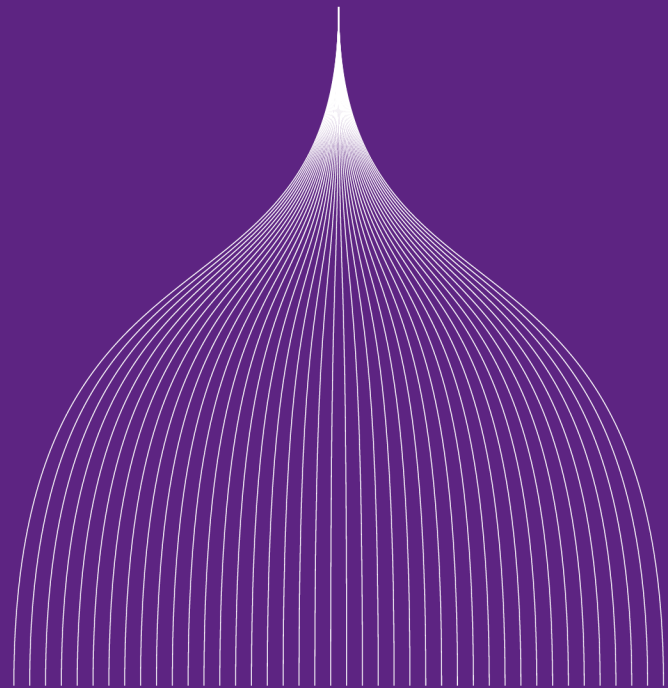


Financing instruments for clusters



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Agenda:

- ✓ Calls for proposals;
- ✓ Events;
- ✓ Useful links;
- ✓ Questions?



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MITA support for clusters members (1)

- ✓ **Inostart:** promote the creation and development of new innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by ensuring the development of innovative ideas, products and services (R&D activities from idea to commercialization).
- ✓ **Inovoucher:** promote the acquisition of services of science and study institutions for the preparation of technical feasibility studies and implementation of R&D activities.
- ✓ **Commercialization of R&D results and promotion of internationalization (planning):** promote scientists and other researchers and students working / studying in science and study institutions, to commercialize R&D results by creating spin-offs (R&D activities from prototype to product, service commercialization).



MITA support for clusters members (2)

- ✓ **Norway Grants programme „Business Development, Innovation and SMEs“:** development of new environmentally friendly products or technologies.
- ✓ **„Inopatent“:** patenting of inventions, design registration.
- ✓ **More planned programs:** support for green, eco-innovation (for startups and ventures); support for biotechnology innovation, etc.



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InoConnect

- ✓ **Who can apply:** Lithuanian science and technology parks, clusters, enterprises;
- ✓ **Aim:** promote international partnerships and networking;
- ✓ **Funded activities:** participation in the events of international R & D & I activity initiatives;
- ✓ **Eligible costs:** salaries and travel expenses of the project staff (company staff);
- ✓ **Funding:** up to 10 000 Eur;
- ✓ **Deadline for Applications:** 30 November 2020;
- ✓ **More info:** inoconnect@lvpa.lt.



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Supporting European SMEs to participate in public procurement outside EU

- ✓ **Who can apply:** project consortia representing Chambers of Commerce, federations, cluster organizations, NPO's, public bodies, universities, educational institutions, research centres from COSME countries (including Sakartvelo);
- ✓ **Aim:** improve SMEs' access to public procurement in the non-EU countries with which the European Union has signed a bilateral or plurilateral agreement covering public procurement;
- ✓ **Funded activities:** 1) develop an internationalisation strategy and its implementation roadmap, based on the targeted Member States and third countries; 2) apply the internationalisation strategy, gather data, promote the project and disseminate results;
- ✓ **Funding:** up to 400 000 Eur per project;
- ✓ **Deadline for Applications:** 15 September 2020;
- ✓ **More info:** [click here.](#)



European Brain Research area (EBRA) call

- ✓ **Who can apply:** research clusters (including Sakartvelo);
- ✓ **Aim:** promote coordination and collaboration among research networks and projects that share the common goal of understanding the brain and its disorders;
- ✓ **Funded activities:** networking; expert advice on data related issues and exploitation of results; **links** with existing research infrastructures; communication and dissemination;
- ✓ **Eligible costs:** part of the costs for venue hire, catering, travel expenses and communication materials;
- ✓ **Deadline for Applications:** 1 January 2021.
- ✓ **More info:** [click here.](#)



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European Cluster Conference'2020

- ✓ **When:** 10-11 November 2020, online + Berlin;
- ✓ **Opportunity to:** have a say about cluster-related policy development at EU, national and regional level; learn about the forthcoming Joint Cluster Initiatives and other related EU cluster initiatives for post-Covid 19 recovery and clusters in industrial ecosystems; find out about the work of the European Expert Group on Clusters; hear from the experiences of cluster policy-makers, cluster managers and experts; team up with others by networking, etc;
- ✓ + European Cluster Conference Matchmaking Event will be held online on **11 and 12 November 2020**.
- ✓ More: [click the link.](#)



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The Brussels Economic Forum

- ✓ **When:** 8 September 2020, online.
- ✓ **Main topic:** Restarting the EU economy after Coronavirus.
- ✓ **More:** [click here.](#)



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European research & Innovation days

- ✓ **When:** 22-24 September 2020, online.
- ✓ **Opportunity to :** connect, take stock of research and innovation achievements in the global response to the pandemic and build on the EU's response: worldwide coordination of excellent science for global health, social and economic recovery.
- ✓ **More:** [click here.](#)



More useful links:



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