be granted to applicants who have a right to obtain a patent relating to the invention(s) described in the project.</p> <p>The solution being the subject of the patent application made under the project must fit into regional smart specializations in accordance with the Regional Innovation Strategy Lubelskie Voivodeship until 2020 in accordance with the Indicative list of PKD codes falling within the Regional Smart Specializations of the Lubelskie Voivodeship.</p> <p>Support may be granted to projects concerning a patent application covering one invention or projects concerning patent application covering more than one invention. In the case of a patent application covering more than one invention, the inventions must be linked together in such a way that they clearly constitute a single inventive idea (principle of unity of invention).</p> <p>The requirement of unity for an application containing more than one invention is satisfied when the combination of these inventions is based on common or mutually corresponding technical features (one or more), which technical features determine the contribution that each invention makes to the state of the art.</p> <p>Under certain condition it was allowed for combining two or more inventions in a single application.</p>	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical 2016	X
Conditions for getting support	<p>Maximum allowable percentage of project funding from ERDF: 80%</p> <p>Minimum beneficiary's own contribution understood as % of eligible expenditure: 20%</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	<p>https://www.funduszeuropejskie.gov.pl/nabory/15-bon-na-patent/ [in Polish]</p>	

3. Name of a programme	Priority 3 Competitiveness enterprises Measure 3.5 Voucher for consultancy of the Regional Operational Programme Lubelskie Voivodeship for the years 2014-2020	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	EU Regional Development Fund	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	PLN Co-financing 5,000
	Maximum	PLN 150 000, 00
	Fixed	
Programme budget	26 603 488 PLN (total budget, without distinction to specialised services supporting intellectual property rights)	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	The purchase of specialized consulting services from external entities in the field of, among others intellectual property law. Such specialised consulting services should not be understand as related to the company's usual operating expenses, such as regular legal services.	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Lublin Agency for Entrepreneurship Support (Lubelska Agencja Wspierania Przedsiębiorczości)	
Eligible activities	The purchase of specialized consulting services from external entities in the field of, among others, intellectual property rights	
Formalities		
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	The applicant is obliged to document the possession of own financial resources (financial input) for implementation of the project	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	

	Historical 2019-2020	X
Conditions for getting support	<p>The maximum percentage of EU funding of eligible expenses - public aid 50%, de minimis aid 80%</p> <p>Minimum beneficiary's own contribution understood as % of eligible expenditure: (i) having the nature of public aid: 50% (ii) having the nature of de minimis aid: 20%</p> <p>The projects must be implemented in the Lubelskie Voivodeship The applicant is required to have a registered office or branch (in the case of a sole proprietorship business activity - place of business) on the territory of the Lubelskie Voivodeship no later than on the day of application submission</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	101 signed granting contracts, without detailed information how many applicants for consultancy services related to IP	
Source of additional information (links)	<p>Service of Regional Programme of Lubelskie Voivodeship</p> <p>https://rpo.lubelskie.pl/rpo/wiadomosci/nabory-konkursy/3-5-bonna-doradztwo/ [in Polish]</p>	

4. Name of a programme	Grant programme for R&D work of science institutions (3 editions)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Carried out under the project titled "Podkarpackie Innovation Centre" co-financed from the European Regional Development Fund under Priority Axis No. I "Competitive and innovative economy" of the Regional Operational Programme of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship 2014-2020	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	<p>The amount of funding is a maximum of PLN 0,2 million (in first edition) / PLN 0,5 million (in third edition)</p> <p>Costs of patent protection or other protection of intellectual property rights (in the territory of the Republic</p>

		of Poland), maximum net PLN 10,000
	Fixed	
Programme budget	Over PLN 30 million	
Supported projects	Expected	-
	Factual	148 projects
IP supported	Patent protection or other protection of intellectual property rights	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Podkarpackie Centre for Innovation (Podkarpackie Centrum Innowacji - PCI) ul. Teofila Lenartowicza 4 35-051 Rzeszów	
Eligible activities	- application for an invention (national), - official fees (national),	
Formalities	Projects selected in the competition procedure – there have been 3 calls for projects.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	Micro-companies and SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Programme for research teams from the Ignacy Lukaszewicz Rzeszow University of Technology, the University of Rzeszow, the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow and other universities based in the Subcarpathian region, which carry out research activities not less than 12 months before the announcement of the call.	
Duration	Recent	2019-2021
	Historical	X
Conditions for getting support	fulfilling eligibility criteria minimum Technology Readiness Level (TRL) for submitted projects was II – verified concept project implementation period - up to a maximum of 6 months participation was a subject to the research teams' compliance with the university's internal procedures, in particular with regard to the rights to inventions, the requirements for reporting the resulting intangible assets and the adopted rules for the use of infrastructure a member of the research team, may have been involved in a maximum of two projects submitted within the announced call a member of the research team may have served as leader in a maximum of one project submitted within the announced call	

Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Under the three announced calls for R&D projects, institutions submitted 422 applications, 148 of which received funding for more than PLN 30 million
Source of additional information (links)	https://naukowcy.pcinn.org/ [in Polish]

C) Institutional

1. Name of a programme	Programme Titanium supporting international patent applications	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Excellence Initiative - Research University (Inicjatywa Doskonałości – Uczelnia Badawcza - IDUB Programme) Republic of Poland state budget	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	PLN 18 000,00
	Fixed	
Programme budget		
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported	Patents	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Gdańsk Technical University – Knowledge and Technology Transfer Centre,	
Eligible activities	<p>Funding may be granted only for activities relating to inventions to which the University is entitled, in whole or in part, to property rights, and the University is not subject to restrictions on the commercial use of the invention.</p> <p>The grant is conditional on the applicant unit's commitment to cover the costs of obtaining a patent in further procedures (validation costs in selected countries, official fees, etc.).</p> <p>Eligible project costs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - costs of patent research (state of the art analysis), - costs of preparing documentation for application of inventions in the international PCT or European procedure, - costs of translation of application documentation, 	

