DRIVING GROWTH

RIF's Calls for Proposals and services in your journey to the market

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Who We Are

The national funding agency in charge of supporting and promoting research, technological development and innovation in Cyprus

National Funding Programmes

Support for CY participation in the EU's Framework Programmes



Central Knowledge Transfer Office (CKTO)

Innovation Services & Capacity Building

Objectives

Supporting the rapid development of dynamic and innovative startups which, intend develop to internationally competitive products or services

Beneficiaries

their has not technological readiness level

Project Duration

12-24 Months

Deadline: 12/09/2025

Budget

€3.000.000

Funding Per Project

Up to €500.000

Startups active for a short period of time product/service entered the market -Innovative idea falls within a high

Aid Intensity 85%



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Objectives

Supporting existing enterprises, for the development of competitive innovative products or services with quick global market penetration prospects

Project Duration

18-24 Months

Deadline: 09/09/2025

Beneficiaries

Enterprises with marketable products/services with record for sales and turnover, or their spinouts - Innovative idea falls within a high technological readiness level having already been validated

in laboratory and relevant environment and is at least being demonstrate at relevant environment

Aid Intensity up to **65%**



Budget

€3.200.000

Funding Per Project

Up to €1.000.000









Objectives Connecting **enterprises** cutting-edge innovations with the potential to create new or disrupt existing markets, with private investors

Project Duration

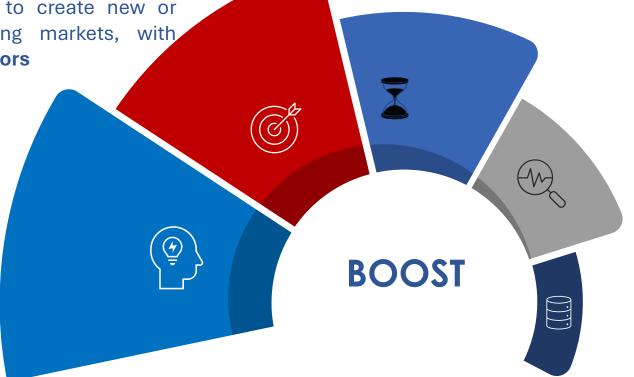
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12-24 Months

Beneficiaries

Enterprises with:

- **Innovative Enterprise** Certificate, and
- A legally binding agreement with a private investor, which foresees a direct investment in equity of at least € 200.000



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Budget

€2.000.000

Funding Per Project

Up to €300.000

Aid Intensity – Up to 70%

40% Pre-Financing









Innovation Vouchers: 30/06/2025

Capacity building programme for productive companies (4-29 employees) to acquire technical know-how from research organisations for the development of innovative solutions to address problems they face, strengthening their capacity for research and innovation.

Maximum Funding per Project: €10.000

Meet Investors Travel Grants: 15/12/2025

Supports the participation of enterprises' representatives in meetings with investors, organized abroad, with the aim of attracting investment for their enterprise. The submission of requests to the IRIS Portal is done after pre-approval.

Maximum Funding per Project: €1.000 within EU – €2000 outside EU

STEP: Setting up facilities and production lines for manufacturing new innovative products/services. **05/09/2025**

Aims to support enterprises in Cyprus with products near or at the production stage that wish to establish facilities and/or production lines in line with the EC's Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) Regulation.

Critical technology sectors include digital and deep tech, clean and resource-efficient technologies, and biotechnologies.

The call supports Manufacturing Activities as well as Technology Development Activities (such as facility setup, production lines, technology development, and related staff training).

The maximum funding per project is €2M, with a total call budget €10M.

