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INDICATIVE ANNUAL WORKING PROGRAM¹
for the forthcoming procedures under the Operational Program “Development of the competitiveness of the Bulgarian economy” for 2010

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№ of the call-for-proposals	Name of the call-for-proposals	Procedure objective	Procedure launch date	Applications submission deadline	Eligible beneficiaries ²	Total budget of the procedure in EURO	Total budget of the procedure in BGN	EU co-financing share in %	Maximum % size of the public co-financing	State aid/ Minimum and maximum size of the grant	Implementation duration	Indicators
1	“Support for commercialization of innovative products, processes, and services”	Provision with an integrated consulting and investment support to the Bulgarian enterprises for the implementation of successful projects for commercialization in the production and market realization of innovative products, processes, and services with higher value added.	Q3 of 2010	Without a deadline	Bulgarian innovative enterprises (established more than 3 years before the date of the project proposals submission)	25 000 000	48 895 750	85 %	70 % Micro and small enterprise; 60% Medium-sized enterprises ; 50% Large enterprises	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size – 200 000 BGN. Maximum grant size: Small and medium-sized enterprises - 2 000 000 BGN; Large enterprises – 3 000 000 BGN	2010 - 2015	Procedure in the process of evaluation of the project proposals by 31.12. 2010
2	“Development of the scientific capacity of the Bulgarian scientific organizations for	Investment support for upgrade of the applied research equipment of the Bulgarian	Q4 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Bulgarian scientific research organizations	20 000 000	39 116 600	85 %	85 %	Notification to the EC, regarding the state aid/ Minimum grant size –	2010 - 2013	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open



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	research and development”	scientific organizations with the purpose of development of their potential for creation of innovative products.								200 000 BGN. Maximum grant size - 4 000 000 BGN.		for submission of project proposals
3	“Creation of new and development of existing technological centers”	Creation of supportive environment and conditions for development of innovative enterprises.	Q4 of 2010	Without a deadline	Scientific research organizations, municipalities, public or private organizations and enterprises (including NGOs).	20 000 000	39 116 600	85 %	70 % Micro and small enterprise; 60% Medium-sized enterprises ; 50% Large enterprises	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/ Minimum grant size – 300 000 BGN, Maximum grant size - 4 000 000 BGN.	2010 – 2015	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open for submission of project proposals
4	“Creation of new and development of existing technological transfers offices”	Creation of supportive environment and conditions for development of innovative enterprises.	Q4 of 2010	Without a deadline	Scientific research organizations, municipalities, public or private organizations and enterprises (including NGOs).	5 000 000	9 779 150	85 %	70 % Micro and small enterprise ; 60% Medium-sized enterprises ; 50% Large enterprises – for investment ; 90 % Micro and small enterprise ;	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size - 75 000 BGN Maximum grant size 400 000 BGN.	2010 – 2015	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open for submission of project proposals



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									80% Large enterprises – for operational expenses;			
5	“Upgrade of technologies in small and medium-sized enterprises”	Improvement of the competitiveness of the Bulgarian small and medium-sized enterprises by upgrading of the enterprise’ assets for production and provision of services	Q1 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Small and medium-sized enterprises or cooperatives, registered under the Commerce Law or the Cooperatives Act, based on the territory of Republic of Bulgaria.	100 000 000	195 583 000	85 %	70 % 3a micro and small, 60 % for medium sized enterprises	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size - 50 000 BGN – for micro and small enterprises 100 000 BGN – for medium-sized enterprises Maximum grant size – 2 000 000 BGN.	2010-2013	Procedure in implementation phase by 31.12. 2010



