



Subsidies granted by the Brussels-Capital Region

1. *Subsidies addressing specific investments*

Each and every enterprise, irrespective of its size, can obtain subsidies for activities in the field of:

- Rational use of energy
- Water saving
- Raw materials saving
- Environmental protection
- Adoption of European standards (excl. environmental issues)

These types of investments must necessarily tie in with production activities or provision of services engaging a minimum amount of 6.200 EUR or equivalent. The level of aid (reimbursement grant) is 15 or 20%.

2. *Subsidies addressing new investments*

Under specific terms, the investor can obtain a grant corresponding to as much as 25% of the total amount invested. This latest measure (entry into force as of 1 December 2005) applies to micro, small and medium enterprises. Large enterprises are excluded as are sectors of activity such as banks, insurance companies, real estate, health, law offices and notaries.

The investments themselves must fulfill certain conditions. They must necessarily relate to:

- Extension of an existing activity
- Bringing an existing activity up to date
- Start of a new activity

The minimum required investment is:

- 15.000 € for micro enterprises;
- 30.000 € for small enterprises ;
- 100.000 € for medium size enterprises.

The subsidy can take different forms:

- In cash for investments made with own funds
- In interests (exclusively for micro and small enterprises) for investments made with investment credits or through leasing contracts
- Exoneration of property tax during a maximum period of 5 years
- Authority to carry out double redemption

Note that the investment program must start within three months following the notification of the grant of the subsidy.

3. Subsidies addressing Research & Development

➤ Funding industrial research

The bearer of an industrial research project can obtain financial aid from the Brussels-Capital Region. The costs for the implementation of such research projects are financed through subsidies reaching as much as 50% of the eligible amount and, conditionally even higher.

➤ Funding of a pre-competition development

The bearer of a pre-competition development project can obtain financial aid from the Regional government, under following forms:

- A subsidy of up to 25% of the eligible amount of costs related to the execution of the project.
- A loan of up to 40% of the costs related to the project. The loan is reimbursable as a whole at the moment when the retained project reaches the market. This percentage can be revised upward.

4. Recruitment subsidies

In addition to the already existing federal measure – temporary exoneration of payment of social contributions – the employer can equally obtain recruitment grants from the Brussels-Capital Region.