


**PROOF OF CONCEPT CALL**  
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**  
*OIS-AIR project*

*Open Innovation System of the Adriatic-Ionian Region*


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## About OISAIR Project

The OISAIR Project pursues the final goal of establishing the *Open Innovation System of the Adriatic-Ionian Region* (OISAIR), a single competitive and attractive marketplace for technology and innovation at macro-regional level. OISAIR intends to strengthen the development of industrial and entrepreneurial activities within a virtuous circle involving relevant stakeholders, from research institutions to SMEs and public administration in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. Coordinated by Area Science Park (Italy), the OISAIR project is co-funded by the Interreg ADRION Programme and is developed in collaboration with 6 partners based in the Adrion Region: University of Basilicata; HR - National Chamber of Economy; RS - Belgrade Technology Park; SI - Ljubljana Technology Park; AL - Ministry of Finance and Economy; GR - Centre for Research & Technology Hellas.

In particular, the project wants to:

- Improve skills and competencies of innovation centers in stimulating the creation of innovation networks beyond borders;
- Stimulate SMEs<sup>1</sup> access to research infrastructures and facilities and increase business investments in R&I, with a specific focus on those sectors characterizing the competitive advantage of the partner regions;
- Valorize research results and establish durable links and synergies between enterprises, R2B centers and research infrastructures;
- Exploit the research results and new technologies taking into account the output of the pilot macro-regional Smart specialization strategy.

So far, based on a pilot macro-regional analysis of the Smart specialization strategies of the Adriatic-Ionian regions, the following three thematic- priority areas have been identified as project main intervention fields:

- Agro-Bioeconomy;
- Transport & Mobility;
- Energy & Environment.

Developed within the project, the INNOAIR platform (<https://www.oisair.net/>) will support all project activities and manage the collection of applications to the Proof of Concept Call.

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<sup>1</sup> Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are defined by the European Commission as having less than 250 persons employed. They should also have an annual turnover of up to EUR 50 million, or a balance sheet total of no more than EUR 43 million (Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003).

## Article 1 - The OISAIR Proof of Concept Call

The OISAIR Proof of Concept Call (PoC Call) is a transnational initiative addressed to universities, research institutes and SMEs based in the Adriatic-Ionian area and working in the field of **Transport & Mobility, Energy & Environment, Agro-Bioeconomy**.

The OISAIR PoC call has the purpose of encouraging technology transfer activities between research institutions and SMEs and of facilitating the spillover and commercialization of technologies derived from universities and public laboratories and infrastructures.

Supported innovation projects will transform early stage technologies (between TRL 3 and 6<sup>2</sup>) and patents deriving from universities and research institutes into commercial applications and products for the market through the co-development of prototypes/testing with established SMEs.

The OISAIR PoC Call supports the co-development of research results by research centers and SMEs as well as their testing in research labs or in a relevant environment, according to their starting TRL.

The PoC Call offers financing support to the **10 best innovation projects** to be jointly developed by research institutes and SMEs by means of **innovation vouchers worth €18.500 each**.

Supported innovation projects must be co-financed by applicants (both research centers and SMEs) by means of staff in-kind contribution from their own resources.

The Call is based on three different and consecutive phases:

- **Call for Ideas**, targeting public research institutions and universities which will be invited to disclose their research results, patents and developed technologies through the INNOVAIR platform;
- **Call for Projects**, aimed at encouraging the development of joint R2B Innovation project presented jointly by SMEs and research institutes/universities;
- **Selection and assignment of 10 Innovation Vouchers**.

## Article 2 - Eligible thematic sectors

The INNOVAIR platform boosts innovation in the following thematic sectors: Transport & Mobility, Energy & Environment, Agro-Bioeconomy. These sectors have been identified through an analysis of the Pilot Macro-regional Adriatic-Ionian RIS3<sup>3</sup>, that pointed out the main technology priority areas (TPAs) essential to valorize the transnational innovation potential. This analysis relies on a solution-based approach, meaning that all technologies dealing with abovementioned sectors are eligible under the POC call.