	- costs of official fees for the application	
Formalities	Recruitment of applications under the Programme is carried out on a competitive basis. The applicant submits an electronic application to titanium@pg.edu.pl and a paper application to the Technology Transfer Centre, which conducts an analysis of the legal conditions and commercial potential of the invention, and obtains the opinion of the PG Patent Attorneys Team as to the patent potential of the invention	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	An application for grant can be filed by an employed researcher, a PhD student, student of Gdańsk Technical University If the rights to the invention covered by the application belong to the University in part (joint rights), the subsidy is proportional to the University's share in these rights. The portion shall be determined based on the agreement on joint rights to/from the patent concluded with the other co-inventors.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	The grant is conditional on the applicant unit's commitment to cover the costs of obtaining a patent in further procedures (validation costs in selected countries, official fees, etc.).	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	The Programme is part of the implementation of the tasks of the IDUB programme in increasing knowledge and technology transfer. The purpose of the Programme is to implement mechanisms for identifying and protecting internationally the intellectual property of valuable inventions developed at Gdansk University of Technology. The Programme offers funding to cover the costs of activities aimed at obtaining or extending international legal protection of an invention.	
Source of additional information (links)	https://pg.edu.pl/badawcza/2022-12/nabor-wnioskow-w-iv-edycji-programprogrammeu-titanium-supporting-international-patent-applications-231222-310123-godz-1200 (visited 13.05.2023) [in Polish]	

CZECH REPUBLIC - Support schemes, programmes and incentives with focus on financing IP protection

A) National

1. Name of a programme	The Ideas Powered for business SME Fund	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	European Commission together with EUIPO	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	Up to: 90 % €810 (IP scan) 75 % €1000 (EU or national trademarks and designs) 50 % €1000 on trademarks and designs outside the EU) 75 % €1500 (patents) 50 % €225 (plant varieties)
	Fixed	
Programme budget	€60,1 million in 2023 €47 million in 2021 and 2022	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	2022: 706 on the Czech level 12 743 for the whole EU
IP supported	Voucher 1 – IP scan Voucher 2 – trademarks and designs, Voucher 3 – patents, Voucher 4 – plant varieties	
Institution/entity responsible for support	EUIPO, European Commission Czech IP office (certificating the providers of IP scan)	
Eligible activities	application, examination, granting, publishing, fees	
Formalities	The grant provided in form of vouchers. Application submitted online via EUIPO web. After the voucher for a particular applicant is granted and they wish to receive the money, they must submit a bill containing specified information.	
Status of a programme	Public	X

	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X (up to 250 employees, and annual turnover up to EUR 50 million i.e. no foundations, universities etc.)
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	<p>VOUCHER 1 or 2 to be activated in 2 months (can be extended in 4 months) and used in 6 months</p> <p>VOUCHER 3 to be activated in 12 months</p> <p>Activation = submitting an application (for IP Scan) for payment for service consumed</p>	
Duration	Recent	(2021-2024) Applications for 2023 submitted since 27th January 2023 till 8th December 2023
	Historical	Started in 2021. In year 2022 established as multiannual fund for 2022-2024.
Conditions for getting support	After the voucher for a particular applicant is granted and they wish to receive the money, they must submit a bill containing specified information.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	<p>Year 2022: 784 activated vouchers, 706 of them were used (spent). i.e. spent 608 778 EUR, on average per each applicant 862 EUR for Czech Republic only.</p> <p>12 743 applicants supported in whole EU, while nearly 5% of all SMEs applying for subsidies were from the Czech Republic</p>	
Source of additional information (links)	<p>https://upv.gov.cz/sluzby/cosme-fund</p> <p>https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/online-services/sme-fund?mtm_campaign=euipo-PaidAds-SME-Fund&mtm_kwd=google-adwords-CZ-EN&pk_campaign=Paid-AdWordsSearch&pk_kwd=sme%20fund&gclid=Cj0KQCQjw3a2iBhCFARIsAD4jQB1z-gc5q5uvk4o635w7KdarmMVLClmn1T9UerlQegGICyKQYFIOOjYaAsUKEALw_wcB</p>	

2. Name of a programme	The Country for the Future (4th call)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Czech Republic	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	Up to CZK 20 million, no more than 50% of eligible costs.
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 240 million in 2023 CZK 500 million for the entire duration of the projects.	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	65
IP supported (with focus on patents)	All (patents, trademarks and designs, etc.)	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Ministry of Industry and Trade	
Eligible activities	Product innovation, process innovation, organizational innovation, a combination of the previous types of innovation	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	The eligible projects must meet at least one of the following objectives in the field of digitisation: Systems Integration, Big Data Analytics, Communication Infrastructure, Process Engineering, Robotics, Data Storage and Cloud Computing, Augmented Reality, Cybernetics and Artificial Intelligence.	
Duration	Recent	Applications deadline 5 August 2022, completion of the

		project by 31 December 2025 at the latest
	Historical	Started in 2019 (the first call)
Conditions for getting support	<p>Project proposals are comprehensively evaluated in accordance with the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll). Projects will be selected by the Programme Council based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fulfilment of the objectives of the Programme (the impact of the project results on increasing the applicant's international competitiveness is assessed in accordance with the corporate strategy, especially the use of digitization in industry and services; - benefits of the project (economic benefits, non-economic benefits - universal design, non-economic benefits - energy savings / energy security); - innovativeness (includes an assessment of the novelty of the project outputs for the applicants, and a comparison of the parameters of the innovative product / process / organizational innovation within the Czech Republic and in the world); - technical level and complexity of the proposed solution (a comprehensive assessment of the quality and comprehensibility of the project, the suitability of the proposed methods, the integration of project activities into the innovation process, the quality of risk analysis, etc.). 	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	65 projects have been approved; 43 projects have been rejected	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.mpo.cz/cz/podnikani/podpora-vyzkumu-a-vyvoje/vyhlaseni-ctvrte-verejne-souteze-v-programeu-the-country-for-the-future--268189/	

