

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Text with EEA relevance)

Aid number	SA.50044 (2018/X)
Member State	Malta
Member State reference number	SAMB/7/2017
Name of the Region (NUTS)	Malta Article 107(3)(c)
Granting authority	Measures and Support Division, Ministry for European Affairs and Equality Triq il-Kukkanja, Santa Venera, SVR 1140 https://businessenhance.gov.mt
Title of the aid measure	Business Enhance RD&I Grant Scheme
National legal basis (Reference to the relevant national official publication)	Operational Programme I "Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges" approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 9966 Final.
Type of measure	Scheme
Amendment of an existing aid measure	
Duration	11.01.2018 - 31.12.2020
Economic sector(s) concerned	Manufacture of food products Manufacture of beverages Manufacture of textiles Manufacture of wearing apparel Manufacture of leather and related products Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork; except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials Manufacture of paper and paper products Printing and reproduction of recorded media Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations Manufacture of rubber and plastic products Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products Manufacture of basic metals Manufacture of fabricated metal products; except machinery and equipment Manufacture of computer; electronic and optical products Manufacture of electrical equipment Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c. Manufacture of motor vehicles; trailers and semi-trailers Manufacture of other transport equipment Manufacture of furniture Other manufacturing Repair and installation of machinery and equipment ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Software publishing Telecommunications Computer programming activities Data processing; hosting and related activities; web portals Other information service activities n.e.c. Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis Scientific research and development Other professional; scientific and technical activities Tertiary education HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES Creative; arts and entertainment activities Libraries; archives; museums and other cultural activities
Type of beneficiary	All firms
Annual overall amount of the budget planned under the scheme	EUR 6.667 (in millions)
For guarantees	-
Aid Instrument (Art. 5)	Direct grant/ Interest rate subsidy
Reference to the Commission decision	-
If co-financed by Community funds	European Regional and Development Fund - EUR 16.00 (in millions)

Objectives	Maximum aid intensity in % or Maximum aid amount in national currency	SME-bonuses in %
Industrial research (Art. 25(2)(b))	40 %	20 %
Experimental development (Art. 25(2)(c))	40 %	20 %
Feasibility studies (Art. 25(2)(d))	50 %	20 %
Aid for the establishment of research infrastructures (Art. 26)	50 %	
Aid for process and organisational innovation (Art. 29)	15 %	35 %

Web link to the full text of the aid measure https://businessenhance.gov.mt/en/schemes/RDandIGrantScheme/Pages/RD--I-Grant-Scheme-.aspx
