

# Framework for synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020: Lombardia Region experience

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# Synergies H2020 and ESIF: *the regional approach*

*The implementation of synergies with Horizon 2020 is an objective underlying the entire R&I regional policy:*

- Initiative to support Seal of excellence projects
- Regional R&I call in line with Horizon 120 Mil € (*now open*)
- Use of regional funds to integrate JTI-ECSEL project (*agreement in negotiation with Italian Minsitry*)

# Pilot phase : voucher scheme for phase 1

- **A pilot phase started on 2014** with regional and chamber of commerces funds :
- **Voucher to excellent proposal of phase 1 :**  
above threshold but not funded for lack of budget
- **Voucher** aimed to support the development of the feasibility phase
- Grant **25.000€**

# *New regional voucher scheme phase 1 -2016*

- Voucher scheme to be launched before summer
- Supported through **ESIF funds**
- **Selection criteria** identified and approved by monitoring committee
- Compliance with **Regional Smart Specialisation** will be checked

# New voucher scheme phase 1 : features

- **Call** foreseen within first semester 2016
- **Estimated budget:** 600.000 € ( approximately 4-5 cut-off dates covered)
- **SME application:** Seal of Excellence, abstract
- **No technical evaluation** from the region but check that selection criteria are met
- **De Minimis regulations**
- **Grant :** 30.000 € to prepare a business plan

# Why and how to support phase 2?

## WHY?

- **Lombardia region** has the highest italian SMES participation to the SME instrument and a very good success rate
- The estimated number of Seal of excellence in phase 2 is expected to be relevant

## How?

- A possible way forward *under assesment* is a financial instrument : **a revolving fund with low or zero interest rate**



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