3. Name of a programme	Technological incubation (1st call)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Czech Republic	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	

	Maximum	Up to CZK 1.1 million / 4.5 million direct support
	Fixed	CZK 0.5 million indirect support
Programme budget	CZK 98 million	
Supported projects	Expected	38
	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	All (patents, trademarks and designs, etc.)	
Institution/entity responsible for support	CzechInvest	
Eligible activities	Development of expert skills and knowledge of the startup team Development of the startup and its product or service (development, testing, measurement, etc.) Services related to the incubation of the startup Other activities according to the business plan and incubation plan	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovation: the project must be innovative at least at the EU market level. - Scalability: The project must be potentially scalable to the EU/global market in the sector. - Feasibility: The project or project team must have the key skills and knowledge to achieve the goal of incubation and product launch. - The project must have the character of a start-up incubation with its gradual development to an innovative company. - The project must fall under one of the Technology Incubation Sectors: Mobility, AI, Green Technologies and Creative Industries. - The Project must be unique 	
Duration	Recent	2021-2027
	Historical	-
Conditions for getting support	Project proposals are comprehensively evaluated in accordance with the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll).	

	Projects will be selected by the Evaluation committee of the TI programme based on the eligibility criteria described above (i.e. level of innovation, feasibility, scalability, sector relevance).
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	38 projects have been approved; 79 projects have been rejected
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.czechinvest.org/cz/Sluzby-pro-startupy/Technologicka-inkubace

4. Name of a programme	Operational Programme Technologies and Application for Competitiveness (Innovation vouchers – protection of industrial property rights – Call I)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	European Union	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	CZK 50 thousand
	Maximum	CZK 500 thousand
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 50 million	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	Publication of patent applications, registration of utility models, registration of industrial designs, registration of trademarks.	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Business and Innovation Agency	
Eligible activities	Services of patent agents	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X

	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	The applicant must file a patent (utility model / industrial design / trademark) application	
Duration	Recent	Applications deadline 31 December 2023, completion of the project by 31 August 2025 at the latest
	Historical	-
Conditions for getting support	An application shall be made no earlier than submission of an application for an invention, trademark, utility design or industrial design with the competent office (Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic and other international, regional and national offices for the protection of intellectual property) was made and no later than publication of the application for invention, registration of the utility model, industrial design or trademark took place.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	No data	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/podporovane-aktivity-optak/inovacni-vouchery-optak/inovacni-vouchery-ochrana-prav-prumysloveho-vlastnictvi-vyzva-i/	

5. Name of a programme	Operational Programme Technologies and Application for Competitiveness (Application – Call I)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Czech Republic	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	CZK 2 million
	Maximum	CZK 125 million
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 4 billion	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A

	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	All (patents, trademarks and designs, etc.)	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Business and Innovation Agency	
Eligible activities	The supported outputs of the project are: Proven technology; Utility model; Industrial design; Prototype; Functional sample; Software.	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Implementation of industrial research (planned research or critical investigation aimed at obtaining new knowledge and skills for the development of new or improvement of existing products, processes or services) and experimental development (acquiring, connecting, shaping and using existing scientific, technological, commercial and other relevant knowledge and skills in order to develop new or improved products, processes or services).	
Duration	Recent	Applications deadline 30 November 2022, completion of the project by 31 December 2026 at the latest
	Historical	-
Conditions for getting support	The support will be paid in accordance with the "Rules on co-financing by the European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund Plus, Cohesion Fund, Equitable Transition Fund, European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border and Visa Facility for the programming period 2021-2027" and will be reimbursed retroactively upon completion of the project or its phase.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	No data	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.agentura-api.org/cs/podporovane-aktivity-optak/aplikace-optak/aplikace-vyzva-i-op-tak/	

6. Name of a programme	TREND (10th call)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	European Union	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	CZK 25 million, 70 %
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 1,35 billion	
Supported projects	Expected	18
	Factual	N/A
IP supported (with focus on patents)	Patent, Utility model, Industrial Design	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	
Eligible activities	<p>The programme is aimed at the development of R&D (research and development) results and their use for applicants' own business activities (especially for production efficiency, introduction of new products or services):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for enterprises that already have experience in carrying out research and development with their own capacities; - for enterprises that have experience in purchasing R&D services from research organizations, but have not yet developed their own R&D activities 	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	Any enterprise

Eligibility criteria	Only project proposals focusing on application of outputs/results into practice can be supported. Each project proposal must select at least one objective out of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - industrial design - utility model - prototype - functional sample - software - semi-operation 	
Duration	Recent	Applications deadline 24 May 2023, completion of the project within 12-30 months
	Historical	since 2019
Conditions for getting support	The main applicant must demonstrate a two-year accounting history (minimum two published annual accounts in the commercial register).	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	No data	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.tacr.cz/soutez/programme-trend/desata-verejna-soutez/	

7. Name of a programme	National Centre of Competence (2nd call)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Czech Republic	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	80 %
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 6,2 billion	
Supported projects	Expected	18
	Factual	N/A

