



Criteria for selecting grant holders

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Applications will be assessed for compliance within the following selection criteria:

- A. Formal (access) criteria - score: 0-1 point
- B. Substantive criteria - score: 0-10 points

During the substantive assessment, the project can receive a maximum of 60 points. For a project to be recommended for participation in the acceleration programme, it must:

- Meet all formal criteria, i.e., obtain 10 points;
- Obtain the required minimum score in each criterion of substantive assessment;
- Obtain a total of at least 26 points.

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A. Formal (access) criteria

P.O.O	Criteria name	Description of criterion	Verification source	Assessment method (pnt)	Minimum points required
1.	Eligibility of the Applicant as a final beneficiary to participate in the project	<p>The Applicant is an individual or organisation that has submitted an application and declared that, at least on the date of signing the Grant Agreement, it will have the status of a micro or small entrepreneur, unlisted for up to five years after its registration and meets the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) has not yet distributed profits; 2) has not taken over/ is not going to take over the activity of another entrepreneur; 3) has not been/will not be formed as a result of a merger, and: 4) it operates in the form of a capital company in which at least 50% of shares are held by persons who are not Polish citizens 5) at least one member of the company's management board is not a Polish citizen. <p>The status referred to above will result from conducting business activity in the territory of the Republic of Poland confirmed by an entry in the relevant register.</p> <p>The Applicant declares that it has at its disposal the necessary resources in order to achieve the goals of the accelerator programme set by the Accelerator</p>	Declaration included in the Application (application form)	<p>0 pt – The applicant has not submitted a declaration on eligibility as a final beneficiary to participate in the project</p> <p>1 pt – The applicant has declared his/her eligibility as a Final Beneficiary to participate in the project</p>	1 pt
2.	Timely submission of the Application	The application was submitted and delivered to the Accelerator by the applicable deadline.	Date of submission and delivery of the Application	0 pt – The application was not submitted and delivered to the Accelerator by the applicable deadline	1 pt

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				1 pt – The application was submitted and delivered to the Accelerator by the applicable deadline	
3.	Completeness of Application	All required information in the Application has been submitted.	Content of the Application	0 pt – at least one piece of required information in the Application has not been provided 1 pt – all information required in the Application has been given	1 pt
4.	Acceptance of the rules on the Application	The Rules of Recruitment have been accepted by the Applicant.	Content of the Application	0 pt – The Selection Regulations have not been accepted by the Applicant 1 pt – The Selection Regulations have been accepted by the Applicant	1 pt
5.	Submission of statements and declarations included in the Application	All required statements in the Application have been completed by the Applicant.	Statements included in the Application (application form)	0 pt – at least one required statement in the Application has not been submitted by the Applicant 1 pt – all required statements in the Application have been submitted by the Applicant	1 pt
6.	No reason why the applicant should not receive assistance	The applicant: 1) is not an entity excluded under Article 207 of the Act of 27 August 2009 on public finance, and in relation to the Applicant the conditions set out in: 1) Article 12(1)(1) of the Act of 15 June 2012 on the results of employing foreigners unlawfully residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland (Journal of Laws of 2012, item 769);	Declaration included in the Application	0 pt – The Applicant has not declared that there are no grounds preventing them from receiving assistance 1 pt – The Applicant has declared that there are no grounds preventing them from receiving assistance	1 pt

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Art. 9 sect. 1 item 2 and 2a of the Act of 28 October 2002 on liability of collective entities for acts prohibited under penalty (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 358, as amended); 3) Art. 6b par. 3 of the Act of 9 November 2000 on the establishment of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 299); 4) Article 37(3) of the Act of 11 July 2014 on the principles for the implementation of programmes on cohesion policy financed in the financial perspective 2014-2020 (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 818, as amended); 5) Article 2(18) of the EC Regulation No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Article 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Official Journal of the European Union L 187 of 26.06.2014, p. 1, as amended.); 6) § 4 sections 1-5 of the Ordinance of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 10 July 2015 on granting financial aid under the Operational Programme Intelligent Development 2014-2020 by the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (Dz. U. of 2020, item 2133). 			
7.	Possession of rights to dispose of the solution	The Applicant has full rights to the solution described in the Application.	Declaration included in the Application	<p>0 pt – the Applicant did not declare having full rights to the solution described in the Application</p> <p>1 pt – the Applicant declared having full rights to the solution described in the Application</p>	1 pt
8.	Technological readiness of the solution	The solution has reached a technology readiness level - at least TRL5.	Content of the Application	0 pt – the solution described in the Application has not reached a technological readiness of TRL5 level	1 pt

