

I. Development Incentives for SMEs in 2024

1. SEF in 2024:

- offers a total of approx. **EUR 162 million in development incentives for SMEs**
 - of which **EUR 140.81 million** have already been tendered,
- **EUR 89.19 million** has been approved so far and **1,939 projects** have been supported,
- **887 applications** are under evaluation,
- **approximately EUR 21 million** remain available until the end of the year.

2. Overview of All Calls for Tenders 2024:

a) OPEN Calls for Tenders in 2024

Product name	Amount of funds available in EUR million	Appropriations in EUR million	Number of supported projects	Amount of funding	Publication of the call for tender	Application deadline
P7 2 2024 - Micro Loans 2024	10.00	/	/	EUR 5,000 to EUR 25,000 of microcredit	6. 9. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 74/2024	4. 10. and 4. 11. 2024
P1 plus 2024 - Guarantees by the SEF for bank loans with interest rate subsidies	66.00	45.19	438	up to EUR 1,250,000 of bank credit	19. 4. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 34/2024	1. 10. and 15. 10. 2024
V1 - Voucher for participation in business delegations abroad	0.5	0.17	138	grants from EUR 300 to EUR 3,000	12. 4. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 32/2024	until 31 March 2028 or until all funds have been allocated
V2 – Voucher for patents, models, brands	2.0	0.2	79	grants from EUR 500 to EUR 5,000	10. 5. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 32/2024	until 31 March 2028 or until all funds have been allocated
V4 - Ownership transfer voucher	0.7	/	/	grants from EUR 500 to EUR 9,000	4. 10. in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 85/2024	until 31 March 2028 or until all funds have been allocated
Public call for start-up mentors	The SEF selects start-up mentors to actively participate in the start-up mentoring process. Mentoring is part of the DevelopmentPlus Programme. Public call is open from 12 April 2024, no deadline for submission of applications.					

DevelopmentPlus Programme 2024	0.88	This is not a traditional call for tender, but rather a content-based support for faster global and sustainable growth of innovative SMEs. The aim is to contribute to the improvement of a supportive environment for innovative (start-up) enterprises and to strengthen the knowledge, skills and competences among innovative start-ups and SMEs.
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b) OPEN Calls for tenders in 2024

Product name	Amount of funds available in EUR million	Appropriations in EUR million	Number of supported projects	Amount of funding	Expected publication of the call for tender
P7R 2024 - Micro loans for border problem areas	10.00	/	/	EUR 5,000 to EUR 25,000 of microcredit	December 2024
VL - Voucher for research, development and design in woodworking enterprises 24-25	0.5	/	/	grants from EUR 1,000 to EUR 9,999.99	October/November 2024

c) CLOSED Calls for tenders in 2024

Product name	Amount of funds available in EUR million	Appropriations in EUR million	Number of supported projects	Amount of funding	Publication of the call for tender
P7 2024 - Micro loans 2024	10.00	10.00	410	EUR 5,000 to EUR 25,000 of microcredit	16. 2. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 13/2024
P7K 2024 – Crisis liquidity loans	21.70	21.68	405	from EUR 15,000 to EUR 100,000 loan	19. 4. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 15/2024
P7K-2 2024 – Crisis liquidity loans	20.00	/	507 applications under evaluation	from EUR 15,000 to EUR 100,000 loan	30. 8. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 73/2024
P2 2024 – Grants to accelerate innovative start-ups	2.16	2.16	30	up to EUR 72,000 in grants	15. 3. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 22/2024
P4LM 2024 – Incentives for micro-enterprises in the wood industry 24-25	1.5	1.5	34	grants from EUR 15,000 to EUR 70,000	19. 7. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 47/2024
V3 - Voucher for quality certificates	3.0	2.16	320	grants from EUR 1,000 to EUR 9,999.99	21. 6. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 52/2024

Start-up consortium	0.85	The aim is to contribute to the improvement of a supportive environment for innovative start-ups. The objective of the call for tender is to finance the implementation of support services and other activities of the national Start-up consortium, which are to be provided to the target groups free of charge. The Start-up consortium is part of the DevelopmentPlus programme.	SEF website
Call for tender for the co-funding of the establishment and operation of Competence Centres for Design Management - KCDM 4.0 for the period 2024-2027	1.52	Co-financing of the establishment and operation of up to 3 competence centres for the development of human resources and the introduction of new business processes in the field of design management.	12. 7. 2024 in OG of the Republic of Slovenia No. 57/2024

II. EVENTS

Recent events:

1. AGRA 2024 – 62. International Fair of Agriculture and Food Gornja Radgona, from 24 to 29 August 2024



For the second year in a row, the Ministry of Economy, Tourism and Sport along with its implementing institutions made a comprehensive presentation at this year's 62nd International Fair of Agriculture and Food (AGRA), which took place from 24 to 29 August 2024 in Gornja Radgona, with its own exhibition stand.

SEF was present at the fair on 26 September 2024 and, together with the Development Funds Directorate, presented various development incentives for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

2. MOS 2024 - International Craft Fair Trade Fair Celje, from 18 to 22 September 2024



The Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport, along with its implementing institutions and partners, once again participated in the MOS International Craft Fair. From 18 to 22 September, the Ministry's stand (Hall L1) hosted numerous presentations in the fields of business, tourism and sport, as well as a number of organised events.

The SEF was present at the fair at the joint stand of the Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport on Thursday 19 September 2024 and Friday 20 September 2024, presenting and promoting financial measures for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. On 19 September 2024, the SEF Supervisory Board also held its 5th ordinary meeting at the fair.

3. Teambuilding 2024: Connecting the start-up ecosystem Technology Park Ljubljana, 19 Sep 2024

The intensive one-day networking event was designed to connect and network innovative companies, start-up mentors, investors and other key stakeholders of the innovative ecosystem!

4. Technology Arena

Technology Park Ljubljana, 19 Sep 2024

On 19 September 2024, the Technology Arena became a dynamic hub of innovation, providing an opportunity to learn first-hand about the ways Slovenian companies are shaping the future with its various innovative technologies.

Upcoming events:

5. **Fundraising Bootcamp for Innovative Start-ups 2024** **NEU Residences, Ljubljana, from 18 to 22 November 2024**

Fundraising Bootcamp (<https://fundraising-bootcamp.com/>) is **one of the most recognised and successful programmes for companies that are aiming to raise capital**. More than 280 companies from over 40 countries have already participated, raising a total of EUR 485 million in venture capital. This intensive five-day programme aims to provide participants with the tools, advice and strategies to successfully raise capital and grow their business.
/The programme is hosted by the internationally renowned investment fundraising expert Francois Mazoudier of Equate Partners Ltd./