

GRANTS PROGRAM TO PROMOTE HIGH IMPACT BUSINESS INVESTMENTS

Beneficiaries: Companies that carry out high impact business investment projects.

A. Job creation projects: These projects shall require a minimum number of new hires depending on the type of project:

- Service Centers: 50 new jobs
- International Decision Centers: 15 new jobs,
- Logistic Centers: 15 new jobs,
- Industrial activities: 15 new jobs,

B. Investment projects: Minimum investment of €2M in fixed assets.

C. Job creation and investment projects: requirements of A and B.

D. Investment projects in acquired companies that where in state of insolvency: minimum investment of €200,000 in fixed assets

E. R&D projects: minimum project budget of €1M

F. Creation of new R&D centers or extension of existing ones:

F.1. Minimum of 8 new hires exclusively dedicated to R&D activities or,

F.2. Minimum of 5 new hires exclusively dedicated to R&D activities and a minimum of €500,000 investment in scientific or laboratory equipment.

G. Large investment projects: Minimum investment of €5M in fixed assets and creation of at least 50 new jobs. The projects should be carried out in a municipality included in the regional aid map (ANNEX).

Eligible costs:

A. Annual company cost (annual gross wage + company's contribution to the Social Security) of the newly created jobs.

B. Investments in fixed assets (machinery and equipment).

C. Eligible costs for A and B.

D. Investments in fixed assets (machinery and equipment).

E. Personnel costs, outsourcing costs, investments in fixed assets (partially)

F. **F.1.** Annual company cost of the newly created jobs **F.2.** Annual company cost of the newly created jobs and investment in scientific or laboratory equipment.

G. Investments in fixed assets (machinery and equipment).

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Maximum aid intensity:

- A.** Up to 20% of the eligible costs. Maximum grant amount: €1M for eligible costs of disadvantaged workers*, €200,000 for non-disadvantaged workers.
Maximum grant amount for eligible expenses associated with non-disadvantaged employees: €200,000. Total Maximum Grant Amount (Σ disadvantaged + non-disadvantaged) = €1M. Projects hiring less than 50% of disadvantaged workers will apply the conditions for non-disadvantaged workers.
- B.** Up to 10% of eligible expenses, and a maximum aid amount of €200,000.
- C.** Maximum intensity and grant amount of A and B.
- D.** Up to 20% of eligible expenses, and a maximum aid amount of €200,000.
- E.** Up to 25% of eligible expenses, and a maximum aid amount of €1,000,000.
- F.** Up to 20% of the eligible costs. Maximum grant amount: €1M for eligible costs of disadvantaged workers*, €200,000 for non-disadvantaged workers.
- G.** Up to 10% of the eligible expenses; maximum grant amount of €1,000,000

Period for carrying out the project:

A, B, C, F: 01/01/2017-31/12/2018;

E and G: Two years after submitting the application

D: the acquisition of the company in state of insolvency must have been realized from 01/01/2014 until the closing of this call. The investments in fixed assets must be done from 01/01/2017 until 31/12/2018.

Deadline for submitting applications: until 18/10/2017

A disadvantaged worker refers to the individual who meets **any of the following criteria: (a) A person who has not been in regular paid employment for the previous 6 months, (b) A person who has not obtained a high school education or vocational qualification, (c) A person who is over the age of 50, (d) A person who lives as a single adult with one or more dependents. (f) A person under 25 years old*

*** Workers not being disadvantaged, grant under the "minimis" regulation. Therefore, the maximum aid received by an enterprise from all schemes under the de minimis aid rules shall not exceed an aggregate of €200,000 over a three year period.*

*ANNEX: Regional aid map 2014-2020. Eligible municipalities in Catalonia

Alt Camp: Qued, Port d'Armentera, Pla de Santa Maria, Vila-rodona, Figuerda del Camp, Rodoryà, Alió, Valls, Bràfim, Montferri, Puigpelat, Nulles, Valmoll, Garidells, Rourell, Masó, Mià, Akover, Mont-ral, La Riba.

Alt Penedès: Tots els municipis.

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Bages: Cardona, Navàs, Sant Mateu de Bages, Súria, Castellnou de Bages, Balsareny, Gaià, Sant Feliu Sasserra, Avinyó, Santa Maria d'Oló, Sallent, Artés, Mòia, l'Estany, Calders, Monistrol de Calders, Talamanca, el Port de Vilomara i Rocafort, Navarxes, Sant Fruitós de Bages, Santpedor, Callús, Sant Joan de Vilatorrada, Fonollosa, Aguiar de Segarra, Rajadell, Castellfollit del Boix, Castellgalí, Sant Vicenç de Castellet, Mura, Castellbell i el Vilar, Marganell.