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				1 pt - the solution described in the Application has reached the TRL5 level of technological readiness	
9.	Compatibility of the solution with horizontal rules	<p>The Applicant's solution complies with the horizontal rules listed in Articles 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, i.e:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the promotion of equal opportunities between women and men and non-discrimination, in accordance with Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013 and in accordance with the Guidelines on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities and the principle of equal opportunities between women and men under the EU Funds for the period 2014-2020 2) sustainable development as referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 r. 	Statement and content included in the Application	<p>0 pt – The Applicant has not made a declaration on the compatibility of the solution within the horizontal rules and/or it follows from the justification indicated in the Application that the solution does not comply with horizontal rules</p> <p>1 pt – The Applicant has made a declaration that the solution is compatible with the horizontal rules, and that the justification indicated in the Application shows that the solution is compatible with the horizontal rules</p>	1 pt
10.	The application covers a solution within the National Intelligent Specialisation	The solution described in the Application fits into the strategic document entitled "National Smart Specialisation", which is an annex to the Enterprise Development Programme adopted by the Council of Ministers on 8 April 2014.	Content of the Application (application form)	<p>0 pt – The application does not cover a solution within the National Intelligent Specialisation</p> <p>1 pt – The application covers a solution within the National Intelligent Specialisation</p>	1 pt

B. Substantive criteria

P.O.O	Criteria name	Description of criterion	Verification source	Assessment method (pt)	Minimum points required
Level 1 - Application assessment					
1.1.	Potential of the Applicant's team delegated to the accelerator programme	The applicant's declared team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team has adequate experience, and previous achievements, in relation to tasks performed as part of the acceleration programme, and the skills and competencies of the team members are diverse and adapted to particular stages of the acceleration programme, i.e., they include areas related to both the business processes and the development & implementation of innovative solutions from the area of specialisation indicated in the Application; Possesses the knowledge (insight) justifying why the Applicant's solution has a good chance of business success within the acceleration programme; Is numerically and qualitatively competent with respect to the specifics of the business idea described in the Application; declares the involvement of at least two members in the acceleration programme of at least 1 FTE (total). 	Content of the Application	0-10 pt	4 pt
1.2.	Potential of the Applicant's business model	The Applicant's business model is characterised by a set of features constituting its high degree of competitiveness and market advantage, its high level of innovation, and its adequate business risk in the context of the assumptions of the acceleration programme, as well as its profitability. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The description of the business model is sufficient enough so in order to understand its strengths and weaknesses; proves that the Applicant's solution addresses the unmet needs of the Polish market and allows the achievement of a strategic advantage in relation to already existing solutions on the global market; justifies the choice of the market by pointing out its key features which are important in terms of successful implementation of the business model; The Applicant's solution has unique features in relation to those already present on the global market in terms of functionality, processes and key elements; it is complex to replicate due to the high quality of the technology used and / or the level of protection of intellectual rights; The Applicant's solution is in line with the assumptions of the acceleration programme and there are no significant conditions hindering the implementation of the business assumptions on the target market; 	Content of the Application	0-10 pkt	4 pkt

