

OVERVIEW OF COMMON SUBSIDIES IN WALLONIA - 2023

INVESTMENT AID

	The Walloon Region provides support to large enterprises (LE) and SMEs investing in economic expansion.
Eligible costs	Purchased, built or extended land, buildings, equipment, furniture, software and (partially) patents and rolling stock are eligible, subject to exception.
Timing	You must draw up an intention (preliminary file) before you start placing purchase orders. A complete file must be submitted within 6 months.
Large enterprise	
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Being a large enterprise (according to the European definition)▶ Acceptable legal form¹▶ Funding of at least 25% from private sources▶ Eligible activity sector²▶ At least 1 company seat in a development zone▶ Minimum investment amount of EUR 1,000,000▶ Must create jobs▶ An investment to promote a new economic activity (setting up an establishment, or diversification of the activity of an existing establishment) <p>¹ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounting, etc. ² A list is available on request.</p>
Amount	A premium of up to 10% of the investments is granted and an exemption from property tax for up to 5 years for immovable properties.
Small and medium-sized enterprises	
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Being an SME▶ Acceptable legal form¹▶ Funding of at least 25% from private sources▶ Eligible activity sector²▶ At least 1 company seat in Wallonia. Being located in a development zone results in a higher percentage of the aid amount▶ Minimum investment is higher than the average depreciation over the last 3 years▶ This does not require the creation of jobs, but it is advantageous for the percentage of the aid amount <p>¹ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounting, etc. ² A list is available on request.</p>
Amount	A premium of up to 18% of the investments is granted and an exemption from property tax for up to 5 years for immovable properties.

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PREMIUM FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE

	The Walloon Region grants an investment premium to companies with an investment programme focused on sustainable energy use (energy production from renewable sources, efficient co-generation and energy savings during the production process).
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Being an SME or a large enterprise (according to the European definition) ▶ Acceptable legal form¹ ▶ Funding of at least 25% from private sources ▶ Eligible activity sector² ▶ At least 1 company seat in Wallonia. Being located in a development zone results in a higher percentage of the aid amount ▶ Minimum investment is EUR 25,000 ▶ This does not require the creation of jobs <p>¹ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounting, etc. ² A list is available on request.</p>
Amount	A premium of 20% to 50% of the investments linked to the size of the company and the type of investment, as well as an exemption from property tax for 3 to 5 years.

PREMIUM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

	The Walloon Region grants an investment premium and an exemption from property tax for 3 to 5 years to companies with an investment programme for environmental protection.		
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Being an SME or a large enterprise (according to the European definition) ▶ Acceptable legal form¹ ▶ Funding of at least 25% from private sources ▶ Eligible activity sector² ▶ At least 1 company seat in Wallonia. Being located in a development zone results in a higher percentage of the aid amount ▶ Minimum investment is EUR 25,000 ▶ This does not require the creation of jobs <p>¹ Not included in the declarations: non-profit organisations, associations, cooperations without accounting, etc. ² A list is available on request.</p>		
Amount	An investment grant of 10% to 40% of the extra cost of the investment and an exemption from property tax for 3 to 5 years Aid amount = eligible basis (additional costs) x gross rate		
	CRITERIA	SME	LE
	Investment to exceed permit standards	30%	15%
	Investment to exceed standards and with ISO 14001 certification	35%	17.50%
	Investment to exceed standards and with EMAS certification	40%	20%
	Investments allowing for early adaptation to future Community standards, provided that the investments are made and completed more than 3 years before the date of entry into force of the standard	SE: 15%	
		SE: 10%	
	Investments allowing for early adaptation to future Community standards, provided that the investments are implemented and completed between 1 and 3 years before the date	SE: 10%	

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – WIN4COMPANY

	<p>Win4Company wants to help companies finance an industrial research or experimental development project. This project aims to acquire new knowledge in terms of scientific and technical progress or to use knowledge to develop a product, process or service. This project can also strengthen the scientific and technological potential of society.</p>
Conditions	<p>The projects are evaluated according to the legal basis described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The innovative nature of the project ▶ The quality of the project, its technical feasibility and its relevance to the techno-economic needs of the Walloon region ▶ The enterprise must be able to convert the expected results of the project ▶ The project must contribute to sustainable development ▶ The enterprise must be able to meet the project's current and foreseeable financial requirements or be in a position to obtain additional funding to cover such requirements ▶ The project involves a clear form of risk ▶ The complete application for aid must be submitted before the start of the R&D programme
Amount	<p>The aid is given in the form of a grant or a repayable advance of which the percentage depends on the type of research and the size of the enterprise, ranging from 35% to 70% of the eligible expenditure, which may be increased within the framework of cooperation.</p> <p>For industrial research, the aid is given in the form of a grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 70% for small enterprises ▶ 60% for medium-sized enterprises ▶ 50% for large enterprises <p>For experimental development, the support is granted in the form of a repayable advance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 55% for small enterprises ▶ 45% for medium-sized enterprises ▶ 35% for large enterprises <p>In the case of a cooperation, and under certain conditions, the above percentages can be increased in the case of effective cooperation between a Walloon SME and at least 1 other Walloon enterprise, on the one hand, and a Walloon enterprise and an enterprise outside Wallonia, on the other. This increase amounts to 10% for financing in the form of grants and 15% for financing in the form of a repayable advance.</p>

TECHNICAL SUPPORT GRANTS – WIN4EXPERTISE

	<p>Win4Expertise is a programme consisting of 3 main lines through which businesses can call on an external expert to determine the potential of an innovative technology. The 3 main lines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Win4Expertise programme - Advice on strategic marketing ▶ The Win4Expertise programme - Patent programme ▶ The Win4Expertise programme - Technical support
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Being an SME (according to the European definition) ▶ The projects are evaluated according to the legal basis described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ the innovative nature of the project ▶ the quality of the project, its technical feasibility and its relevance to the techno-economic needs of the Walloon Region ▶ the enterprise must be able to implement the expected results of the project ▶ the project must contribute to sustainable development ▶ the enterprise must be able to meet the project's current and foreseeable financial requirements or be in a position to obtain additional funding to cover such requirements ▶ the project involves a clear form of risk ▶ The complete application for aid must be submitted before the start of the R&D programme
Amount	<p>In the context of technical and marketing support, a subsidy of 75% of the costs of subcontracting is granted. A subsidy of 15% to 50% of the patenting costs is granted within the framework of the patent expertise.</p>
Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ With the Win4Expertise/Advice programme in the field of strategic marketing, SMEs can obtain external advice to determine the commercial potential of an innovative product or process developed internally or through the purchase of innovative technology. ▶ Win4Expertise/Technical support enables SMEs to call upon an external public body: an accredited collective research centre, public research organisation, university research unit or college, to provide technical services (analyses, measurements, tests, etc.) based on an innovation support and advice approach, preferably prior to in-house R&D activities. ▶ Win4Expertise/Patent allows SMEs to protect an innovation by filing or obtaining a patent for the purpose of using the innovation.