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EUIPO offers SMEs trade marks and designs grants of up to EUR 1,350 again in 2025, continuing to be available also for Ukrainian SMEs

February 2025 - The European Commission and European Intellectual Property Office (“**EUIPO**”) have once again launched a micro, small and medium sized business fund (**SME Fund**) to provide reimbursement for trade mark and design application fees and pre-diagnostic services. Following the 2022, 2023 and 2024 SME Funds initiatives, a new edition of the SME Fund has launched on 3 February 2025.

The grant scheme, designed to encourage SMEs to expand their Intellectual Property (“IP”) portfolios, has a budget of more than EUR 18 million (which represents a decrease of 3 million compared to the previous edition), available on a first come, first serve basis. 95% of the budget is allocated to IP Scans, trade marks and designs. The submission period for applications runs from 3 February to 5 December 2025.

EU, regional and national trade marks and design fees – grant of up to EUR 700

Application fees, additional class fees, examination, registration and publication and deferment of publication fees are all eligible for reimbursement — the application should be submitted through EUIPO

** 50% reduction of the basic application fees and designation fees outside EU, when submitted through WIPO*



50% * / 75 % off

Grant of up to EUR 1,350

SMEs can apply for the reimbursement of a specified portion of the fees payable for one or both of the selected services



90% off

Pre-diagnostic services (IP Scan) - grant of up to EUR 1,350

IP Scan covers the pre-diagnostic IP audits and IP Scan enforcement services.

Pre-diagnostic services are designed to provide guidance to SMEs regarding the potential of IP in advancing their businesses. These services involve identifying valuable types of IP assets that may require protection, as well as recognizing existing IP protections that could be leveraged further to enhance business growth.





Enforcement services are geared towards offering guidance to SMEs that encounter infringement of their IP rights, are accused of infringing IP rights by a third party, or are at significant risk of facing such infringements.

Pre-diagnostic services are available in: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Lithuania, Slovakia and Sweden (Poland was added this year).

Enforcement services are available in: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Latvia, Portugal and Slovenia (Croatia and Portugal were added this year).

IP Scan is not available to Ukraine-based SMEs.

CHECKLIST: Are you eligible for grant from the SME fund?

-  Is your company based in the EU or in the Ukraine? *
-  Does your company/group meet the official EU definition (thresholds applicable to the group as a whole) of an SME?
 - Do you have fewer than 250 employees?
 - Is your annual turnover below EUR 50 million?
 - Is your balance sheet total below EUR 43 million?
-  Can your company provide a bank statement and VAT certificate or national registration number certificate issued by the competent authority?
-  Did you already participate in 2024? Specific conditions apply to you.

** Please note that the SME Funds are available for SMEs established in Ukraine in territories that are under the effective control of the Ukrainian government at the time the application is submitted.*

When to apply?

Applications should be submitted throughout the call for submission period.

Applications are evaluated on a weekly basis with a weekly cut-off (every Friday) with the notification of results having a 10 working days from the cut-off date.

The process is simple



1 | Apply for the grant



2 | Receive your grant award and **vouchers**



3 | Request and pay for **IP activities**



4 | Get reimbursed



For more information, or for assistance with the application process, please contact



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