## National Annex Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE) BRICS STI Framework Programme 4<sup>rd</sup> Coordinated call for BRICS multilateral projects 2020

FASIE can provide funding for innovative projects (TRL level 3-7) under the following thematic areas:

1. Research and development of new technologies/tools for diagnosing COVID-19.

2. Research and development of COVID-19 vaccines and drugs, including repurposing of available drugs.

3. Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and studies on the epidemiology and mathematical modeling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. AI, ICT and HPC oriented research for COVID-19 drugs design, vaccine development, treatment, clinical trials and public health infrastructures and systems

5. Epidemiological studies and clinical trials to evaluate the overlap of SARS-CoV-2 and comorbidities, especially tuberculosis.

FASIE will support at least 2 projects under the current call, provided there are enough applications and projects receive positive evaluations from ALL funding agencies.

The applications to FASIE must be submitted until **September**, **2nd**, **2020** and applications sent after this date will not be considered valid.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

**Only small companies** according to the Russian law can apply- (Federal Law  $N_{209}$ , Article 4): up to 100 personnel, up to 800M Rubles turnover and less than 49% participation of public, foreign and large companies. Special exception is made for "Skolkovo" residents.

Universities, research organizations and other public bodies can participate as subcontractors (with not more than 30% share received as a grant from FASIE being subcontracted). This is very important, as a lot of the projects are Academia and University-driven. FASIE requires the project to have an industrial and economic agenda. The company performing R&D hast to be real, it must have turnover, a proven track record of work, IP registered in its name, emlployees working permanently at this company and the company has to have a potential for international cooperation.

# FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Maximum amount per Russian part of the project- 15 million Roubles SME must cofinance 30% of the amount requested from FASIE (i.e. 5 million Roubles). Project duration: 18 months or 24 months.

## What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- a. Costs of personnel/salaries **up to 80%**
- b. Special equipment **up to 10%**
- c. Materials and supplies **up to 30%**
- d. Subcontracting **up to 30%**
- e. Other costs: **up to 10%**

#### Events NOT ELIGIBLE

#### Travel NOT ELIGIBLE

#### Subsistence allowance NOT ELIGIBLE

All other costs, not related directly to R&D (patenting, commercialization, marketing, etc, must be covered by co-financing).

#### **SUBMISSION**

Proposals must be submitted as follows:

- Joint Application Form to the Call Secretariat by the leading PI/General Coordinator (for central registration, coordination and statistics).
- National application must be submitted through the online application system: <u>http://online.fasie.ru</u>

Each international consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries (including Russia). Applicants outside BRICS countries can participate in the project at their own expense and are not considered as a partner from participating country.

# **OTHER CONDITIONS**

The company which has an "open" contract with FASIE when applying for is not eligible;

Companies which received funding from FASIE previously will have to provide additional materials showing the effectiveness of the funded projects;

The project must add benefit to the national economy and demonstrate added value from the international cooperation.

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