Baix Camp: La Selva del Camp, Vandellòs i l'Hospitalet de l'Infant.

Baix Ebre: Tots els municipis.

Baix Llobregat: Gavà, Viladecars, Prat de Llobregat, Sant Boi de Llobregat, Cornellà de Llobregat, Esplugues de Llobregat, Molins de Rei, Papiol, Palnejà, Sant Andreu de la Barca, Martorell, Sant Esteve Sesrovières, Abrera, Sant Vicenç dels Horts, Sant Joan Despí, Olesa de Montserrat.

Baix Penedès: Arboç, Santa Oliva, Bèlvei, Bisbal del Penedès, Banyeres del Penedès.

Berguedà: Pobla de Lillet, Sant Julià de Cerdanyola, Nou de Berguedà, Cercs, Berga, Avà, Olvan, Casserres, Puig-reig.

Conca de Barberà: Montblanc.

Garrotxa: Sales de Llierca, Montagut i Oix, Beuda, Besalú, Maià de Montcal, Sant Ferriol, Argelaguer, Sant Jaume de Llierca, Castellfollit de la Roca, Sant Joan les Fonts, Olot, Mieres, Sant Feliu de Pallerols, la Vall d'en Bas, les Preses, la Vall de Bianya, Riudaura, les Planes d'Hostdes.

Gironès: Camplong, Llambilles, Quart, Juà, Celrà, Sant Julià de Ramis, Cassà de la Selva, Fornells de la Selva, Vilablareix, Bescanó, Sant Gregori, Sarrià de Ter.

Maresme: Tordera, Palafròls, Malgrat de Mar, Pineda de Mar.

Montsià: Tots els municipis.

Noguera: Preixens.

Osona: Prats de Lluçanès, Olost, Oristà, Sant Bartomeu del Grau, Gurb, Vic, Santa Eugènia de Berga, les Masies de Roda, Vilanova de Sau, Torelló, les Masies de Voltregà, Taradell, Seva, Tona, Roda de Ter, Sant Martí de Centelles, Centelles, Brull, Sant Pere de Torelló.

Pla de l'Estany: Sant Miquel de Campmajor, Porqueres, Banyoles, Comellà del Terri, Palol de Revardit.

Pla d'Urgell: Bell-lloc d'Urgell, el Palau d'Anglesola, Vila-sana, Castellnou de Seana.

Priorat: Falsset, Masroig.

Ribera d'Ebre: Tots els municipis.

Ripollès: Sant Pau de Segúries, Ogassa, Sant Joan de les Abadesses, Campelles, Gombrèn, Campdevànol, Ripoll, Vallfogona de Ripollès, les Lloses.

Segarra: Cervera, Estaràs, Granyanella.

Segrià: Alguairè, la Portella, Corbins, Vilanova de la Barca, Torrefarrera.

Selva (la): Arbúcies, Riells i Viabrea, Sant Feliu de Buixalleu, Massanes, Maçanet de la Selva, Sils, Riudubrenes, Caldes de Malavella, Riudellots de la Selva, Vilobí d'Onyar, Santa Eulària de Farners, Brunyda, Anglès, Sant Julià del Llor i Bonmatí, Hostalric, Fogars de la Selva.

Solsonès: Tots els municipis.

Tarragonès: Morell, Constantí, Pobla de Mafumet, Vila-seca, La Canonja.

Terra Alta: Tots els municipis.

Urgell: Tàrraga, Bellpuig, Anglesola, Agramunt, Vilagrassa, Puigverd d'Agramunt.

Vallès Occidental: Castellar del Vallès, Sentmenat, Palau-solità i Plegamans, Polinyà, Santa Perpètua de Mogoda, Barberà del Vallès, Ripollès, Montcada i Reixac, Cerdanyola del Vallès, Sant Quirze del Vallès, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Rubí, Castellbisbal, Viladecavalls, Vacarissès.

Vallès Oriental: Sant Cdoni, Santa Maria de Palautordera, Llinars del Vallès, Cardedeu, les Franqueses del Vallès, la Roca del Vallès, la Garriga, Bigues i Riells, l'Ametlla del Vallès, Canovelles, Vilanova del Vallès, Lliçà d'Amunt, Lliçà de Val, Parets del Vallès, Montmeló, Montornès del Vallès, Martorelles, la Llagosta, Mollet del Vallès, Caldes de Montbui.

