PKF Malta

MALTA BUSINESS ENHANCE GRANT SCHEMES 2026

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Introduction

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Available grant schemes for Your Business to grow and transform.

Every business needs to ensure that growth prospects are clear and that resources to achieve that desired goal are available.

However, the market environment is currently becoming more uncertain, which might hinder businesses' capacity to acquire finance and, eventually, prevent them from being able to implement their business strategies. These uncertainties also pose a threat to many firms that have just recently begun to recover from the pandemic's impact.

The Maltese Government, with support from the European Union, has acknowledged the importance of supporting enterprises, particularly the small and medium ones, not only to achieve growth but more importantly embrace digitalization and sustainable technology and practices. Currently, there are two business enhancement schemes available:

By virtue of over €40 Million in financial grant, the Business Enhance Grant Schemes, part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund 2021-2027, aim to support SMES to achieve sustainable business growth and become more competitive, innovative, and resilient to market challenges. [1]

[1]FONDI.eu | Business Enhance

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1. Standards & Awards for SMEs [2]

Open Calls as of March 13, 2026:

Rationale

SMEs often lack the internal expertise to align their operations with international benchmarks. Specialised guidance helps these businesses adopt formal frameworks that increase operational efficiency and provide the market credibility needed to compete globally.

Purpose

Aims to support SMEs to part-finance costs incurred for external advisory services contracted to prepare the enterprise for and successfully achieve a recognised standard.

Who is eligible?

Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises

What are the benefits?

The maximum grant value under this scheme is set at €15,000. However, applicants seeking to achieve more than two standards may be eligible for an increased maximum grant value of €20,000.

What are the qualifying activities?

Advisory services aimed at acquiring a standard or an award.

What are the eligible costs?

Advisory services leading to the acquiring of a standard or award, procured from an external Service Provider which is registered with the IB and is autonomous and unrelated to the Beneficiary Undertaking.

Cut-off dates

- 27 March 2026
- 17 April 2026
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[2] FONDI.eu | Standards & Awards for SMEs

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2. Internationalisation Strategy for SMEs [3]

Rationale
SMEs are significant contributors of economic growth and to navigate the complexities of foreign markets and bridge the gap between local success and global expansion targeted consultancy are necessary.

Purpose
Seeks to support SMEs to part-finance costs incurred for external services contracted to provide an Internationalisation Strategy.

Who is eligible?
Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises

What are the benefits?
The maximum grant is €20,000.

What are the qualifying activities?
External services contracted to provide an Internationalisation Strategy.

What are the eligible costs?
The scheme shall seek to support SMEs through non-repayable Grants to part-finance an internationalisation strategy procured from external Service Providers which are registered with the IB and which are autonomous and unrelated to the Beneficiary Undertaking.

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[3] FONDI.EU | Internationalisation Strategy for SMEs
[4]FONDI.EU | Marketing Strategy for Micro & Small Enterprises

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3. Marketing Strategy for Micro and Small Enterprises [4]

Rationale
Micro and small firms often lack the resources to build clear, structured marketing strategies. This grant aims to change that by supporting businesses in developing a focused strategic approach to growth.

Purpose
Aims to support micro and small sized enterprises to part-finance costs incurred for external services contracted to provide an Marketing Strategy.

Who is eligible?
Micro and Small Enterprises

What are the benefits?
The maximum grant value under this scheme is set at €10,000.

What are the qualifying activities?
External services contracted to provide a Marketing Strategy.

What are the eligible costs?
The scheme shall seek to support Micro and Small enterprises through non-repayable Grants to part-finance a marketing strategy procured from external Service Providers which are registered with the IB and which are autonomous and unrelated to the Beneficiary Undertaking.

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4. Digitalise your SME[5]

Rationale
SMEs often operate with limited in-house expertise, making it challenging to keep pace with rapidly evolving markets. In an increasingly globalized landscape, staying competitive requires the adoption of advanced, modern technologies to remain relevant and thrive against international competition.

Purpose
Seeks to support digitalisation investment initiatives by Start-ups and SMEs to intensify the digitalisation of operations.

Who is eligible?
Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

What are the benefits?
The minimum grant value under this scheme is set at €10,000 whilst the maximum grant value is set at €128,400 for eligible actions.

What are the qualifying activities?
Investments in digital technologies and related processes in the enterprise

What are the eligible costs?
- Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) and Custom Software
- Hardware & Analytical Tools
- Cyber Security systems & Artificial intelligence (AI)
- Cyber Security & Quantum Technology
- Routers, switches and WIFI related equipment

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[5]FONDI.EU | Digitalise your SME
[6] FONDI.eu | SME Enhance

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5. SME Enhance[6]

Rationale
Long-term commercial success depends on a firm's ability to invest strategically in growth and expand beyond its core operations. By directing capital toward innovation and diversification, SMEs can secure long-term, resilient growth.

Purpose
This incentive shall seek to support undertakings through non-repayable grants to part-finance investment in relation to the activities outlined and aimed at potentially improving the productivity of the enterprise.

Who is eligible?
Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

What are the benefits?
The minimum grant value under this scheme is set at €10,000 whilst the maximum grant value is set at €128,400 for eligible actions.

What are the qualifying activities?
Productive investments in Tangible and Intangible assets related to the expansion, diversification, innovation of the operations, as well as on initial investments.

What are the eligible costs?

- Equipment and Machinery
- Ancillary items
- Lease of private operational premises

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6. Business Reports for SMEs[7]

Rationale
SMEs may engage external consultancy services who can share significant ideas to be used as a refence in their decision making process.

Purpose
Aims to support SMEs in procuring business reports from external consultants.

Who is eligible?
Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

What are the benefits?
Grant value is set at a lump sum of €4,000 (representing an aid intensity of 80% of the eligible costs)

What are the qualifying activities?
- Process and Systems Review aimed in improving the efficiency of the business
- Business Plan for proposed investment initiative

What are the eligible costs?
Business Plan or Process and Systems Review procured from an external Consultancy Service Provider which is registered with the IB and is autonomous and unrelated to the beneficiary

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[7] FONDI.eu | Business Reports for SMEs

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