

## Regional Operational Program for Świętokrzyskie Voivodship for years 2007-2013

### Action 1.1. Direct assistance for micro, small and medium enterprises (SME)

The purpose of this action is increasing innovativeness and competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises in the region. This is supposed to be ensured by supporting projects that will improve the technological and organizational stage of the SME development.

These are in particular projects involved with:

- purchase of fixed assets and intangible assets,
- facilitating the process of establishing contacts with foreign contractors,
- facilitating the participation in international fairs,
- investments in water-sewage economy, air protection, waste management,
- implementation of the rules of integrated approach to prevent and limit the pollution, in particular adapting companies to BAT (Best available Techniques) requirements,
- creating new jobs involved especially with manufacturing new products / services or implementation of new technologies.

### The kinds of co-financed projects:

1. Investments involved with the construction or development of the company, modernization of the equipment connected with the business activity, introduction of technological and/or organizational innovations, purchase of the R&D results and/or the industrial property rights, implementation and commercialization of the technologies and innovative products.

2. Investments involved with the adaptation of technologies / products / services to the European requirements, especially to the occupational hygiene and safety and environment protection, in particular implementation of solutions friendly to the environment and the usage of the alternative energy sources.

3. Participation of SME in the international fairs and events.

4. Creating and equipping new jobs (including the co-financing of partial gross salary costs for a period of maximum 12 months) connected with the increasing of the business activity and/or the implementation of innovative solutions including the realization of essential changes in the production process or in the method of offering services.

**The costs qualified to co-financing:**

- costs of purchase of new fixed assets,
- costs of purchase of real estates and land,
- costs of servicing the instruments for protecting the realization of the project co-financed,
- □costs of organization and participation in international fairs,
- □personnel costs in case of creating new jobs (up to 20 000 PLN for one workplace) concerning new employees engaged by the beneficiary for the purpose of the project realization□ during a period of maximum 12 months.

**Value of the grant:**

Minimum grant value is 10 000 PLN.

Maximum grant value:

- for micro companies - 500 000 PLN,
- for small companies - 2 400 000 PLN,
- for average companies - 4 000 000 PLN.