



Grant Incentives



Business Grants for Innovation and Investment

Both the European Commission (EC) and individual member states offer grants through a wide range of funding programmes to support enterprises of various sizes and sectors. Any business or public institution involved in the following activities could be eligible for funding:

- Research and development, technology demonstration, and innovation
- Environmental improvements
- Health, safety, and security improvements
- Business expansion
- Protection of natural resources

While the benefits of cash grants are clear, there are often many barriers to overcome in securing them.

Benefits	Barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Non-refundable cash grants can cover up to 100% of eligible expenses and can be up to €10 million➤ Grants are available for a large range of sectors and activities (from basic research to industrial demonstration projects)➤ EC grants are accessible throughout Europe, regardless of the local funding regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The grant landscape is very complex, and suitable grants can be difficult to identify➤ There is often a large amount of work involved in the application for funding with no funding guarantee➤ The grant recipient often needs to comply with specific technical reporting standards and financial accounting rules



Funding Programmes

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the European Commission's main funding instrument for Research and Innovation (R&I). With nearly €80 billion available over seven years (2014 to 2020), it is Europe's largest R&I funding programme. Projects at various development stages can receive financing, and the programme covers fundamental research up to full-scale demonstration projects that run close to market. The EC regularly publishes calls for proposals covering various research and innovation themes, such as Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Food and Health, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Industrial Innovation, Materials, Social Sciences, and Transport.

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF)

These funds are part of the European Investment and Structural Funds. They are allocated by the EU to help enforce the Europe 2020 strategy, but the funds are managed regionally by the member states.

ERDF

The ERDF aims to enhance the economic and social cohesion in the EU by correcting imbalances between regions. For this purpose, three types of regions have been defined: "more developed" regions, "transition" regions, and "less developed" regions. The availability of funding and flexibility in funding themes depend on the region. To maximise the impact of the available funding, four key priority areas have been defined, which need to represent the majority of the projects that are supported.

1. Innovation and research
2. The digital agenda
3. Support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
4. The low-carbon economy

The ERDF budget for this funding period totals €286 billion.

CF

The CF is aimed at improving the economic and social situation in less developed countries by fostering sustainable development. For the 2014–2020 period, the CF targets Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Funding is provided for the following themes:

- Trans-European transport networks
- Environment (including energy efficiency, use of renewable energy, developing rail transport, supporting transport inter-modality, and strengthening public transport)

The CF budget for this funding period totals €63 billion.

National Grants

Most European countries have a wide range of grants available to support business growth and innovation. Typically, financing is available for R&D, environmental investments, and business expansion. While eligibility criteria may vary, funding rates of 25–75% for grants up to €4 million per project are not uncommon.



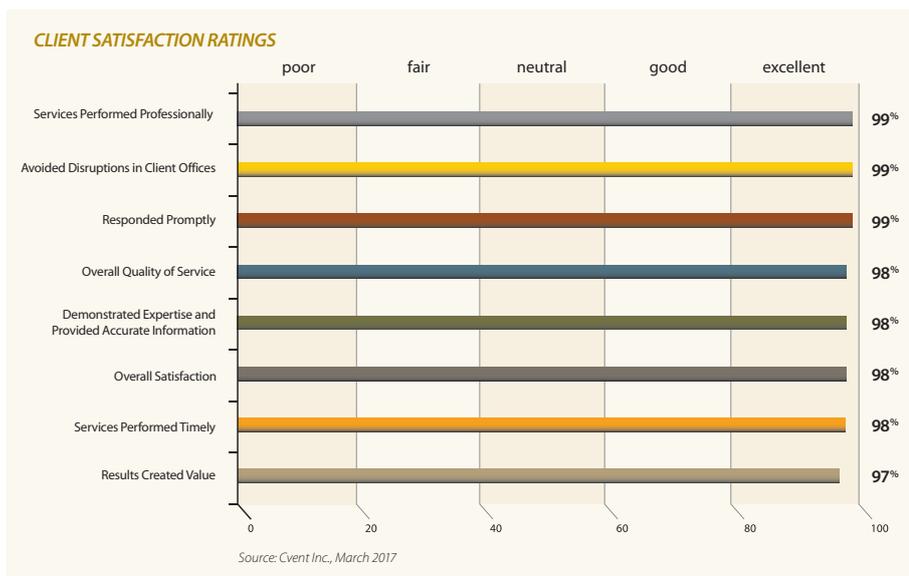
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Main sectors funded

- Automotive and aerospace
- Chemical industry
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Material science
- Nano technology
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Transport
- Waste management and recycling

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