

Regional Operational Program for Lower Silesia Voivodeship for the years 2007-2013

Action 1.1. Investments in companies

The action is aimed at:

- the assistance in the investment process in particular for small and medium sized companies (SME),
- increasing the expenses for research and development in companies,
- using the tourist and spa potential of the region.

The kinds of co-financed projects:

1. Investments supporting product and process innovation, such as:

- implementing the significant changes in the production process,
- change of product or service,
- purchase and installation of fixed assets and intangible assets indispensable for leading innovative business activity,
- construction, development and modernization of buildings aimed at implementing innovation,
- implementation of common investment ventures in the field of innovation.

2. Investments implementing the information technologies:

- implementing and modernizing the software supporting the company's management, production and sales management or enabling the introduction of new services,
- purchase of ICT equipment,
- creating the complex platforms for monitoring the company's process management (for example: monitoring particular stages of the production, marketing, sales, distribution),
- use of e-business technology,
- implementation of the common investment ventures realized by the companies concerning the creation of cooperation platforms using the ICT tools.

3. Investments adapting companies to the national and European requirements in the field of environmental protection and projects concerning the increase of the energetic efficiency:

- change in the technologies in order to reduce the harmful environmental influence,

- change in the technologies in order to reduce the usage of energy, water and resources and reduce the waste production,
- construction or modernization of the industrial sewage treatment plants, construction, development and modernization of the recycling installations and devices, concerning in particular the waste neutralization,
- implementation of clean technologies,
- construction and modernization of heating and ventilation installations in order to reduce the emission and the usage of raw materials and to adapt to the security and hygiene standards.

4. Investments increasing the tourist attractiveness of the region:

- actions aiming at introducing new products/services or enlarging the company's offer,
- actions aiming at creating or developing the tourism infrastructure,
- actions aiming at increasing the accommodation possibilities,
- actions aiming at increasing the standard of tourism sites,
- implementation of common investments realized by the companies.

5. Other investments increasing the competitiveness of SME:

- development of the existing company,
- modernization of the equipment indispensable to realize the company's main business activity,
- expansion of the company's business activity,
- implementation of the common investments realized by the companies.

6. Investments in research and development companies:

- introducing, developing and modernizing the R&D departments in companies through the purchase of fixed assets necessary for the realization of R&D works.

7. Investments in companies realizing spa activities:

- introduction of new products / services or the expansion of the existing offer,
- actions aiming the creation or development of spa infrastructure,
- implementation of common investment actions realized by companies.

The costs qualified to co-financing:**1. Preparation works:**

- preparation of the required documentation including study works, researches, analyses, expert's reports (if necessary);
- project documentation (construction of the project, business plan, report of the environmental effects);
- cost of acquiring of opinions, agreements, permissions and other documents necessary for the realization of the investment;
- cost of preparation and realization of the public order procedure;

2. Investment expenses:

- price of the purchase or cost of creation of fixed assets that will be installed in the frame of the project under the condition that they will be added to the list of fixed assets of the beneficiary (among others: buildings with installations and necessary equipment, machines, devices, instruments, apparatus, office equipment),
- installation and launch of purchased fixed assets,
- expenses for purchasing the areas or buildings with the intention of demolishing them could be recognized as a qualified cost only up to 10% of the total value of all qualified costs of the project,
- construction works and the costs of materials connected to the construction, rebuilding or modernization of the building sites, buildings and offices,
- cost of the adaptation of offices to the specific technical requirements of the particular type of business activity,
- purchase of intangible assets,
- VAT expense, only connected with the qualified costs,
- lessor's expense for the purchase of the subject of leasing,
- in case of the return leasing the expense for the repurchase of the leasing object by the leaser is not a qualified cost,
- costs connected with the realization of the co-financing agreement and the project management (such like: bank costs, promotion costs, accountancy costs, audit costs, costs of instruments securing the realization of the contract),
- cost of the investment's supervision.

Value of the grant:

- from 50.000 PLN up to 8.000.000 PLN of the qualified costs - in case of the grants for investments in SME,
- from 20.000 PLN up to 800.000 PLN of the qualified costs - in case of the grants for investments in micro-companies (existing no longer than 2 years),
- from 50 000 PLN up to 200 000 PLN of the qualified costs - in case of the grants for R&D investments in companies,
- from 50 000 PLN up to 8 000 000 PLN of the qualified costs - in case of grants for investments in spa companies.