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<sup>2</sup> Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) assess the maturity level of a particular technology according to the following definitions: TRL 1 - basic principles observed, TRL 2 - technology concept formulated, TRL 3 - experimental proof of concept, TRL 4 - technology validated in lab, TRL 5 - technology validated in relevant environment, TRL 6 - technology demonstrated in relevant environment, TRL 7 - system prototype demonstration in operational environment, TRL 8 - system complete and qualified, TRL 9 - actual system proven in operational environment.

<sup>3</sup> The analysis started with the identification of mutual areas of interest, aggregation of mutual TPAs on the basis of technology backbones, alignment of the TPAs to the EUSAIR strategy and ended up with the selection of mutual areas of cooperation and subthemes based on growth potential and availability of R2B competence. Please download the Pilot Macro-regional Adriatic-Ionian RIS3 analysis from the INNOVAIR Platform to get more information on the methodology and sub-topics identified.

Technologies applying for the Call for Ideas as well as the Joint R2B innovation projects must be focused on one of the 3 Thematic Priority Areas identified within the RIS3 analysis; however, joint R2B innovation projects focused even on the sub-themes will have an additional score during the evaluation process.

<u>Thematic Priority Areas</u>	<u>Sub-themes</u>
<b>Agro-Bio economy</b>	Healthy and functional food (with emphasis on sea food)
<b>Transport and Mobility</b>	Green coastal & maritime mobility
<b>Energy and Environment</b>	Integration of distributed energy resources

### Article 3 - Eligible beneficiaries

**Eligible applicants to the Call for Ideas** are researchers belonging to public research centres and universities<sup>4</sup> based in the ADRION area<sup>5</sup>, that are invited to present their technologies through the INNOVAIR Platform. Each applicant can submit more than one application if based on different technologies”.

**Eligible applicants to the Call for Projects** are researchers belonging to public research centres and universities who submitted their results to the Call for Ideas together with a SME (micro, small and medium size enterprises) registered in the ADRION area. In this phase the SMEs shall formally declare their commitment in the **joint R2B project** at least in terms of staff involved and acceptance of IPR management rules.

Eligible applications must be jointly applied by the research centre/ university (**beneficiary of the voucher**) and the SME (**supporting partner**).

Submission of more than one **R2B project applications** is allowed under the following conditions:

- SMEs can apply to the Call for Projects with different R2B projects provided that they are based on different technologies;

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<sup>4</sup> Eligible public research centres and universities governed by public law must have all of the following characteristics:

(a) established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

(b) have legal personality; and

(c) are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law; or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

<sup>5</sup> The ADRION programme territorial scope comprises 12 regions and 2 provinces in Italy (Abruzzo, Molise, Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicilia, Provincia Autonoma di Trento, Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano/Bozen, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardia, Emilia-Romagna, Umbria and Marche), 2 Slovenian regions (Vzhodna Slovenija, Zahodna Slovenija), 2 Croatian regions (Jadranska Hrvatska, Kontinentalna Hrvatska), 13 Greek regions (Anatoliki Makedonia - Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Dytiki Makedonia, Thessalia, Ipeiros, Ionia Nisia, Dytiki Ellada, Sterea Ellada, Peloponnisos, Attiki, Voreio Aigaio, Notio Aigaio, Kriti) and the following territories of non-EU Partner States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia.

- Researchers belonging to public research centres and universities can apply to the Call for Projects with different R2B projects provided that they are based on different technologies;

Researchers belonging to public research centres and universities can apply to the Call for Projects with a R2B project based on a single technology even with more than one SME (if all SMEs involved agree).

Eligible beneficiaries of the innovation vouchers are only public research centres and universities, that will receive the funding support upon the signature of a contract with Area Science Park, lead partner of the OISAIR project.