IP supported (with focus on patents)	Patent, Utility model, Industrial Design	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	
Eligible activities	<p>Each project proposal must consist of one major and one minor research topic from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biomedicine - Biotechnology, skilled chemistry and bioeconomy - The Czech Republic in the 21st century (climate change and globalisation) - Transport and Smart City - ICT in the digital era (AI, virtual reality, big data) - Aerospace technology - Modern energy: Optics and optoelectronics; Advanced materials and nanotechnology; Robotics, informatics and cybernetics for Society 4.0; Societal impacts of technological change; Engineering for the 21st century 	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	The main applicant can only be a research organization with its registered office, place of business or branch in the Czech Republic, which must cooperate on the project with at least five additional participants – SMEs established in a Member State of the European Union (including the Czech Republic).	
Duration	Recent	Applications deadline 6 April 2022, completion of the project within 48-72 months
	Historical	since 2018
Conditions for getting support	<p>The conditions includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevance, timeliness and necessity of the project in relation to the chosen topic and the objectives of the programme; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality of the research team and institutions involved, their technical equipment, extent/measure of cooperation between the participants; - Balance and adequacy of the financial plan; - Applicability and commercial potential of the results, ability to implement the results into practice and the impacts and benefits of project implementation.
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	18 projects have been approved; 26 projects have been rejected
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.tacr.cz/soutez/programme-narodni-centra-kompetence/druha-verejna-soutez-6/

8. Name of a programme	ZÉTA (4th call)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Czech Republic	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	CZK 10 million, 85 %
	Fixed	
Programme budget	CZK 315 million	
Supported projects	Expected	N/A
	Factual	70
IP supported (with focus on patents)	Patent, Utility model, Industrial Design	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic	
Eligible activities	Each project proposal must focus to at least one outcome from the list below, including outcomes eligible for IP protection, e.g.: industrial design, utility model, prototype, functional sample, treatment procedure, specialised map with specialised content, software	
Formalities	According to the Act on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds (130/2002 Coll.)	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	

	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	The research team must consist of at least four members, out of whom are three students/young researchers and one mentor with relevant experience in academic and/or application field. Each project proposal must have at least one guarantor based in the Czech Republic.	
Duration	Recent	-
	Historical	2016-2022
Conditions for getting support	Fulfilment of the objectives as well as the substantive focus of the programme consistency with national priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An R&D project and the appropriateness of the methods used - Knowledge of the state of the art - Relevance of the project results - Applicability, contribution of the project and ability to be put into practice - Cost and time effectiveness of the project proposal - Organizational and technical support for the project, risk analysis - Management of the team - Motivational effect of the support 	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	70 projects have been approved; 316 projects have been rejected	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.tacr.cz/soutez/programme-zeta/ctvrta-verejna-soutez-zeta/	

B) Local

None

C) Institutional

None

A) National

1. Name of a programme	Stimulating business research, development and innovation (GINOP PLUSZ-2.1.1-21)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	co-financed by the EU Regional Development Fund	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum 20 %	
	Maximum 80 %	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	HUF 136 670 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	130-270
	Factual	262
IP supported	Cost related to obtaining industrial property protection	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Deputy State Secretariat for the Implementation of Economic Development Programmes (Prime Minister's Office)	
Eligible activities	Experimental development Industrial research Procurement of fixed assets Research and development project support activities (hardware and software procurement, software subscription services, project preparation, project management, mandatory publicity, obtaining industrial property protection, overheads and marketing)	
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/ Applicants for funding must have a pre-qualifying opinion from a government research, development and innovation policy aspect of the NRD Office.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X

	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	large companies
Eligibility criteria	Eligible applicants: micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies, research centres, research & knowledge-dissemination organizations.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	Funds available per project HUF 50 000 000 – 1 000 000 000	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/ginop-plusz-211-21	

2. Name of a programme	Support of activities fostering the domestic and international protection of intellectual property to facilitate industrial utilization (2020-1.1.3-IPARJOG)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	100 %
Programme budget	HUF 260 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	50-200
	Factual	
IP supported	Patents, trademark, designs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	
Eligible activities	- Application for Hungarian patent, utility model or plant variety protection	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) - Commencing national/regional procedures under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) - Validation of European patents - Application for domestic trademark registration - Application for EU trademark registration - Application for international trademark registration - Application for domestic design registration - Application for Community design registration 	
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	Large enterprises (non-research type), Non-profit research organization,
Eligibility criteria	In connection with a foreign application only those applications can be eligible where the applicant have claimed the priority of a patent, plant variety right, utility model or design application filed with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, further, who claim the grant for the maintenance or renewal of a foreign protection based on priority of an application filed with the Hungarian Office.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical	May 2020 – December 2021
Conditions for getting support	Maximum funding per application: HUF 100 000 to HUF 7 500 000 depending on the activity.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Number of submitted applications: 128	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/fostering-domestic-international-protection-of-intellectual-property-2020-113-iparjog/call-for-application	

3. Name of a programme	Support of activities fostering the domestic and international protection of intellectual property to facilitate industrial utilization (2021-1.1.1-IPARJOG)	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	100 %
Programme budget	HUF 40 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	6-30
	Factual	16
IP supported	Patents, trademark, designs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	
Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for Hungarian patent, utility model or plant variety protection - Application according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) - Commencing national/regional procedures under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) - Validation of European patents - Application for domestic trademark registration - Application for EU trademark registration - Application for international trademark registration - Application for domestic design registration - Application for Community design registration 	
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	Private persons

Eligibility criteria	In connection with a foreign application only those applications can be eligible where the applicant have claimed the priority of a patent, plant variety right, utility model or design application filed with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office, further, who claim the grant for the maintenance or renewal of a foreign protection based on priority of an application filed with the Hungarian Office.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	June 2020 –
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	Maximum funding per application: HUF 100 000 to HUF 7 500 000 depending on the activity.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Number of submitted applications: 26	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfi.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/fostering-domestic-international-protection-of-intellectual-property-2021-111-iparjog/call-for-application	

