

## **ener2i – energy research to innovation:**

Reinforcing cooperation with Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries on bridging the gap between energy research and energy innovation



# **ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition in Moldova – Call for Applications**

The EU funded project ener2i ([www.ener2i.eu](http://www.ener2i.eu)) invites Moldovan Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) with **energy related innovation targets** in **Renewable Energy Sources (RES)** or with the **aim to improve their energy efficiency (EE) performance** to participate in the ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition – Moldova.

**The aim of the competition is to initiate innovation projects in the field of EE and RES by providing direct financial support in an early stage of project development. SMEs, including start-ups and spin-offs, will get the possibility to purchase research and development services from knowledge providers to realise their projects and to establish or intensify their relationship with research institutions.**

To participate in the ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition project teams who would like to submit an application have to fulfil the following criteria:

- Project applicants have to meet the EU's definition<sup>1</sup> of small and medium sized enterprises stated in declaration (2003/361/EC).
- SMEs have to be officially registered in Moldova at the submission deadline of Innovation Vouchers.
- No tasks that have already been funded by another EU funding initiative will be funded.
- Beneficiaries have to be Small or Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs), which are cooperating with a research partner.
- Project implementation (usage of voucher funds) has to be accomplished within 6 months after signature of the contract.

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<sup>1</sup> SME – definition: The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million euro, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million euro.

The applicants of the **eleven** best project ideas, with the highest evaluation score will be awarded with the Innovation Vouchers of **€ 4,000** each. The Voucher money should be spent on R&D related manpower needed for project implementation or travel arrangements facilitating knowledge transfer on an international level.

The information about the evaluation and selection criteria as well as other relevant information is available in the [Terms of Reference - ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition Moldova \(pdf\)](#).

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**Deadline** for the submission of Applications is: **2 March 2015, 17:00 (EET, Chisinau time, date of online submission)**

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#### **Online Submission procedure:**

1. The evaluation team will only consider application forms submitted through the online submission tool: [www.ener2i.eu](http://www.ener2i.eu)
2. To be able to fill in the online application form you will need to **register** first (link: **LINK will be available on 11 December 2014**). After the registration a personalised link to the online application form will be send to you by **email**.
3. After receiving the link to your email, you can start filling in the **Part A** of the application form.
4. The **Part B** form needs to be **completed beforehand** in a doc-format ([download here - Part B template \(doc\)](#)) and uploaded to the system after the completion of the Part A. The online application form will guide you through all steps. In case of any questions please contact our helpdesk at [office@ener2i.eu](mailto:office@ener2i.eu) .
5. After you have uploaded the Part B (in the .doc format), please **submit** your application form.
6. After completion of the submission you will receive a **confirmation email**.

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