#### Article 4 - Phases and Activities

These phases will be carried out as follows:

<b>PHASE 1</b>  <b>CALL FOR IDEAS</b>	<b>Launch of the Call for Ideas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ By the launch of the Call for Ideas, researchers based in Adriatic-Ionian Region are invited to propose their technologies aligned with the eligible thematic sectors: Transport &amp; Mobility, Energy &amp; Environment, Agro- Bioeconomy).</li> <li>▪ Interested Researchers are invited to register to the INNOVAIR Platform (<a href="https://oisair.net/">https://oisair.net/</a>), download and fill in the Technology Application Form and upload their technology proposals on the platform registered area.</li> </ul>
	<b>Assessment of research results and technologies disclosure on the INNOVAIR platform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presented technologies will be assessed by analysts working for the closest OISAIR partners by means of business intelligence tools for innovation monitoring. The assessment is aimed at enhancing the technology description and presenting the research results with specific market scenario data such as <i>stage of development, competitive advantages, target market, potential application of the technology as well as potential partners.</i></li> <li>▪ Being the assessment phase over, a <i>Short and a Comprehensive Technology Information Sheets</i> will be developed by the analysts : the Short Technology Information Sheet is published on the INNOVAIR platform, whereas the complete description Comprehensive Technology Information Sheet is made available only for registered users. Both documents will be published on the platform only upon authorization provided by the technology applicant.</li> <li>▪ Before getting access to the Comprehensive Technology Information Sheet, registered SMEs interested in a specific technology should sign a Confidentiality Clause, in order to commit themselves to keep confidential the additional information useful to qualify and to better describe the results/technologies.</li> <li>▪ At this stage, interested SMEs could already get in contact with the technology applicant and start liaising by entering into the “Private Room” called <i>My R2B Area</i>, if their request of contact is accepted</li> </ul>



		by the applicant.
<b>PHASE 2</b>  <b>CALL FOR PROJECTS</b>	<b>Launch of the Call for Projects and R2B matchmaking activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ By the opening of the <b>Call for Projects</b>, the OISAIR network will promote the technologies scouted in the previous phase and boost R2B cooperation in terms of development of specific experimental activities by means of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Organization of targeted <b>matchmaking events</b> with SMEs at local and at transnational level</li> <li>b) Invitation of SMEs to declare their interest in a specific technology directly through the Platform Private Area (<a href="https://OISAIR.net/">https://OISAIR.net/</a>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ By using the INNOVAIR Platform, SMEs can declare their interest in one or more technologies published on the platform at any time. The technology applicant can accept/deny these invitations. If interested in the request, the technology applicant will invite the SME to enter and chat into the Private room (My R2B Area), where further technical details will be shared.</li> <li>▪ Should more than one SME manifest its interest for the same technology, the choice shall be up to the applicant of the technology.</li> </ul>
	<b>Development of Joint R2B innovation projects and deadline of the Call for projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When an agreement between the research centre/university and an SME is reached, a <b>joint R2B project</b> describing the experimental activities to be funded is jointly defined and submitted for evaluation. Eligible applications must be jointly applied by the research centre/ university (beneficiary of the voucher) and the SME (supporting partner). Each partner has to appoint a Scientific Coordinator.</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE 3</b>  <u><b>SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF 10 INNOVATION VOUCHERS</b></u>	<b>Evaluation and provision of Innovation Vouchers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Joint R2B project</b> are evaluated by 3 thematic <b>boards of senior transnational technical evaluators</b>. In detail, each application is evaluated by 7 members: 1 external expert and 6 partners' representatives (excluding the representative of the area where the candidate is based).</li> </ul> <p>The 10 best innovation projects will be awarded with an <b>Innovation Voucher</b> (worth €18.500 each). Vouchers will co-finance the experimental activities.</p>
	<b>6-months development of the awarded projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With the support of the OISAIR Network Innovation centres, the R2B working group comprising researchers and the SME staff will carry out in maximum <b>6 months the experimental tests</b> to validate the research results with the aim of moving towards prototyping and, secondly, towards production.</li> </ul>



## Article 5 - Application and on-line submission through the INNOVAIR Platform

R2B innovation projects must represent a joint initiative of public research centres and universities (potential voucher beneficiaries) and an SME acting as supporting partner and actively collaborating in the testing, validation and/or prototyping of research results.