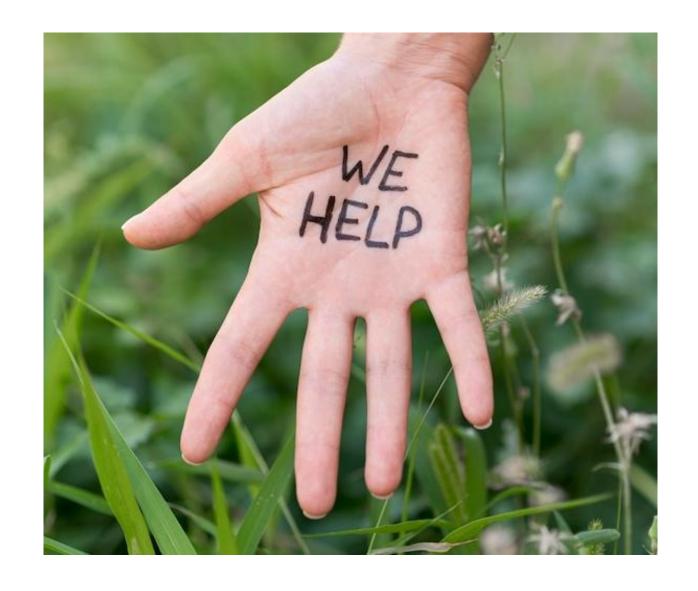
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CKTO Services: Moving Cypriot Inventions and Innovations to Market



What is the RIF's Central Knowledge Transfer Office?

If you want your inventions and innovations to be used for commercial, social service, or other purposes, our job is to help you.



What do We Do?

IP OWNERSHIP ASSESSMENT: Supporting in determining ownership of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and the relevant required agreements between the parties involved.

PATENT LANDSCAPING: Analysis of the relevant patent or other IP scope and initial investigation of the size and needs of the market and the competitive position of the technology.

IP PROTECTION STRATEGY: Assessing patentability (or other IPR), and identifying pre-existing knowledge and advice on developing the IPR protection strategy.

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT: Assessing the commercial outlook of the results taking into account market considerations, the economic value of the technology and the relevant IPRs.

TECHNOLOGY MARKETING: Identifying and facilitating communication with potential partners at national and international level.

SUPPORT IN DEAL MAKING: Supporting the preparation of KT cooperation agreements with potential industry partners, investors, etc.

Who Do We Serve?

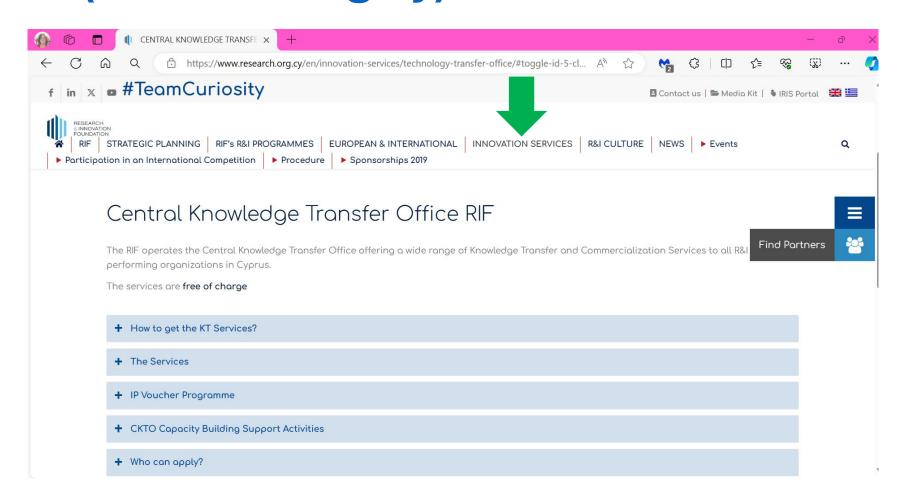
- Organisations (including enterprises)
- Natural persons
- □ Joint ventures

Who are legally established and operating in areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus

What Does it Cost?

→The services are free of charge
(There may be a State Aid Charge where applicable)

To Apply, Find Us on the RIF Website at: <u>CENTRAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER OFFICE</u> – <u>IδEK (research.org.cy)</u>



Thank you!

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