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The description of the business model justifies the high probability of viability of the solution, including an explanation of the value proposition, taking into account relevant technology elements and factors that have, or may have, an impact on business success (e.g., production, sales or cost structure). 			
1.3.	Implementation potential of the solution	<p>The Applicant's solution has a good chance of successful initial implementation within the acceleration programme. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The activities focused on the development of the solution so far prove the determination and readiness of the team to achieve the set goals; the content of the Application contains quantitative and qualitative information about the successful stages of the development of the technology in accordance with the assumptions made so far; The described solution is not burdened with legal, technological or financial risks at a level which makes it difficult to achieve the goals of the accelerator programme; The described solution is at a technology readiness level of TRL5 or higher thus enabling the development and testing of an MVP in a near-real-life environment in cooperation with technology customers or investors involved in the acceleration programme. The described solution has already been market verified and implemented in a / the foreign market and it generates revenue. 	Content of the Application	0-10 pt	4 pt
1.4.	Consistency of the Applicant's vision within the accelerator programme model	<p>The Applicant's Solution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It fits into one of the specialisation areas of the accelerator programme (pharmaceutical biotechnology, bioeconomy and Industrial Internet of Things - IIoT); It significantly contributes to the positive impact on the implementation of the EU horizontal principles listed in Articles 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in particular the principle of sustainable development by describing in the business model the elements that are important to promote environmental protection, resource efficiency, climate change adaptation and mitigation, biodiversity, disaster resilience and environmental risk prevention and management. 	Content of the Application and declarations made	0-10 pt	4 pt
1.5.	The potential of cooperation with a Business Partner	<p>The application comprehensively describes the potential of working with a business partner participating in an accelerator programme, inclusive of allowing you to state that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant's solution is closely related to the business partner's strategy (the technology customer's challenges or the investor's strategy and business model); 	Content of the Application	0-10 pt	4 pt

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant has a creative and clear vision for working with the business partner, including justification of why and how this collaboration will contribute to achieving their business goals; - the cooperation may have a significant impact on strengthening the competitive position of the recipient of the technology in the pilot implementation process, or the implementation of the investor's investment strategy (if applicable). 			
Level 2 - assessment within the framework of <i>Open Call</i> (<i>Connect Verification Track</i>) On the basis of Open Call, the Application is positively verified by the Panel of Experts, i.e., they score at least 6 points. In the instance of failing to achieve this level of assessment, the Applicant is given an additional task and is invited to the next round of calls.					
2.1.	Consistency of the Applicant's vision with the acceleration programme's objectives	The applicant has proved, or has justified, their application during the online meeting with the Panel of Experts, including the pitch presentation and Q&A session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The business model of the solution addresses the minimum requirements for participation in the acceleration programme; • Why & how its solution can be implemented within the accelerator programme; • The team indicated in the Application has the adequate potential necessary to realise the objectives of the acceleration programme; • The solution is realistic to implement for the recipient of the technology, or, there is a high probability of reaching a pre-investment agreement (term sheet) with the investor within the timeframe reckoned by the Accelerator. 	<i>Open Call</i>	0-5 pt	3 pt
2.2.	The consistency of vision of the commercialisation of the solution with the potential of a Business Partner	The applicant has demonstrated in an online meeting with a Panel of Experts, including a pitch presentation and a Q&A session, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is familiar with the needs of business partners including the technology recipient's challenges and its market, or the investor's investment strategy (if applicable); • Analyses correctly (and proposes ways to solve) the business problems of technology users or investors' investment objectives; is able to explain how his/her solution may fit in with, or contribute to, their business objectives; • Identifies areas of synergy in the commercialisation strategy of the solution taking into account the objectives of business partners. 	<i>Open Call</i>	0-5 pt	3 pt
Level 3 - determinative assessment					
3.1.	The compatibility of the solution within the	At least 55% of the Applications positively assessed at level 2 should be in line with the specialisation areas of the acceleration programme (pharmaceutical biotechnology, bioeconomy and Industrial Internet of Things - IIoT).	Contents of the Application, ranking	Not applicable	Not applicable

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	<p>specialisation areas of the accelerator programme</p>		<p>list taking into account level 1 and 2 assessment.</p>		
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