The Technology Application Form of the Call for Ideas will address the following themes:

- Title
- Technology description (technical and functional features of the research results);
- Scientific publications related to the candidate result/technology
- Stage of development
- TRL
- Intellectual Property status
- Potential Applications
- Market landscape
- Potential partners

The Joint R2B innovation projects applications will address the following themes:

- Title
- Partners
- Pre-existing know-how
- Unmet Need and Expected Competitive Advantages
- Objectives
- Description of the experimental activities
- Activities and time schedule
- Budget

The development of experimental activities must take place in public research centres, universities or SMEs venues located in the Adrion Programme Area.

Submission of **technologies** and **R2B projects** are to be made on-line via INNOVAIR Platform using the provided templates. Before submitting the application for Technologies, researchers have to register to the INNOVAIR Platform, download the Technology Application Form in their private area, specifically in the section “My technologies”. Then, researchers have to fill in the required fields and finally upload the document on the platform.

Before the publication on the Platform, the OISAIR Network analysts will assess the technology idea and enhance its description according to specific market scenario data.

Before submitting the Joint R2B innovation project, both applicants have to be registered to the INNOVAIR Platform (Registered area).

## Article 6 - Awarding Criteria and Selection for Innovation Vouchers beneficiaries

The selection of the joint R2B projects and the identification of the beneficiaries of the Innovation vouchers will be carried out as follows:



- a) Administrative and eligibility check of submitted R2B project will be performed by Area Science Park.  
 b) Evaluation of eligible joint R2B projects on the basis of qualitative and transnationality criteria.

Eligible R2B projects will be evaluated by **3 transnational thematic boards<sup>6</sup>**, composed each by the following members:

- **1** senior technical expert who will chair the board<sup>7</sup>.
- **6** technical experts identified within the partnership staff<sup>8</sup>.

The qualitative evaluation, awarded with maximum 45 points, will be carried out by using 4 criteria and 12 sub-criteria (including the alignment with the OISAIR Macro Regional S3 - ref: point 2.A) with a scoring system based on a 10-pointscale<sup>9</sup>.

Being OISAIR a transnational project, applications submitted by transnational applicants will be awarded with 5 additional points.

The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria are described in the following table:

EVALUATION CRITERIAS	SUB-CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	Evaluation (1-10 points)
<b>1. Novelty and Inventiveness</b> Expected competitive improvement with respect to the state of the art, specifying the progress and development of new skills / technologies / approaches/ products / processes / services in the specific field	A. Novelty and Originality of the proposed solution in relation to the state of the art of research and technologies of the reference sector.	from 1 to 10
	B. Competitive advantages compared to alternative technologies and solutions and to competitor products (if any).	from 1 to 10
	C. Intellectual Property: patentability of the proposed solution and / or possibility of exploiting patents already held by the partners.	from 1 to 10
	<b>AVERAGE SCORE FOR CRITERION 1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2. Alignment with the OISAIR Macro Regional S3 and relevance of the results</b> in terms of the project's contribution to market demand or the solution of R&D open problems in the reference sector	A. Alignment with thematic and Sub-thematic described in the OISAIR Macro Regional S3 of the Adriatic-Ionian Region	from 1 to 10
	B. Capacity of the solution to meet problems and / or unmet needs of the reference sector	from 1 to 10
	C. TRL progression: Contribution of the project to the development of the technology / methodology towards the reference market	from 1 to 10
	<b>AVERAGE SCORE FOR CRITERION 2</b>	<b>10</b>

<sup>6</sup> One for each theme: Transport & Mobility, Energy & Environment, Agro-Bioeconomy.

