

## KNOWLEDGE+

The **knowledge+** incentive system will support projects in a broad range of areas including industry, energy, tourism, transportation, logistics and services. The incentive system is available to companies of any nature and legal form. Project proposals which involve collaboration with Madeira's existing scientific community are particularly encouraged. The goal of the system is to strengthen regional competencies in research and technological development.

Applications are open continuously. Madeira Tecnopolo is pleased to offer assistance in preparing proposals in strategic areas. Please contact [projects@madeiratecnopolo.pt](mailto:projects@madeiratecnopolo.pt) or the Project Coordinator at Madeira Tecnopolo for more information.

### Territorial Scope

The **knowledge+** incentive system is available to regional, national and international companies provided they have a legal presence within the European Union. All eligible investments must be realized within the Autonomous region of Madeira.

### Intellectual Property Policy

Rights to intellectual property created during R&D activities taking place under the **knowledge+** system will remain with the authoring entity. The right to disseminate these results after appropriate protection mechanisms are in place is reserved.

In co-promotion (partnership) projects, R&D entities will receive market-value compensation for intellectual property attributed to their efforts and transferred to their partners. Initial financial investments in projects will be deducted from the balance of such payments.



### Madeira Tecnopolo

Madeira Tecnopolo is a competence center tasked with adapting its region to a continuously changing physical, geographic and business space. Its goal is promote development in the strategic areas of innovation, applied research, new information and telecommunication technologies, sustainable development and the environment.

The **knowledge+** incentive system positions Madeira Tecnopolo as a key technical partner preparing and managing consortium project proposals and the establishment of international research centers in the following strategic areas:

- Technology, interaction and entertainment;
- Energy and environment;
- Health and biotechnology;

Madeira Tecnopolo works in close collaboration with the Madeira International Business Center one of the most attractive International Business Centers in the European Union. Visit <http://www.sdm.pt/WhyMadeira> for a detailed description of the competitive advantages.

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# R&D

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pólo científico e tecnológico da madeira

**Incentive System for Research,  
Technological Development and  
Innovation in the Autonomous  
Region of Madeira**

[www.madeiratecnopolo.pt/  
knowledge+](http://www.madeiratecnopolo.pt/knowledge+)

Promote the development of science, technology and the knowledge society in the region of Madeira.

Create and strengthen partnerships between national and international companies and higher education and research organizations within Madeira.

Increase regional levels of RD&I and the competitiveness and internationalization of the economic activity in Madeira.

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Typology	Company R&D			Creation / development of internal company R&D competences	Valorization and demonstration of R&D processes	Regional Structural Projects
<b>Project Type</b>	Individual and experimental development	Co-promotion (in partnership)	R&D Voucher	Creation / development of company R&D centers and laboratories	Valorization and demonstration of R&D processes	Company RD&I Projects (Individual or in co-promotion)
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Companies	Companies and regional R&D entities	SMEs and contracted R&D entities	Labs: SMEs Centers: Companies	Companies	Companies and regional R&D entities
<b>Maximum Duration</b>	24 months	36 months	12 months	36 months	18 months	24 to 36 months
<b>Minimum investment</b>	100 000€	100 000€	5 000€	100 000€	100 000€	case-to-case depending on the project impact
<b>Type of incentive</b>	Up to 75%		75%	Up to 50%	Up to 75%	Up to 80%
	Maximum of 1 500 000€		Max. 25 000€ (limited to 200 000€ in 3 years)	Maximum: Groups: 500 000€ Centers: 1 000 000€	Max: 1 000 000€	Defined by European Union limits
<b>Eligible expenses</b>	<p><b>All projects except R&amp;D Voucher</b>                      Expenses with technical support staff, existing or hired exclusively dedicated to R&amp;D activities, including scholarships of entities of the regional R&amp;D system when entirely supported by the beneficiary company;                      Expenses with hired research and patents acquired or licensed from external sources;                      Raw materials and components required to build pilot or experimental installations for demonstration or prototyping purposes;                      Services acquired from external parties, including technical and scientific assistance or consulting services;                      Acquisition of instruments or technical and scientific equipment for the project, including software specifically for the goals of the project;                      Expenses associated with the requests for patents, utility models and drawings or schemas in Portugal or other countries as long as done through the regional, national and european administrations, in particular, taxes, research for the state of the art and consultancy honorary related to intellectual property;                      Expenses with the promotion and dissemination of the results of the innovation project of the product or process applied to the commercial application in the sector or the final user of target companies;                      Expenses with international missions directly related to the project and effectively required for it's goals;                      Expenses with the certification process of the management system for research, development and innovation;                      Expenses with the realization of the project related to adapting buildings and installations to the creation and development of groups, centers and research labs;                      Transport, insurance, assembly and disassembly of equipment and installations specifically related to the project;                      Expenses related to the real-world application to the economic sector of the project, in particular computational models and prototypes required to simulate and demonstrate the results; registration and renting fees for national or international dissemination events including conferences and showrooms;                      Expenses with official accounting reviewing and certification entities;                      Acquisition of services to third parties related to management of the financial and accounting process related to the project, including preparation, monitoring and control, up to the limit of 5% of the total eligible expenses;                      Expenses with technical staff of the consortium leader, existing or hired, for activities related to the management and coordination of the project, up to the limit of 5% of the total eligible expenses;                      Indirect costs imputed according to a method specific by the coordination authority;  <b>Only R&amp;D Voucher</b> - exclusively expenses hired from entities of the regional R&amp;D system - research centers and Universities;</p>					
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>A. Technical-scientific quality of the project                      B. Contribute to the competitiveness of the beneficiary companies (effects and results);                      C. Contribute to the regional politic for RD&amp;I, measured in terms of adequacy to the strategic regional priorities, in particular, the integration in cluster and other territorial competitiveness focus areas;                      D. Degree of innovation of the project;                      E. Integration in national, european and international networks and partnerships of RD&amp;I;</p>					

The current information does not substitute all the legal regional, national and european legislation applied to the +knowledge program

