

# Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014

## Green Industry Innovation Programme Bulgaria

### Third Call for proposals

The total available amount for co-financing of projects is approximately EUR 2 million.

**Eligible applicants are: Private enterprises constituted as legal entities in Bulgaria.**

**The deadline for applications is Thursday, 26 February 2015, 12.00 Norwegian time (UTC+1).**

The programme is in particular looking **for investment projects, within existing enterprises**, for extending their production capacity, diversifying their production/products or improving/changing their production process.

The Green Industry Innovation Programme in Bulgaria is a business development Programme aiming to increase competitiveness of enterprises through greening of existing industries, green innovation and entrepreneurship. The Programme Operator is Innovation Norway, a state owned entity under the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.

**Eligible Activities:** within the enterprise applying for funding, in one or more of the following areas:

1. Implementation and investment in innovative environmental friendly technologies;
2. Green improvement of products, processes and services.
3. Material efficiency, recycling and greening of businesses.

The minimum amount of grant assistance applied for shall be **EUR 200'000**.

The maximum amount of grant assistance applied for shall normally be **EUR 500'000**.

The grant assistance to projects will be in compliance with the applicable state aid regulations.

Partnership between at least one Bulgarian and one Norwegian entity is not mandatory, but donor partnership projects are strongly encouraged.

All projects must be completed by 30 April 2016, which is also the end of the eligibility period for the implementation of the Programme. **This means a practical project implementation time of 10 months.** A bilateral relations' fund, amounting to EUR 12'000, is available for travel support for partner search. The support will be provided as lump sum to cover travel costs and accommodation, but not more than EUR 1'200 per entity.

The full text of the third call for proposals and all relevant information **are** available at:

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