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6	“Upgrade of technologies in large enterprises”	Improvement of the competitiveness of the Bulgarian large enterprises by upgrading of the enterprise’ assets for production	Q1 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Large enterprises or cooperatives, registered under the Commerce Law or the Cooperatives Act, based on the territory of Republic of Bulgaria.	40 000 000	78 233 200	85 %	50 % form the total eligible expenses	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/ Minimum grant size - 1 000 000 BGN Maximum grant size - 4 000 000 BGN	2010-2013	Procedure in implementation phase 31.12. 2010
7	“Achieving compliance with internationally recognized standards”	Upgrading the enterprises management process with the purpose of developing their competitive advantages on the European and World markets.	Q2 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Legal entities, registered under the Commerce Law or the Cooperatives Act, based on the territory of Republic of Bulgaria.	10 000 000	19 558 300	85 %	75 % from the eligible expenditures under the project	Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum size 10 000 BGN. Maximum size 150 000 BGN.	2010-2013	Procedure in evaluation phase by 31.12. 2010
8	“Creation of business support organizations network”	Optimization of the business environment by improving the access of enterprises to quality information and consulting services.	Q4 of 2010	Without a deadline	Non-profit legal entities, Bulgarian higher education institutions, Vocational training centers, NGOs and trade unions, which provide consulting services	5 000 000	9 779 150	85 %	95 % - operations activities 50 % - services; 5 % - administrative expenses	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size 300 000 BGN, Maximum	2010-2013	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open for submission of project proposals



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										grant size 1 500 000 BGN.		
9.	“Creation of regional business incubators”	Improvement of the business environment	Q2 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Networks and organizations that provide consulting, information, and other services to the business, local and regional authorities, NGOs, consulting organizations, existing business incubators.	18 000 000	35 204 940	85 %	70% - investment component. 90 % - operations activities and services	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size 200 000 BGN Maximum grant size 1 500 000 BGN.	2010-2013	Procedure in implementation phase 31.12. 2010
10.	“Promotion of business networking and clustering”	Improvement of the production and performance on the market by enterprises by the effect of unifying, economies of scale and thorough access to innovations.	Q2 of 2010	3 months after the launch date of the call	Newly established or already existing clusters	15 000 000	29 337 450	85 %	50% - investment component; 85 % operations activities and services	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum aid under the EC Commission Regulation 1998/2006 Minimum grant size 100 000 BGN Maximum grant size	2010-2013	Procedure in implementation phase 31.12. 2010



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										2 000 000 BGN.		
11.	“Financial resources for development of enterprises”	Improvement of the access to financing of the Bulgarian enterprises	The period, during which an inquiry to the financial intermediaries will be sent (eligible beneficiaries under the current Priority Axis) for expressing of interest, could be determined after the creation of Holding Fund ³ , according to the framework and financing agreements and setting up the guidelines for evaluation, selection	N/A	Organizations (public and commerce or NGOs), operating as guarantee funds; organizations (public and commerce or NGOs), operating as funds of micro-crediting, banks, providing micro-credits; risk capital funds, investing in small and medium-sized enterprises.	200 000 000	391 166 000	85 %	N/A	Minimum and maximum size of the grant will be defined in the requirements by the SPV (Holding fund)	2010-2015	Procedure in implementation phase 31.12.2010



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			and accreditation of financial intermediaries from the Holding Fund.									
12.	“Introduction of energy saving technologies in enterprises”	Improvement of the economic efficiency and improvement of the competitiveness of enterprises by implementation of energy-saving measures.	Q4 of 2010	Without a deadline	SMEs and large enterprises from the production sector and service sector	107 858 668	210 953 218.63	85 %	70 % - for micro enterprises ; 60% -for small enterprises ; 50% - for medium and large enterprises .	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum grant size - 50 000 BGN Maximum grant size – 1 000 000 BGN.	2010-2013	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open for submission of project proposals
13.	“Introduction of Renewable Energy Sources”	Improvement of the economic efficiency and improvement of the competitiveness of enterprises by implementation of measures for introduction of RES.	Q4 of 2010	Without a deadline	SMEs and large enterprises from the production sector and service sector	97 979 112	191 630 486.62	85 %	70 % - for micro enterprises ; 60% -for small enterprises ; 50% - for medium and large enterprises .	State aid according to Article 87 of the EC Treaty/Minimum grant size - 50 000 BGN Maximum grant size – 2 000 000 BGN.	2010-2013	By 31.12. 2010 the procedure should be open for submission of project proposals



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² The Managing Authority retains its right to introduce additional requirements for applicants, in the Application Guidelines for each call, regarding the registration date, annual revenue, code under CEA 2008, operating in a certain region, and others.

³ SPV (Holding Fund) will be registered within the frame of the implementation of the EC Initiative JEREMIE in Bulgaria.

⁴ The quoted value covers all resources, which will be managed by the Holding Fund for the implementation of JEREMIE Initiative.