<sup>7</sup> The board external expert will be identified through a call for experts managed by Area Science Park.

<sup>8</sup> To ensure impartiality each application won't be evaluated by the OISAIR partner representing the region where the applicant is based.

<sup>9</sup> The 10 -points evaluation system will use the following scores: 1-2 for poor applications, 3-4 for incomplete applications, 5-6 for sufficient applications, 7-8 for good applications, 9-10 for very good/excellent applications.



<b>3. Feasibility of the innovation project</b> Appropriateness of the experimental plan, consistency between planned activities, objectives and expected results, adequacy of time planning and costs estimation and the integration of scientific-technological R2B competences	A. Coherence and adequacy of the experimental activities and envisaged methodologies towards the achievement of milestones and expected results.	from 1 to 10
	B. Relevance and appropriateness of time and resources: timing realistic estimation and adequacy of the resources used	from 1 to 10
	C. Partnership: presence of multidisciplinary and complementary skills, through the involvement of scientific and / or business partners	from 1 to 10
<b>AVERAGE SCORE FOR CRITERION 3</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>4 - Technical capacity and partnership commitment/co-financing rate</b>	A. Quality and extent of the company's contribution / commitment to the implementation of the experimental program (commitment).	from 1 to 10
	B. Technical /scientific-industrial competences of the business partner to implement the project based on the human resources dedicated	from 1 to 10
	C. Relevance of co-financing with respect to the planned innovation project activities and the company's ability to implement the project in relation to the proposed financial commitment.)	from 1 to 10
<b>AVERAGE SCORE FOR CRITERION 4</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL QUALITATIVE EVALUATION</b>		<b>max 40</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL SCORE FOR TRANSNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>FINAL EVALUATION</b>		<b>max 45</b>

The final maximum overall score will be 45. Eligible applications should reach a minimum evaluation score of 5 in each single criteria.

The results of the evaluation and the final ranking list will be communicated directly to the applicants as well as published on the INNOVAIR Platform.

### Article 7 - Contracting

The vouchers will be awarded to beneficiaries through the stipulation of **Contracts** between AREA Science Park, lead partner of the OISAIR Project, and the Voucher beneficiary, i.e. the research institutions/universities, that in turn will sign appropriate **Collaboration Agreements** with the SMEs regulating methods, rules and mutual obligations of conducting the experimentation.



The Collaboration Agreement must define the attribution of results derived from experimental activities and the related utilization and exploitation rights. A template for defining the Collaboration Agreement is available on the INNOVAIR Platform. The applicants are free to customize the contents of the agreements according to their needs, except for the mandatory IPR clauses.

Hence, by signing the Contract for Innovation Vouchers and the Collaboration Agreements, the beneficiaries and supporting partners commit themselves to carry out the experimental activities for the validation of research results in no more than 6 months.

### Article 8 - Conditions of Use of Innovation Vouchers

The total amount of financial contribution funded by the OISAIR Innovation Vouchers shall not exceed, in any circumstances, the maximum amount of 18.500,00€.

The duration of experimental activities must be no longer than 6 months and, in any case, must be concluded by 15/05/2020.

The eligible costs include:

a) **Staff costs.** Include costs related to already employed or specifically contracted staff by the beneficiary institution (research centre/university) for implementing the project.

Eligible expenditure under this budget line is limited to:

- payments of staff involved in activities (salary) which the body involved would not carry out if the project concerned was not undertaken, fixed in an employment document (employment contract or appointment decision) or by law, relating to responsibilities specified in the job description of the staff member concerned.
- payments of natural persons other than staff working for the beneficiary under a contract other than an employment/work contract. Such costs (e.g. project-based contracts<sup>10</sup>, temporary employment, study or research scholarships, occasional professional services...) are eligible only under specific conditions<sup>11</sup>.

b) **Travel and accommodation costs.**

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<sup>10</sup> As far as the Italian contract typology Co.co.co or Co.co.pro is concerned, please refer to the document elaborated by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance - IGRUE related to the operations financed in the framework of the ETC programmes (“Manuale per la Rendicontazione ed i Controlli in relazione alla spesa dei programmi di Cooperazione Territoriale Europea”).

