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**Activity 1.1.1.9 of the specific objective 1.1.1 "Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies" of the European Union Cohesion Policy Programme 2021-2027**

## **project 1.1.1.9/1/24/I/001 Post-doctoral research aid**

### **THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTIVITY**

**Develop the skills of new scientists and to increase the scientific capacity, ensuring the possibilities to start a career of new scientists in scientific institutions and with enterprises, as well as improvement of research competence, renewal of human resources and increase of the number of qualified specialists.**

### **THE REGULATION OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS**

Actions planned within the scope of the activity shall be directed towards the achievement of the objective specified in the **activity** objective and Cabinet Regulation No. 35 of 9 January 2024, Regulations for implementation of Activity 1.1.1.9 of the specific objective 1.1.1 "Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies" of the European Union Cohesion Policy Programme 2021-2027.

### **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Preparation and submission of the MSCA Project application</b>	Ensure the development and submission of a project application to attract funding for research and training and career development under the Marie Curie programme activity "Co-financing for Regional, national and International programmes (COFUND)" of the European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "HORIZON Europe"
<b>2.</b>	<b>Attraction of foreign postdoctoral researchers</b>	Ensure identification and attraction of postdoctoral researchers of a foreign state to scientific institutions or enterprises of Latvia.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Attraction and participation of enterprises</b>	Organize the attraction and participation of enterprises in the programme.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Involvement of postdoctoral researchers in Science Communication activities</b>	Develop and implement a strategy for the involvement of supported postdoctoral researchers in scientific communication activities.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Organizational support for post-doctoral training</b>	Provide organizational support for the implementation of post-doctoral training activities.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Selection and evaluation of research applications</b>	Ensure the selection and evaluation of research applications. International evaluation of the scientific quality of research applications is carried out by experts included in the European Commission's expert database, applying the evaluation approach and principles of the Marie Curie programme "Post-doctoral scholarship" of the European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe".
<b>7.</b>	<b>Compliance assessment of research applications</b>	Before granting aid, evaluate the compliance of research applications related to non-economic activity with the criteria mentioned in sub-paragraph 2.1. of Cabinet Regulation, or, if commercial activity aid is granted, provide an assessment of compliance with the conditions of commercial control in accordance with Commission Regulation No 651/2014.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Examination of applicants</b>	At the time when the decision on granting aid is made (in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 651/2014), it shall be examined whether the research applicant and co-operation partner (if applicable) have not encountered financial difficulties in accordance with Article 2 (18) of Commission Regulation No 651/2014
<b>9.</b>	<b>Provision of advisory and methodological support</b>	Provide advisory and methodological support to research applicants at all stages of the implementation of the research application.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Information and publicity activities</b>	Organize information and publicity activities on the implementation of research applications.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Conclusion of contracts with research applicants</b>	Organize conclusion of contracts with research applicants for the implementation of research applications.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Planning and allocation of funding</b>	Ensure the planning and allocation of funding necessary for the implementation of research applications.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Monitoring internal selection processes</b>	Ensure that the conditions of Regulation 2018/1046 Article 61 are followed in the process of internal selection of research applicants, if the research applicant carries out the internal selection of applications.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Monitoring of research applications</b>	Monitoring the implementation of research applications.
<b>15.</b>	<b>Control of research applications</b>	Ensure control of the implementation of research applications at the research implementation place during the research grant implementation period and post-monitoring period.

<b>16.</b>	<b>Improvements to the electronic platform</b>	Make the necessary improvements to the operation of the Postdoc electronic platform for submission of research applications and reports.
<b>17.</b>	<b>Project management and implementation</b>	Ensure project management and implementation.

<b>MONITORING INDICATORS</b>	
<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b>	165
<b>Research jobs created</b>	41
<b>Cooperation between research organizations (joint research projects)</b>	10 organizations
<b>Cooperation between companies and research organizations</b>	13 companies
<b>Publications in Web of Science and SCOPUS journals</b>	255
<b>New technologies and products</b>	80
<b>Private investment attracted</b>	EUR 628.142
<b>Project application for the Marie Curie activity “Co-financing for Regional, national and International programmes (COFUND)” of the European Union Framework Programme for Research and Innovation “HORIZON Europe”</b>	1

<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>EUR</b>
<b>Total funding planned</b>	39 044 566.60
<b>European Regional Development Fund</b>	33 187 881.51
<b>Co-financing of the State budget</b>	4 286 331.09
<b>Private co-financing</b>	1 570 354.00

<b>IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD</b>	
<b>Project 1.1.1.9/1/24/I/001 Post-doctoral research aid</b>	
<b>Agreement on the implementation of the Project</b>	June 17, 2024
<b>Project implementation deadline</b>	17 June 2024 to 31 December 2029