

ITEA is the Eureka Cluster on software innovation



Portugal

ANI – The Portuguese Innovation Agency

Catalysing and boosting innovation in Portugal

ANI aims to:

- Promote knowledge transfer between companies and R&D institutions in order to create value for the national economy
- Boost the participation of the Portuguese innovation ecosystem's entities in international funding programmes such as Horizon Europe and the Eureka Network ;
- Fund R&I – Research and Innovation, by managing a set of R&D instruments and innovation incentives.

Eligibility criteria

- Your project has been awarded with the ITEA 4 label
- It is mandatory to have **at least one Portuguese SME or Small Mid-Cap company** participating in the consortium.
- Portuguese companies can apply individually or in partnership with other Portuguese companies or research institutions.
- When the Portuguese companies apply in partnership with Portuguese research institutions, companies should assume the largest share of the national investment.
- Large companies are NOT eligible for funding.

Funding outlook

- ANI covers up to a maximum of 80% of project costs for SMEs and small mid-cap companies.
- ANI covers 85% of project costs for universities or research organisations provided the companies are not receiving State Aid indirectly.

For investments located at NUT II Lisboa, the maximum co-funding rate is 40% of eligible costs (both for companies and R&D institutions).

- Portuguese companies need to comply with the following financial autonomy ratios:
 - If SME or small mid-cap company: 15%
 - Companies that have been active for less than one year at the date of the application must demonstrate the capacity to finance the project with equity, equal to or greater than 20% of eligible costs

National Priorities

ANI will lead its activity following three major national objectives:

- Energy Transition- contributing to decarbonisation;
- Digital Transition - promoting technological efficiency.
- Cohesion - contributing to a balanced territorial development



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