4. Name of a programme	University Innovation Ecosystem (2019-1.2.1-EGYETEMI ÖKO)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	100 %
Programme budget	HUF 4 000 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	12-24
	Factual	24
IP supported	All form of industrial property (fees of applications and in proceedings for the maintenance of protection or in enforcement proceedings, including any opposition, revocation or invalidity proceedings) in respect of national and international proceedings.	
Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	

Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of a central unit responsible for technology and knowledge transfer ▪ Assessing and reviewing RDI capacities and developing a competence management system to exploit them ▪ Developing a local knowledge management database ▪ Updating the institutional IPR management policy ▪ Preparation of a business and operational model for the selected activities ▪ Establishment of an institutional fund for the protection of intellectual property for the duration of the project ▪ Organization of training courses for university citizens in innovation and research management ▪ Supporting student innovation: organising and rewarding hackathons, innovation and start-up competitions ▪ Establishment and operation of a Proof of Concept (PoC) Fund 	
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	state universities and universities maintained by a legal person established by the Hungarian State	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical	As from 2019 (duration 48 months)
Conditions for getting support	Funding per application: HUF 30 000 000 to HUF 300 000 000 depending on the activity.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	24 universities take part in the programme, the evaluation of the programme has not been published yet	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/egyetemi-innovacios-okoszisztema-2019-121-egyetemi-oko/palyazati-felhivas-2019-121-egyetemi-oko	

5. Name of a programme	IP pre-diagnosis (IP Scan) service by the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Budget of HIPO and support of the European Patent Office	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	yearly ca. 50
	Factual	N/A
IP supported	The service and the report to be prepared covers all aspects of IP protection.	
Institution/entity responsible for support	HIPO	
Eligible activities	<p>The service gives an objective and qualified analysis taking into account all industrial property tools (patents, trade marks, designs and models etc.) and copyright as well that can be used within the company, including contracts, licenses, documentary research, purchases and sales of technologies.</p> <p>The report prepared by HIPO provides a prospective vision of its competitive advantages both in terms of the protection provided by IP Rights and its other possible uses.</p>	
Formalities	Application by completing an online questionnaire and the respective form	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	

Eligibility criteria	IP pre-diagnosis service is open to SMEs that wish to develop an approach to protection of their IP assets	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical	As from 2009
Conditions for getting support	IP pre-diagnosis service is open to SMEs that wish to develop an approach to protection of their IP assets	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.sztmh.gov.hu/hu/vallalkozoknak/ip-scan-szellemivagyon-diagnozis	

6. Name of a programme	Hungarian Startup University Programme (HSUP)	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	100 %
Programme budget	ca. HUF 900.000.000 per year	
Supported projects	Expected	yearly ca. 300
	Factual	N/A
IP supported	N/A	
Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	
Eligible activities	The main objective of HSUP is to introduce Hungarian students to the world of innovation, modern entrepreneurship and start-ups, through a new common e-learning platform. After learning about innovative thinking and the startup world (including IP) in the first semester, students take an exam at the end of the semester and present their business idea in a one page which will be evaluated and selected for the second round by a panel of innovation experts from each university. In the second semester, students acquire practical knowledge of enterprise building and join winning projects in teams of 3-5 people, with the help of mentors, to implement their ideas.	

Formalities	The programme is available for the students directly at their university	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	university students
Eligibility criteria	N/A	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical	As from 2020
Conditions for getting support	Students from the participating universities working in the project team receive a grant of HUF 150 000 per month per student at this stage.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/online/hungarian-startup-university-programme	

7. Name of a programme	Support for market-driven RDI projects 2021-1.1.3-PIACI KFI	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	25 %
	Maximum	70 %
	Fixed	
Programme budget	HUF 50 000 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	130-200
	Factual	196
IP supported	Cost related to obtaining industrial property protection.	

Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	
Eligible activities	<p>Sub-programme 'A': Funding to businesses for RDI projects with a market potential and a high probability of return on investment, implemented alone or in consortium. By successfully implementing the RDI projects, businesses lay the foundations of new business opportunities.</p> <p>Sub-programme 'B': Funding to businesses for RDI projects implemented in consortium which may include research and knowledge-dissemination organizations as partners. Funding for highly important and complex RDI projects involving the professionally outstanding stakeholders of the given field. The results of the funded projects will be used in various economic and social areas, contributing to the solution of existing important problems, and ultimately bringing significant economic and social benefits through the reasonable concentration of resources.</p>	
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/ Applicants for funding must have a pre-qualifying opinion from a government research, development and innovation policy aspect of the NRDI Office.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	large companies
Eligibility criteria	Eligible applicants: micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies, research centres, research & knowledge-dissemination organizations.	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	<p>Sub-programme 'A': HUF 100 to 400 million per project is available for individual applicants, and HUF 150 to 500 million per project for consortia, in the form of non-refundable funding. 100% of the funding has to be received by for-profit companies.</p> <p>Sub-programme 'B': HUF 400 to 800 million per project can be disbursed, in the form of non-refundable funding. At least 65% of the funding has to be received by for-profit companies.</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications)	N/A	

filed, number of entities supported)	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfi.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-for-market-driven-rdi-projects-2021-113-piaci-kfi/call-for-applications

