

Survey of Large Enterprises Regarding Planned Sustainable Investment Projects

The Ministry of Economy and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry) is planning a call under the 2022–2030 Economic Transformation and Competitiveness Development Programme. This call falls under the progress measure No. 05-001-01-06-03 “Improving the Competitive Environment for Attracting Investments” specifically targeting the measure’s “Attracting Foreign and Local Investors with High Job Creation Potential in Kaunas, Šiauliai, and Telšiai Counties” sub-measure “Attracting Foreign and Local Investors with High Job Creation Potential in Kaunas County”.

To enable large industrial enterprises to participate in this call, the Ministry must amend and align the Territorial Just Transition Plan with the European Commission and specify a provisional list of large companies potentially participating in the call.

Supported Activities:

- **Attracting sustainable investments** as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, through productive investments into initial or new economic activity projects (hereinafter referred to as attracting sustainable investments) in Kaunas County, which is particularly affected by the transition to a climate-neutral economy.
- **Training and upskilling employees**, including on-the-job training, for investors as defined in Article 2(4) of the Investment Law, investing in manufacturing in Kaunas County.

Eligible Applicants:

Large industrial enterprises.

Planned Investments:

- Total funding available: up to **€84,239,412.00** from the Just Transition Fund.
- Maximum funding per project: **€20,500,000.00**.
- Minimum funding per project: **€2,050,000.00**.

For attracting sustainable investments minimum funding planned¹ is **€5,000,000.00**, maximum funding is **€20,000,000.00**.

For employee training minimum funding is **€50,000.00**, maximum funding is **€500,000.00**.

Project Duration:

The implementation period of project activities must not exceed **36 months** from the signing of the project agreement. At least 10% of the allocated funds must be utilized by **August 31, 2026**.

Maximum Eligible Funding Share for Large Enterprises:

- **For attracting sustainable investments:** Up to **60%** and up to **70%** if the project meets the criteria of the STEP (State Transformation and Expansion Plan), as per Article 14(12) of Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 and the Regional Aid Map.
- **For employee training activities:** Up to **50%**, as per Article 31(4) of Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014.

Eligible Costs for Sustainable Investment Activities:

1. **Construction, reconstruction, or capital repair of buildings**, including installation of local engineering networks necessary for new or modernized production technological lines, provided the real estate is owned by the applicant.

¹ The planned minimum and maximum funding amounts may be adjusted based on the information gathered regarding the sustainable investment projects planned by large enterprises.

2. **Acquisition and leasing of equipment, machinery, furniture, computers, and other long-term tangible assets**, including related costs (e.g., transportation, installation, site preparation, testing, training, and safety instructions). The acquired assets must be new, and leased assets must become the property of the project executor by the end of the project.
3. **Costs related to patents and licenses** that meet the following conditions:
 - Acquired under market conditions from third parties unrelated to the buyer.
 - Used exclusively by the applicant receiving state aid.

Eligible Costs for Employee Training Activities:

1. Teachers' salaries for hours spent delivering training, provided the applicant conducts the planned project training activities themselves.
2. Travel and accommodation costs for teachers directly related to the project within Lithuania (not applicable for on-site training).
3. Travel and accommodation costs for trainees within Lithuania and abroad.
4. Costs for training materials and supplies classified as short-term assets.
5. Rental costs for training facilities and equipment for the hours trainees are trained (not applicable for on-site training).
6. Costs for trainees' meals (not applicable for on-site training).
7. Costs for consulting services related to organizing and conducting training.
8. Salaries for trainees during the hours spent in training if it occurs during working hours and is documented accordingly.

The draft project selection criteria were published for public discussion and are available [here](#) under the "Document Projects" section.

If your company qualifies as a large enterprise and is interested in implementing a sustainable investment project under the above preliminary and non-final conditions, please submit project details by **January 17** using the following form: [Survey of Large Enterprises Regarding Planned Sustainable Investment Projects](#).

Definitions:

- **Environmentally sustainable investment:** Investments in one or more economic activities classified as environmentally sustainable under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.
- **Large enterprise:** A company that, independently or in conjunction with partner and/or affiliated companies, meets at least one of the following criteria: employs at least 250 workers; has total assets of at least €43,000,000 and annual turnover of at least €50,000,000; or has state or municipal participation in its capital as per the thresholds defined by Lithuanian law.
- **Sustainable job:** A job created in compliance with the criteria of environmentally sustainable economic activities as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.