<sup>11</sup> Such costs are eligible under staff costs only when the following conditions are met:

- The person works under the beneficiary’s instructions and, unless otherwise agreed with the beneficiary, at the beneficiary’s premises;
- The result of the work carried out belongs to the beneficiary;
- The costs are not significantly different from those for personnel performing similar tasks under an employment contract with the beneficiary;
- The conditions under which a natural person can work under such a contract must be clarified through the provision to Area Science park of relevant information with regard to the national law and their institutional regulations in force (These guidelines does not provide a generally applicable definition of the term as national regulations regarding this issue might be different from country to country).

Include travel, accommodation and meal costs incurred by the beneficiary staff provided they are strictly related to the carrying out of the co-development and testing activities.

**c) External expertise and service costs.**

Include only services that are essential to the project, which costs are paid by voucher beneficiaries to external experts and service providers on the basis of contracts or written agreements and against invoices or requests for reimbursement.

Expenditure of external expertise and service costs are limited to the following categories:

- Intellectual property rights, including costs related to filing, extension or maintenance of industrial property rights object of the co-development activities;
- Specific technical expertise and services needed for the testing and the experimental activities;
- IT systems, modifications and updates (e.g. setting-up and/or update of a project IT system).

**c) Costs for consumables.** Include items that are strictly necessary to the project and whose life span will expire over its duration<sup>12</sup>.

VAT is considered an eligible cost only if non-deductible.

**Indirect costs** (utilities, office supplies, general accounting costs...) are considered non-eligible.

Only the costs incurred and invoiced by the voucher beneficiary are eligible for direct funding via OISAIR vouchers. Expenditures incurred before or after the duration of the project are deemed as not eligible.

**Co-financing:** The Joint R2B innovation project budget must be inclusive of the co-financing necessary to develop the research activities in line with the experimental plan presented. The co-financing is represented by staff in-kind contribution from applicants' own resources and will consist of at least in the identification of fixed-term staff (estimated in day/man equivalent), relating both to the research institution/university and to the SME involved, other than the staff costs supposed to be covered by the Innovation Vouchers funding scheme.

Costs incurred for the implementation of the project must be used for the sole purpose of achieving the objectives of the project and its expected results, in a manner consistent with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The OISAIR Network partners reserve the right to make inspections at the beneficiaries' premises and check the existence and content of the activities financed with the vouchers. During the whole runtime of an innovation project, beneficiaries have to inform the OISAIR partners immediately about any problems which may jeopardize the success of the project.

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<sup>12</sup> Costs for purchasing instruments and materials are eligible when the following conditions are satisfied:

- Equipment item is exclusively used for the project implementation;
- The depreciation period is shorter than the time lap between the purchase of the equipment and the end of the project;  
OR
- Equipment item is not depreciable (e.g. low value asset) according to the national legislation of the concerned partner.

## Article 9 - Financial Provisions and reporting

Area Science Park will provide beneficiaries with two installments:

- a) An advanced payment up to 70% of the awarded voucher, is provided to the beneficiary within 7 days from the signature of the Contract for Innovation Voucher.
- b) The remaining 30%, not exceeding the total maximum amount for each voucher (€18.500,00) is paid by Area Science Park directly to the beneficiary upon the positive evaluation of the final technical and financial report. Beneficiaries must provide a short final technical report along with a financial report<sup>13</sup> and a request for payment at the latest 7 days after the finalization of the R2B innovation project and no later than June, 5<sup>th</sup> 2020. In case reported expenses are lower than the ones agreed upon in the Contract for Innovation Vouchers, a reduced payment will be provided.

