



Trend Chart on Innovation in Europe

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General presentation of the measure/scheme/action/regulation

Country

Greece

Geographical coverage, national or regional (state region)

(National)

Title of the measure

Sectoral Programme in the Agricultural Biotechnology / Τομεακό Πρόγραμμα στον Τομέ της Γεωργικής Βιοτεχνολογίας

Information Source/Reference

General Secretariat for Research and Technology - GSRT

Overview (nature, main goals)

The main target of the programme is the following: To focus national research and technological efforts on carefully selected production sectors of particular financial interest for the economy of Greece, as well as to encourage the co-ordinated use of systems for the communication of technology, research, training and innovation promotion to achieve the greatest possible result. More specifically, the aim of this programme is to bolster the activities and infrastructures of technological research and the development in the sector of Agricultural Biotechnology. There has been one call for proposals in 1998.

Action Plan objective addressed by measure

III.1. Strategic Vision of R&D

III.4. Co-operation Research/Universities/Companies

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Description of Scheme

General Information

Reference to legal basis (e.g. act, public document, ...)

Operational Programme for Research and Technology (EPET II), measure 1.2

Does the measure receive central funding or regional funding?

Central

Start date

1998

Expected date of completion

2000

Previous measure (name, date, links with the current measure)

None.

Reasons for launching/modifying the new measure



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To expand the implementation of biotechnology in agriculture in Greece.

Have any of the main features of the measure/scheme/action/regulation changed during its implementation

No.

What is the predominant role of the government?

Provider of co-funding, administrator.

Target Group

Who are the target groups of the measure?

Large Companies/Large Industrial Companies
SMEs/Industrial SMEs
Research Institutes
Universities
Researchers
Public Authorities/Organisations

Organisation and Implementation

Organisation and Structure

There has been one call for proposal in 1998. The total duration of the projects was 18 months.

What are the criteria for eligibility?

In the projects must participate a private company and a university or research centre. 1 contractor should have a direct relation with agricultural biotechnology and the proposed actions should not be financed by other sources. Evaluation Criteria: a. Potentiality for implementation of the project in relation with the method that will be used and the experience of the personnel (0-25), b. Trustworthiness and gravity of the bodies and the ability to carry out the project administratively, scientifically and organisationally (0-25), c. Innovation / Gravity of the project (0-25), d. Results and deliveries (0-30).

What is the mode of delivery of the measure?

The measure is delivered as a competitive grant. There have been two financial schemes:
A. Coordinator Public Agency: Public agencies 65% of the total budget, subsidy 70%, Partner agencies (private or wider public sector companies) 35% of the total budget, subsidy 50%.
B. Coordinator Private Company: Private company/ies 50% of the total budget, subsidy 50%, Partner agencies (private or wider public sector enterprises) 50% of the total budget, subsidy 50%, Sub-contractors (HEIs, research centres, ministries, services organisations) should not exceed the 20% of the total budget.

Financing : Overall budget allocated to the measure

1,786 bil Drachmas (5,25 mil Euros).

Financing : expenditure per year

Public contribution: 1/1/2000-30/9/2000, 1047 bil Drachmas (3.079 mil Euros).

Financing : other budgetary sources (additional financing)

Matching Funds.

Results

Result Measurement

What are the main indicators for the measurement of the results ?

Quality and exploitation of research results.

Where an evaluation has taken place, what were the main results achieved?

There will not be an official evaluation before October 2001.

If no official evaluation has been undertaken, have there been any indicators of success?

The achievement of the objectives.

Observations

Which mechanisms seem to function well in the measure?

Smooth implementation, creation of a solid national capability.

Which mechanisms seem to be less successful in the measure?

The projects were executed without problems.

Are there any other measures planned or in operation as a follow up to this measure? Direction of the planned measures? Objectives? Target groups?

A follow up will be a focused programme (ESPRO) for agro-industry research in the framework of the Operational Programme for Competitiveness.



