

## Announcement

### Finland – Russia Call for Proposals for Joint R&D&I Projects

**Submission by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

#### 1. Scope

Finland and Russia are jointly announcing a second Call for Proposals for joint R&D&I projects for SME companies in Finland and in Russia. Proposals should be related to the development of new products or services – all technological sectors and services are welcome – which are innovative and fulfill an expressed market need.

The main objective of this Call is to launch projects with joint participation from the two countries and provide R&D&I funding to qualifying participants through the national programs managed by respective: FASIE, the Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises in Russia and Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation in Finland. [www.fasie.ru](http://www.fasie.ru) and [www.tekes.fi](http://www.tekes.fi)

This Call is announced within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between FASIE and Tekes on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

#### 2. Obligatory requirements for the submitted proposals

Expected project results will have to contribute to new products or services, the base and plans for joint venture, access to the new market for both companies etc. The proposals should comply with the following guidelines:

- a. The partners should include one Russian and one Finnish small innovative company. Participation of research institutes/universities is welcome as additional participants or subcontractors according to each country's funding regulations.
- b. Finland: the consolidated staff number of eligible enterprises must be less than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million euro, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million euro. Enterprises with more than 250 staff members interested in a joint R&D&I project with a Russian entity are requested to contact the persons in charge of the programme
- c. Russia: eligible enterprises should comply with the Federal Law on Small Enterprises (Federal Laws 209 and 217 and respective instructions of the Russian Government)
- d. The project should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.)
- e. The projects should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries
- f. Joint projects should not start earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

#### 3. Call for Proposals

The Call for proposals is launched on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The Call invites partners to present joint proposals for R&D&I projects **by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. For those joint proposals which will be selected by Tekes and FASIE, the beginning of funding is envisaged **starting from July, 2012**.

The eligible consortia complying to the conditions of Part 2 (a-c) should provide their proposals to both funding organizations, namely:

- 1) Finnish applicants should provide Tekes funding application on the web site of Tekes (<https://hakemus.tekes.fi/rahoitushakemus>) and [Form B](#) electronically to their respective Project coordinator (see section 5) in Finnish or English language.
- 2) Russian applicants should provide [Form A](#) and [Form B](#) electronically to their respective Project coordinator (see section 5) in Russian language.

Only proposals received by **both** FASIE and Tekes by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will be considered eligible. Applicants failing to file one of the proposal application forms will also be considered non-eligible.

The received proposals will be screened and evaluated by the joint appraisal committee of FASIE and Tekes. Results will be notified to the companies **no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

FASIE and Tekes will provide the submission guidelines and timetable to the project partners whose proposals have been selected.

#### **4. Financing**

Projects, for which financing requests have been accepted, shall benefit in Finland from a grant which can be up to 50% of eligible costs and up to 200 000 euros (Tekes financing) and in Russia up to 6 million rubles (FASIE financing), with a condition to provide co-financing at the amount of requested sum. Each country will be applying in accordance with its current regulations and procedures.

Project promoters are invited to contact the persons in charge of the program for more details on financing and reimbursement modalities.

#### **5. Program coordinators**

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