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# Cabinet Order No. 474

Riga, 18 June 2024 (Par. 9 of Minutes No. 25)

Regarding the Long-term State Research Programme “Innovation Fund – Long-term Research Programme”

1. In accordance with Section 13, Paragraph two, Clause 3 of the Law on Scientific Activity and on the basis of Paragraph 69.1 of Cabinet Regulation No. 560 of 4 September 2018, Procedures for the Implementation of State Research Programme Projects, to approve the long-term State research programme “Innovation Fund – Long-term Research Programme” (hereinafter –

the long-term programme).

1. The Ministry of Economics shall be assigned as the responsible authority for the implementation of the long-term programme.
2. [The total funding of the long-term programme for the period from 2024 to 2026 shall be EUR 22,000,000, including EUR 4,000,000 for 2024, EUR 10,000,000 for 2025 and EUR 8,000,000 for 2026. The programme is financed from the resources allocated from the State budget to the Ministry of Economics for the State budget programme 35.00.00 “State aid programmes”](https://likumi.lv/ta/id/301438#p69_1).
3. The overarching objective of the long-term programme is to develop new knowledge and also products and technology solutions in the long-term in the Smart Specialisation Strategy areas “Biomedicine, Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals” and “Photonics and Smart Materials, Technologies and Engineering Systems” approved in Latvia.
4. The objective of the long-term programme is to develop academic research and applied science competences for the development of innovative and commercialisable products and technologies in close collaboration with the Latvian biomedical, medical technology, pharmaceutical, photonics, smart materials, electronics, electrical engineering, technology and engineering systems industries.
5. The following tasks shall be defined for the achievement of the objective of the long-term programme:
   1. Smart Specialisation Strategy area “Biomedicine, Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals” – improvement of access to therapies in order to increase survival and working capacity by developing technologies for the production of medicines, their transporters and vaccines, implementation of reprofiling of medicines, discovery of new medicine and development studies, and also identification of new biomarkers and development of precision medicine solutions;
   2. Smart Specialisation Strategy area “Photonics and Smart Materials, Technologies and Engineering Systems” – development of optics, photonics, microelectronics, microfluidic devices, smart materials, data transmitting and communication technologies, sensors and engineering systems, robotics and future Internet of Things (IoT) solutions.
6. The following common (horizontal) tasks shall be defined for the long-term programme:
   1. formation and development of interdisciplinary and inclusive teams of internationally competitive researchers, using research methods and technologies that are recognised worldwide;
   2. development of collaboration between research groups and experts in the relevant national economy sector;
   3. participation in international networks and consortia;
   4. develop innovative solutions and promote their wider use;
   5. provision of information to the public, through the involvement of the relevant target groups, to promote knowledge transfer, understanding of the role and contribution of research in addressing issues of societal importance.
7. The following deliverables for the implementation of the long-term programme shall be defined for the period until 2032:
   1. at least 45 technologies, including prototypes, have been developed that meet Technology Readiness Levels 3, 4 (according to ISO 16290:2013), whereof at least 30 technologies meet Technology Readiness Levels 5, 6 (according to ISO 16290:2013);
   2. at least five new technologies, including prototypes, transferred for commercialisation.
8. In 2026, the long-term programme may be extended for further implementation until 2029 and in 2029 the long-term programme may be extended for further implementation until 2032, subject to the funding envisaged for this purpose under the State budget programme 35.00.00 “State aid programmes” of the Ministry of Economics, provided that the specified intermediate results of the long-term programme are achieved during the previous implementation period of the long-term programme.
9. In 2032, the long-term programme may be extended for up to one year without additional funding if this is necessary to consolidate and publicise the results of the long-term programme.

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