8. Name of a programme	Thematic Excellence Programme TKP2021	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (NRDI Fund)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	100 %
Programme budget	HUF 75 000 000 000	
Supported projects	Expected	15-30/ subprogramme
	Factual	29+27+25
IP supported	All forms of industrial property protection	
Institution/entity responsible for support	NRDI Office	
Eligible activities		
Formalities	Submission via: https://eptk.fair.gov.hu/ Applicants for funding must have a pre-qualifying opinion from a government research, development and innovation policy aspect of the NRDI Office.	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Thematic research projects that can be implemented under three subprogrammes:	

	<p><i>Health Subprogramme:</i> Medical and veterinary research, drug discovery, biology, biotechnology, chemistry, translational medicine, brain research, cancer research, safe food, clinical research on COVID-19 disease and post-COVID syndrome, etc.</p> <p><i>National Research Subprogramme:</i> Culture and family; Secure society and environment; Industry and digitalisation.</p> <p><i>National Defence, National Security Subprogramme:</i> Developing solutions for the protection and security of civilians against hostilities and disasters (e.g. cyber defence, artificial intelligence, sensor technology and signal processing, laser technology, robotics, radio engineering, energy security, cognitive enhancement, personal communication development, developments and research to improve the physical and physiological condition of persons performing tasks in special circumstances, etc.)</p>	
Duration	Recent (2021-20...)	
	Historical	X
Conditions for getting support	<p>The Programme will provide support for university knowledge centres and research centres for their research, development and innovation activities until the end of 2025.</p> <p>Available funds</p> <p>Health Subprogramme: from HUF 50 million up to HUF 2 000 million.</p> <p>National Research Subprogramme: up to HUF 1 000 million.</p> <p>National Defence, National Security Subprogramme: up to HUF 2 000 million.</p>	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/thematic-excellence-programme-tpk2021/call-for-applications	

B) Local

None

C) Institutional

None

A) National

1. Name of a programme	Support for the cooperation of business entities and scientific and research institutions – innovation vouchers	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	co-financed by the EU Recovery and resilience plan for Slovakia	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	EUR 2 000 / 5 000
	Maximum	EUR 15 000
	Fixed	
Programme budget	7 622 000,00 € / 9 146 400,00 € with VAT	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	Refunding the costs of IPR protection filing and maintenance fees	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Government Office of the Slovak Republic / Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency	
Eligible activities	A. Implementation of research and development services, the aim of which is to help develop new or improve existing products, services or processes and apply knowledge and technologies in practice B. Protection of industrial property rights (reimbursement of administrative and maintenance fees related to the submission of applications for the protection of industrial property rights in Slovakia and abroad)	
Formalities	submitting the application within the programme	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	X

Eligibility criteria	SMEs	
Duration	Recent	Since 08/2023
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	fulfilment of eligibility conditions	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://ispo.planobnovy.sk/app/vyzvy/457115022285254656	

2. Name of a programme	Expert support services by the National Technology Transfer Centre of the Slovak Republic	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	EU Structural and Investment Fund; EU Regional Development Fund; Project No.: 313011T438; Acronym: NITT SK II EU Structural Funds	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	NITT SK II budget: 20 564 643,82 € - services provided free of charge	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	all kinds of IP applications; full-scale process of technology transfer	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information	
Eligible activities	patent/state-of-the-art searches; IP identification and evaluation; IP protection – patent applications preparation; technology marketing; partner searches, market research and other related IP support services	
Formalities	application submission through nptt.sk	
Status of a programme	Public	X

	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	any public research / academic institutions	
Duration	Recent	since 2013
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	any public research / academic institution as the owner of IP rights	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	since January 2013: - more than 400 cases at Slovak academic institutions supported - 259 patent/other IP applications supported	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nptt.cvtisr.sk/national-portal-for-technology-transfer.html?page_id=224	

3. Name of a programme	Patent Fund by the National Technology Transfer Centre of the Slovak Republic	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	State budget/Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information budget	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	In average EUR 20 000 / year	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	all kinds of IP applications	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information	

Eligible activities	IP protection – all kinds of patent applications preparation; payment of IP application related fees	
Formalities	request/application for using the funds from the programme	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	meet the established criteria of the programme as a member of NTTC SR (or to have a special contract, alternatively)	
Duration	Recent	since 2015
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	any public research organization as the owner of IP rights; eligibility of IP for commercialization	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Since 2015 about 45 patent and other IP applications supported financially	
Source of additional information (links)	https://nptt.cvtisr.sk/sk/hradenie-spravnych-a-udrziavacich-poplatkov.html?page_id=450 https://nptt.cvtisr.sk/nTTC/zakladne-dokumenty.html?page_id=4446 https://nptt.cvtisr.sk/buxus/docs//ESP_spravy/2022_EPS_report_final_1.pdf https://nptt.cvtisr.sk/nTTC/vyrocne-spravy.html?page_id=4448	

4. Name of a programme	National Business Centre (NPC)	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure co-financed by the EU Regional Development Fund	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	NPC project in Bratislava region budget: EUR 25 million	

	NPC project in regions: EUR 41 million - services provided free of charge	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	support for developing innovative companies with IP and for start-up entrepreneurs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Business Agency; Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information	
Eligible activities	providing information and additional services mainly for SMEs; including support for early-stage businesses and entrepreneurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - financial services - advisory, consultancy, audits - business incubator, accelerator, coworking - entrepreneurship education - patent information services and consultancy in the areas of IP protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - patent/state-of-the-art searches - patent monitoring - patent analysis and statistics - competitor activity searches - legal document searches - design searches - trademark searches - non-patent literature searches 	
Formalities	Registration and application submission required through npc.sk	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	SMEs; including support for early-stage businesses and entrepreneurs; personal entities	
Duration	Recent	2015
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	SMEs; early-stage businesses and entrepreneurs; personal entities	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications)	NBC BA – supported total of 469 clients (including personal entities and SMEs), 25 applications	

filed, number of entities supported)	NBC REG – supported total of 170 clients (including personal entities and SMEs), 75 applications
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.npc.sk/sk/ https://www.npc.sk/sk/services/

