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NATIONAL PRODUCTION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The National Production Support Programme is an instrument of policy to support productive business investment, the aim of which is to stimulate national production, particularly in the industrial and tourism sectors, among other relevant sectors for the reduction of dependence on foreign markets.

During the month of January 2021, within the scope of the Incentive System for Entrepreneurship and Employment established by Ministerial Order no. 105/2017, of 10 March, notices were published for the submission of applications throughout the continental territory.

NATURE AND SECTORAL SCOPE OF THE BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries of this support are micro, small enterprises of any nature and in any legal form, which carry out an economic activity by offering goods or services on the market in competition.

Operations falling within the activities of the industry sector are eligible, and the assessment of sectoral eligibility will be made by reference to the code of economic activity of the project.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR BENEFICIARIES

In particular, the beneficiaries should:

- Ensure the project's sources of funding, with a minimum of 10% equity;
- To present the necessary licenses to develop the activity;
- Obtain or update the Electronic Certification;
- Have an organized or simplified accounting system;
- Present positive pre-tax results in the last economic year;
- Declare that you are not in arrears;
- Declare that this is not an undertaking subject to a recovery order.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR OPERATIONS

The operations selected in this support must meet the following conditions of access:

- They are not started on the date of submission of the application;

- Have total eligible expenditure per project of at least EUR 20,000 and at most EUR 235,000;
- Start operations within a maximum of 90 working days from the date scheduled to commence or the date of knowledge of the approval decision, where this is later;
- Ensure that the maximum duration of each project may not exceed 12 months.

CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE

The following categories of expenditure are eligible, incurred after submission of the application:

- Costs of purchasing machinery, equipment, installation and transport;
- The cost of purchasing computer equipment, including the software necessary for its operation;
- Standard software or software developed specifically for the company's activity;
- Design and registration costs associated with the creation of new brands or collections;
- Initial costs associated with domiciliation of applications, initial adhesion to electronic platforms, initial subscription of applications in a "software as a Service" regime, creation and initial publication of new electronic content, as well as inclusion or cataloguing in directories or search engines;
- Rolling stock directly related to the exercise of the activity, up to an eligible ceiling of EUR 40 000;
- Studies, diagnostics, audits, marketing plans, up to the maximum eligible limit of 5 thousand euros;
- Technological/digital services, quality and certification systems, up to an eligible ceiling of EUR 50 000;
- Refurbishment or adaptation works, for the installation of productive equipment financed under this project, up to a limit of 60% of the total eligible investment determined.

FORMS OF SUPPORT

This support is a non-repayable grant, applying the method of reimbursement of eligible costs actually incurred and paid.

For the same eligible costs the support granted cannot be cumulated with other public support.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Each company can only submit one application, and this must be done by means of an electronic form at the Balcão 2020. The deadline for submitting the application varies according to the region of the national territory in which the micro or small company is located.

A **PARES | Lawyers** is available to provide information on the programme of support to national production, in a more concrete and appropriate way to the reality of each client and is able to provide all the necessary support in this matter.

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