

Overview of common subsidies in Brussels - 2024

Premium for an investment

	The Brussels-Capital Region grants a subsidy to acquire a building or land, purchase equipment, carry out work, take over a business fund, etc.
Eligible costs	Purchased, built or extended land, buildings, equipment, furniture, software and (partially) patents and rolling stock are eligible, subject to exception.
Timing	You must draw up an intention (advance purchase order) before you start placing purchase orders.
Voorwaarden	▶ Being an SME (according to the European definition) ▶ A natural person or a legal entity (company) can apply for the grant¹ ▶ An establishment in one of the 19 communes of the Brussels-Capital Region ▶ Not to be a firm in difficulty or involved in proceedings for the recovery of aid ▶ Be active in the eligible sectors² ¹ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounts, etc. ² A list is available on request.
Amount	The amount of aid available is between 5% and 30% of the amount of your investment. This percentage depends on the size of the company and a number of other criteria, such as employment, innovation, level of innovation of the project, etc.

Premium for an investment: upgrading materials/objects or saving raw materials

	This grant from the Brussels-Capital Region allows your business to orient itself towards sustainable development through actions aimed at either collecting, sorting, storing and upgrading objects or residues, other than in the form of energy (only repair or creation of products), or at saving at least 20% of the cost price of raw materials, excluding facilities for saving energy or water.
Conditions	▶ Being an SME (according to the European definition) ▶ Acceptable legal form³ ▶ With a registered office in the Brussels-Capital Region ▶ Implementation of recycling activities as a social objective ▶ Minimum investment amount: EUR 5,000 ▶ Investments in second-hand furniture or equipment are excluded ▶ Comply with the applicable laws and regulations in the field of town and country planning, the environment, ... ³ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounting, etc...
Amount	A premium can be obtained that covers up to 40% of material investments that promote certain recycling activities. Such aid shall not exceed EUR 80,000 (de minimis aid).

Feasibility studies

	Are you an enterprise (small, medium or large) and want to check the technical feasibility and possibilities of your innovation? Innoviris finances 50% to 70% of the cost of a technical feasibility study carried out by a specialised institution, a recognised consultant with at least 2 years' experience, or in-house.
Conditions	▶ Being an SME or a large enterprise (according to the European definition) ▶ A company with activities in the Brussels-Capital Region ▶ The company has a sound financial situation ▶ The project may not start before the 1st day of the month following the submission of the application ▶ The company is able to bear the costs of its project itself
Amount	Aid of 50% to 70% of the costs for a technical feasibility study carried out by a specialised institution or a consultant.

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R&D projects	
	The Brussels-Capital Region provides financial support for the development, completion or implementation of an innovative product, process or service. R&D Projects grants financial aid for the development, completion or implementation of your R&D project.
Conditions	▶ Being an SME or a large enterprise with activities in the Brussels-Capital Region ▶ The company has a sound financial situation ▶ The R&D project aims at developing, completing or implementing an innovative product, process or service ▶ The R&D project may not start before the 1st day of the month following the submission of the application ▶ The company can bear its share of the project costs
Amount	With this mechanism, 15% to 70% of the costs can be pre-financed. The financing can be granted in 2 different forms: a grant or a repayable advance. In the first case, the financing remains yours. In the second case, you repay the financing (fixed part + variable part in proportion to the commercial success).
Proof of business	
	This support works on the basis of project assessment. It allows the economic and technical relevance of an innovative project to be assessed.
Conditions	▶ Being an SME or a large enterprise with activities in the Brussels-Capital Region ▶ The company has a sound financial situation ▶ The R&D project aims at developing, completing or implementing an innovative product, process or service ▶ The R&D project may not start before the 1st day of the month following the submission of the application ▶ Submitting an application file within the framework of a project tender (the time for submitting the file is not free) ▶ This support applies to any kind of activity sector. The project aims to develop a first technologically innovative product or service with a beneficial impact on the economy, employment or the sustainable development of the region
Amount	The support is given in the form of a grant of 50% to 70% of your budget, depending on whether it is a research or development project. The following tasks are eligible for PROOF OF BUSINESS funding: For the Proof of Concept part (if any): demonstrating the technical feasibility and viability of an innovative technology, method or idea, with the aim of developing a product/service with a technologically disruptive character: ▶ Development of a prototype ▶ Validation trials ▶ Field tests ▶ Etc. For the Proof of Business part: validation of the overall strategy/business model linked to the developed innovative product/service, in particular: ▶ Market research and determination of the commercial offering of the product/service and its integration into the overall business strategy ▶ Preparation of a distribution network for the developed product/service ▶ Testing and validation of prices ▶ Start-up of pre-orders ▶ Validation of the Proof of Concept with the test group ▶ Etc.

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