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 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.

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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**Eligible expenses**
- All projects except R&D Voucher
- Expenses with technical support staff, existing or hired exclusively dedicated to R&D activities, including scholarships of entities of the regional R&D system when entirely supported by the beneficiary company;
- 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;
- 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 related to intellectual property;
- Expenses with official accounting reviewing and certification entities;
- 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, according to a method specific by the coordination authority;
- Only R&D Voucher—exclusively expenses hired from entities of the regional R&D system—research centers and Universities.

**Selection criteria**
A. Technical-scientific quality of the project
B. Contribute to the competitiveness of the beneficiary companies (effects and results);
C. Contribute to the regional policy for RD&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&I;

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