The costs sustained must be supported by receipted invoices or, should this not be possible, by accounting documents of equivalent evidential effectiveness. The above-mentioned documents must - without fail - be submitted to Area Science Park online by the deadline for the delivery of the request for payment. Supporting documentation for the costs sustained must be recorded in the beneficiary's premises, so as to be available for any controls or inspections.

## Article 10 - State Aid (de minimis) regulation

The funding support provided by the PoC call is not considered nor direct neither indirect State aid to undertakings and therefore the State Aid rules will not be applied.

As defined in the Communication from the Commission on *Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation* (2014/C 198/01, Paragraph 2.2.2, Point 28<sup>14</sup>), if collaboration projects are carried out jointly by private SMEs and research organizations, no indirect state aid is awarded to SMEs if one of the following conditions, required by the OISAIR Call for Projects, is respected:

- a) the results of the collaboration are widely disseminated; or
- b) any IPR resulting from the activities of R2B Projects are fully allocated to research centers or academies; or

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<sup>13</sup> Specific templates for technical and financial reporting will be provided by Area Science park to the beneficiaries by the INNOVAIR Platform. The financial report will account for the total project costs including the co-financing shares. All declared costs must be incurred and invoiced before the end of the project and included in the financial report.

<sup>14</sup> The Commission considers that no indirect State aid is awarded to the participating undertakings through those entities due to favourable conditions of the collaboration if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- (a) the participating undertakings bear the full cost of the project, or
- (b) the results of the collaboration which do not give rise to IPR may be widely disseminated and any IPR resulting from the activities of research organisations or research infrastructures are fully allocated to those entities, or
- (c) any IPR resulting from the project, as well as related access rights are allocated to the different collaboration partners in a manner which adequately reflects their work packages, contributions and respective inter ests, or
- (d) the research organisations or research infrastructures receive compensation equivalent to the market price for the IPR which result from their activities and are assigned to the participating undertakings, or to which participating undertakings are allocated access rights. The absolute amount of the value of any contribution, both financial and non-financial, of the participating undertakings to the costs of the research organisations or research infrastructures' activities that resulted in the IPR concerned, may be deducted from that compensation.

c) any IPR resulting from the project, as well as related access rights are allocated to the different collaboration partners in a manner which adequately reflects their work packages, contributions and respective interests.

### Article 11 - Application Documents

Here follows the documentation required to participate in the PoC Call available on the INNOVAIR platform:

Call for Ideas	Call for projects
<b>Technology application form</b>	<p>The <b>application form</b>, signed by the legal representatives of the Research Institution and the SME;</p> <p>The <b>experimental activities plan and the budget</b> of the joint R2B innovation project, subscribed by the project scientific coordinators;</p> <p>The <b>Non-Disclosure Agreement</b> regulating the exchange of confidential information between the partners co developing the R2B Project.</p>

### Article 12 - Provisions for Dissemination

For dissemination and use of results generated through the financial support from OISAIR, the recipients must credit the OISAIR project through proper citation.

### Article 13 - Call Schedule

- The **Call for ideas** is open from May, 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 to July, 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11.59 PM (C.E.T.).

During this period, Technology Information Sheets are published on the platform and the SMEs registered on INNOVAIR Platform can have access to major details about these technologies. During this period, the SMEs will be able to have a first contact with the technology owner of a putative technology directly on platform.

- The **Call for projects** is open from July, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to September, 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11.59 PM (C.E.T.). Applications can be made continuously only throughout this period.
- **Evaluations and selection for Innovation Vouchers beneficiaries** will be made by October, 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11.59 PM (C.E.T.).
- The **closure of awarded R2B Innovation projects**. The timeframe of the proposed joint R2B Innovation projects must not exceed 6 months. Irrespective of its start date, the end date of any project cannot be later than May, 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- The **short final technical and financial report** along with the **request for payment** must be submitted no later than June, 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

If needed, the OISAIR partners will promptly communicate any changes relating to the deadlines related to the Call for Ideas or Call for projects through the INNOVAIR Platform.