5. Name of a programme	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic – Prediagnostics of IP and Patent/State-of-the-Art Searches	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	State budget/IPO SR budget	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A – pre-diagnostics provided free of charge	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	central state administration body operating in the field of IP protection	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	
Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pre-diagnostics of IP (provided free of charge) including consultancy services for SMEs, universities and research institutions - patent/state-of-the-art searches and patent monitoring (charged services) for public - information and advisory office sites for innovations established in the regions 	
Formalities	Request submitting through the Office websites	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	None; or IP rights ownership	

Duration	Recent	since 1992
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	None	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Not available	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.indprop.gov.sk/	

6. Name of a programme	Inovujme.sk	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	X
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	co-financed by the EU Regional Development Fund through Operational Programme Integrated Infrastructure	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	variable
	Fixed	
Programme budget	Project budget: EUR 32 033 791,64	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	support for developing innovative companies with IP and start-up entrepreneurs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency	
Eligible activities	Providing information and additional services mainly for SMEs; including assistance and support for early-stage businesses and entrepreneurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - basic individual counselling – innovative workshops/educational programmes - enhanced individual counselling - providing publications in the field of innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity and self-development - events in the field of innovation consultancy 	

	- state of national innovation and business environment surveys	
Formalities	submitting a request/application	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	entrepreneurs; schools; public	
Duration	Recent	2015
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	entrepreneurs; schools; public	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.siea.sk/ https://www.inovujme.sk/sk/o-projekte	

7. Name of a programme	FIT – Innovation and Technology Fund	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	Investment fund
Source of financing	State budget/Slovak Business Agency budget	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	EUR 20 000
	Maximum	EUR 1 500 000
	Fixed	
Programme budget		
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	support for developing innovative companies with IP and start-up entrepreneurs	

Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Business Agency	
Eligible activities	provision of venture capital to foster entrepreneurial initiative and developing entrepreneurship, employment and the economy towards and innovative economy	
Formalities	Applying through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	the location of the investment objective and at least part of the activities on the territory of the Slovak Republic	
Duration	Recent	2013
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	The location of the investment objective and at least part of the activities on the territory of the Slovak Republic	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	Not available	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.fondfit.sk/ https://www.sbagency.sk/o-nas	

8. Name of a programme	National Holding Fund	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	X
Source of financing	Public money	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	depends on the programme
	Maximum	depends on the programme
	Fixed	
Programme budget	Not available	
Supported projects	Expected	

	Factual	X
IP supported	support for developing innovative companies with IP and start-up entrepreneurs	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak Business Agency	
Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stimulating the development of SMEs; valuation of financial resources of each managed fund; profits used for further SMEs support - providing expert advice to applicants for funding on the submitted projects - counselling companies in the company's portfolio - ensuring co-financing for applicants requesting a higher amount of funding than is the maximum allowable limit of each managed fund 	
Formalities	Applying through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	Entrepreneurs registered and based in the territory of the Slovak Republic and meeting other criteria of the programme	
Duration	Recent	since 1994
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	entrepreneurs registered and based in the territory of the Slovak Republic and meeting other criteria of the programme	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - financial resources provided to more than 140 businesses in the value of EUR 10 million - helped to create more than 1 000 jobs through investments 	
Source of additional information (links)	http://www.nhfond.sk/ https://www.sbagency.sk/o-nas	

B) Local

1. Name of a programme	BBSK - Catching-up regions Initiative	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X

	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Public money – Self-Governing Region Banska Bystrica; co-operation with the World Bank	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	regional innovation support	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Self-Governing Region Banska Bystrica	
Eligible activities	Support in catching-up regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote growth and innovation in the region; - remove obstacles to better use of European funds and to increase the benefits of these investments - organizing workshops etc. 	
Formalities	apply via contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	citizens, entrepreneurs and organizations	
Duration	Recent	since 2019
	Historical	

Conditions for getting support	citizens, entrepreneurs and organizations	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.bbsk.sk/iniciativa-catching-up-regions https://www.bbsk.sk/komponent-3-3	

2. Name of a programme	Innolab	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Public money – Self-Governing Region Banska Bystrica; co-operation with the World Bank	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	
	Maximum	
	Fixed	
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	regional innovation support	
Institution/entity responsible for support	variable	
Eligible activities	regional centres to foster creativity, new technologies and innovative solutions via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing technical equipment - organizing events and workshops - creating and mediating collaborations between business community and research institutions - - support in realisation of innovative ideas 	
Formalities	apply via contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	

Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	public – students, businesses and start-ups, schools, academic and research institutions	
Duration	Recent	
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	public – students, businesses and start-ups, schools, academic and research institutions	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://innolabb.sk/	

3. Name of a programme	INOVIA Innovation Centre	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	resources from Zilina Self-Governing Region, City of Žilina, University of Zilina	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	focus on regional innovation strategy	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Inovia	
Eligible activities	full-scale business consultancy; assistance in commercialization, proof of market, technology partner searches; preparation of business plan and other related consultancy and support services; organization of events such conferences, seminars, webinars, workshops	

Formalities	Applying through contact form/submitting application upon the call	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	businesses; start-ups and spinoffs; municipalities; researchers	
Duration	Recent	since 2021
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	businesses; start-ups and spinoffs; municipalities; researchers	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://inovia.sk/	

4. Name of a programme	The Regional Innovation Centre of the Košice Region	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	implemented within the Regional Innovation Strategy	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	regional innovation strategy	
Institution/entity responsible for support	The Regional Innovation Centre of the Košice Region	

Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - professional individual consultancy and mentoring to entrepreneurs facing a problem or want to further develop their businesses, setting a business model and further business direction - business consultancy in the fields of financing, know-how and innovations; - - organizing events 	
Formalities	applying through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	entrepreneurs, innovative start-ups etc.	
Duration	Recent	since 2021
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	entrepreneurs, innovative start-ups etc.	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://ickk.sk/	

5. Name of a programme	INOVATO	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	N/A	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum N/A	
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	

	Factual	
IP supported	regional innovation support	
Institution/entity responsible for support	INOVATO	
Eligible activities	Support in a field of innovations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - business idea evaluation - design development, prototyping and business model creation including business modelling, development and marketing - financing advices - - organization of events, education and networking 	
Formalities	applying through contact form	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	supporting innovators and business with innovation ideas	
Duration	Recent	since 2021
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	supporting innovators and bussines with innovation ideas	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://inova.to/	

6. Name of a programme	Business & Innovation Centre Bratislava	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	N/A	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum N/A	
	Maximum	N/A

	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	regional innovation support	
Institution/entity responsible for support	BIC Bratislava	
Eligible activities	fostering entrepreneurship, innovations and technology transfer including consultancy and assistance in IP protection; assistance in obtaining external financial resources; organization of events	
Formalities	applying through contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	None - innovators and innovative businesses	
Duration	Recent	since 1991
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	None - innovators and innovative businesses	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	not available	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.bic.sk/	

C) Institutional

1. Name of a programme	University Technology Transfer Offices	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	

Source of financing	Universities' budgets	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum N/A	
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	All kinds of university IP	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Comenius University; Slovak University of Technology; University of Zilina; Technical University of Kosice; UPJŠ Kosice; Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra; Slovak Academy of Sciences	
Eligible activities	University R&D technology transfer - IP identification and evaluation; IP protection – patent applications preparation; Technology marketing; Partner searches, Market research and other related IP support services; educational workshops and seminars; consultancy; networking events etc.	
Formalities	applying through contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	X
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	
Eligibility criteria	university businesses, researchers, students	
Duration	Recent	variable
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	applicants from the relevant university	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	Universities' websites	

2. Name of a programme	STU Scientific, s.r.o.	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	N/A	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum N/A	
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	
IP supported	All kinds of university's IP	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak University of Technology (STU)	
Eligible activities	University R&D technology transfer; university IP valorisation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consultancy (financial, business, information and communication technologies, area of public procurement and commercial tendering, use of EU financial funds) - organizing events, workshops, seminars 	
Formalities	Applying through contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	university businesses, researchers, students	
Duration	Recent	since 2008
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	Applicants from STU - university businesses, researchers, students	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)		
Source of additional information (links)	http://www.stuscientific.sk/	

3. Name of a programme	STU InQb - University Incubator	
Form of the support	Financial	
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing		
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum N/A	
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	N/A
Programme budget	N/A; services provided free of charge	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	all kinds of university IP	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Slovak University of Technology - InQb	
Eligible activities	Supporting and developing entrepreneurial ideas of student and graduates via incubation programmes, organizing educational events and building community, networking and mentoring	
Formalities	apply through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	University students and graduates	
Duration	Recent	since 2005
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support	university students and graduates	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.inqb.sk/	

4. Name of a programme	UVP TECHNICOM – University Science park	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing	Co-financed by the EU structural fund (ERDF)	
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	
Programme budget	phase I. 41 984 703,52 € phase II. 5 273 137,45 €	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	All kinds of IP from public academic and research institutes	
Institution/entity responsible for support	Technical university of Kosice – UVP Technicom	
Eligible activities	Support in the field of IP protection; technology and innovation transfer; business acceleration via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - business incubators for SMEs, high-tech companies, start-ups and spin-offs - promotion of R&D cooperation - creating conditions for knowledge and technology transfer and innovation practice at international, national and regional level - - consultancy, educational activities and expertise 	
Formalities	Apply through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	
Beneficiaries	SMEs	X
	Universities/research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria	research and innovation activities and projects from public academic and research institutes	
Duration	Recent	
	Historical	phase I. 06/13-12/2015

		phase II. 11/2015-06/2018
Conditions for getting support	research and innovation activities and projects from public academic and research institutes	
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	N/A	
Source of additional information (links)	https://uvptechnicom.sk/	

5. Name of a programme	TIP UPJŠ – Technology and Innovation Park of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice	
Form of the support	Financial	X
	Non-financial	X
	Non-refundable (grant)	
	Refundable (loan) financial contribution	
Source of financing		
Intensity of financing/aid	Minimum	N/A
	Maximum	N/A
	Fixed	
Programme budget	Free of charge services	
Supported projects	Expected	
	Factual	X
IP supported	all kinds of IP from public academic and research institutes	
Institution/entity responsible for support	TIP UPJŠ	
Eligible activities	<p>Services focused on innovation support and technology transfer; support of capitalizable research and applications; providing background for entrepreneurial activities; full-scale process of creating spin-off companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - technology/ innovation evaluation - providing facilities for further technology development - promoting ideas to start-up accelerator - support in setting up a start-up company 	
Formalities	Apply through contact form or contact details	
Status of a programme	Public	X
	Private	
	Public-private partnership	

Beneficiaries	SMEs	
	Universities/ research institutions	X
	Other	X
Eligibility criteria		
Duration	Recent	X
	Historical	
Conditions for getting support		
Programme impact (e.g. number of applications filed, number of entities supported)	- companies in the stage start-up incubator – 1 - companies in the stage spin-off – 3	
Source of additional information (links)	https://www.upjs.sk/pracoviska/tip/	