

**BULGARIA: Synergies between ERDF and
Directly managed EU programs
ERDF: Program for Research, Innovation
and Digitalization for smart transformation
(PRIDST)**

Seal of Excellence under Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe in Bulgaria (1/4)



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Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)

- Support for enterprises with Seal Excellence (SoE) in Bulgaria is envisaged under the Component: **“Research and Innovation”**, Investment 1 **“Programme to accelerate economic recovery and transformation through research and innovation”**;
- Preparation of scheme **“Support for innovative SMEs, awarded with Seal of Excellence”**;
- **Beneficiaries:** Bulgarian SMEs that have received SoE in the period 2018-2023 by European Innovation Council (EIC) under **“Horizon 2020”** and **“Horizon Europe”**;
- **Total financing:** 52 738 326 euro.

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Program “Research, Innovation and Digitalization for Smart Transformation” 2021-2027 (PRDIST)

- Scheme for support for enterprises including SMEs awarded with SoE by EIC under “Horizon Europe” after 2024;
- This scheme will ensure compliance with the scheme for innovative SMEs under RRP;
- **Beneficiaries:** Bulgarian SMEs awarded with SoE after 2024 by EIC under “**Horizon Europe**”;
- **Total budget:** 60 924 370 euro, incl. 50 000 000 euro from European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 10 904 762 euro national funding;

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Program “Research, Innovation and Digitalization for Smart Transformation” 2021-2027 (PRDIST)

- Scheme for **support the participation in European Partnerships incl. projects with SoE;**
- Ensure funding for projects of the Bulgarian enterprises network incl. in partnership with research organizations and universities when participate in institutionalized European partnerships under “**Horizon Europe**”;
- The projects should cover priority areas of the Bulgarian Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization 2021-2027;
- **Example: Support for development of first Hydrogen valley in Bulgaria in case receives SoE under the Clean Hydrogen partnership call for small Hydrogen valleys;**
- **Total budget:** 49 239 076 euro (ERDF: 40 410 000 euro and national: 8 829 076 euro);

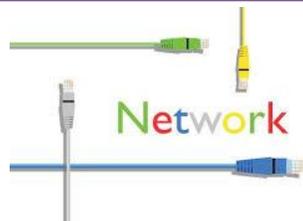
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Program “Research, Innovation and Digitalization for Smart Transformation” 2021-2027 (PRDIST)

- **Scheme** that will provide financial support to stimulate international cooperation and participation in EU framework programs for enhancing the capacity by international cooperation.
- Cumulative funding is envisaged for implementation of:
 - **Teaming** projects and
 - **Twinning** and **ERA Chairs** projects;
- The project proposals have to be inline with the “Horizon Europe” rules and passed the assessment thresholds of the respective “Horizon Europe” call;

Seal of Excellence (SoE) under Program “Digital Europe” in Bulgaria



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Program “Research, Innovation and Digitalization for Smart Transformation” 2021-2027 (PRDIST)

- Support for 8 (eight) Bulgarian European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) **awarded with Seal of Excellence under “Digital Europe” Program;**
- The measure will support the **establishment of initial network of EDIHs at EU level;**
- **Beneficiaries:** Bulgarian EDIHs selected by the European Commission and awarded with SoE after quality evaluation under **“Digital Europe” Program;**
- **Total budget:** 51 361 345 euro, incl. 41 300 000 euro ERDF and 10 061 345 euro national funding;



Cumulative/Combined Funding in Bulgaria



- ESIF and Digital Europe Program supporting 4 successful EU Digital and Innovation Hubs (50% from DEP and 50% from ESIF, PRIDST);
- ESIF and EU Partnerships – in case projects are funded under specific calls of institutionalized EU partnerships;
- Resources for 2 new TEAMING projects (in case successful under Horizon Europe) available.

Before application to HE a Letter of support is required



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