

Term of Acceptance

Incentive System for Companies Competitiveness

SME Qualification and Internationalisation

Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, it is hereby declared that notice has been taken of, and is accepted in its precise terms, the approval decision of the Managing Authorities of the Innovation and Digital Transition Programme and the Lisbon Regional Programme, issued on 12 December 2025 and 10 December 2025, regarding Information No. 886/UIE/2025 and Resolution CD PRL2030 60, concerning the granting of financial support for operation No. 18256, operation code at the *Balcão dos Fundos* COMPETE2030-ERDF-01475400, submitted by the beneficiary ASSOCIAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DOS INDUSTRIAIS DE MARMORES GRANITOS E RAMOS AFINS (ASSIMAGRA), legal person No. 500834938, under the terms of the Call for Applications No. MPr-2024-5.

By signing this acceptance form, the beneficiary(ies) identified above and, subsidiarily, the members of its executive, administrative or management bodies and other persons exercising administrative or management functions, even if only *de facto*, are bound to comply with all conditions and obligations arising from the applicable legal framework, namely to reimburse any amounts unduly received or not justified, as established in Article 26(2) and (3) of the aforementioned Decree-Law.

1. Subject Matter

a) The object of this acceptance form is the granting of a financial incentive for application in the execution, by the beneficiary, of operation No. 18256, with a total financed eligible cost amount of EUR 3,806,968.90 (*three million, eight hundred and six thousand, nine hundred and sixty-eight euros and ninety cents*), as identified in Annex I.

b) The operation's execution period runs from 2 January 2025 to 31 December 2026.

2. Conditional Approval Decision

As established in the approval decision, the granting of the incentive is subject to the validation of the following conditions:

a) In the case of actions MARMOMAC 2025 and 2026 and The Natural Stone Show 2025 in the United Kingdom (International Fairs and other actions), also covered by ANIET's promotion plan, image coordination in the context of the fair must be ensured, and the necessary prior validation/authorisation must be requested from AICEP by the respective associations;

b) For the consistency of the communication image of the various brands to be promoted within the scope of publicly funded projects, the Promoting Entity shall previously coordinate the brand communication in foreign markets with AICEP, opting for the presentation of a single brand on the physical supports where they appear, namely stands, outdoor advertising or other forms of paid advertising;

c) Coordinate priorly with AICEP the prospecting and promotion actions, including business missions to foreign markets, inward missions to Portugal, exhibitions, workshops and other promotional events organised by the promoting entity, regarding their scheduling, as well as their objectives, sectoral scope and programme;

d) All published promotional content and supports must be made available, establishing their unequivocal association with the expenses charged to the joint project and the participating SMEs. Similarly, the eligibility of all actions in digital format is also subject to compliance with the publicity rules for support granted by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) available in the Communication Rules;

e) Regarding the joint presence on digital platforms, participation in digital events and the conduct of virtual missions, all means of proof associated with the participation of the SMEs involved in the joint project must be ensured, namely through the respective registration records, evidence of their effective involvement in the actions and measurement of the viewing and interaction indicators with the recipients established in the project decision. Similarly, the eligibility of all actions in digital format is also subject to compliance with the publicity rules for support granted by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) available in the Communication Rules;

f) The qualitative assessment and evaluation of the project will be carried out within the scope of the Technical Monitoring Group to be established, taking into account the different interventions in the Project;

g) During the execution of the project, the entity shall prevent any overlaps of the technical team assigned to the project with other projects approved or to be approved in the same execution period, by presenting a timesheet reflecting the allocation of each of the entity's technicians to the various ongoing projects;

h) The eligibility of participation in Fairs is conditional upon the participation of a minimum of 5 companies, except for situations excepted under the terms of the decision or those previously authorised by AICEP, upon a reasoned request.

Proof of the aforementioned conditions is provided through the presentation of the respective documentation, by uploading it to the *Balcão dos Fundos*, respecting the deadlines set for each of the conditions.

3. Incentive

The total incentive to be granted, as defined under the terms of the respective grant approval decision, takes the form of an ERDF¹ grant, distributed by amounts and financing rates, under the terms of Annex I.

4. Eligibility Requirements

4.1. The beneficiary(ies) must, from the date of application until the conclusion of the operation, as established in Article 14(1) of the aforementioned Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March,

¹European Regional Development Fund

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and in Article 6 of the Specific Regulation for the Innovation and Digital Transition Thematic Area (REITD), within the scope of the Portugal 2030 Incentive Systems, in its current wording, ensure compliance with the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Be legally constituted and duly registered, including in the Central Register of Beneficial Owners (RCBE) regarding the persons who control it, where applicable;
- b) Have their tax and social security status regularised before the tax administration and social security, respectively;
- c) Have their status regularised regarding reimbursements within the scope of European funds, including support granted by the Recovery and Resilience Plan;
- d) Be legally authorised to carry out the respective activity;
- e) Have or be able to ensure own human resources, as well as technical and material means necessary for the execution of the operation;
- f) Present a balanced economic and financial situation and demonstrate capacity to finance the operation, under the terms of the REITD, in the applicable wording;
- g) Have a bank account opened with an institution legally authorised to operate in national territory;
- h) Not hold, nor have held in the last three years, by themselves or by their spouse, whether or not separated from person and property, or by their ascendants and descendants up to the first degree, capital in a percentage exceeding 50% in entities with an unregularised status regarding reimbursements within the scope of European funds;
- i) Not be barred or restricted from accessing support under the terms of Article 16 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March;
- j) Not have salary arrears, under the terms of Article 6(b) of the REITD, in the applicable wording;
- k) Not be an undertaking in difficulty, under the terms of Article 6(a) of the REITD, in the applicable wording, according to the definition provided for in point 18 of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014, of 17 June, in its current wording;
- l) Not have a pending injunction process for the recovery of illegal aid, under the terms of European regulations;
- m) Not be in insolvency proceedings.

4.2. At the time of payments, the beneficiary must also ensure compliance with the eligibility requirements provided for in subparagraphs b) and c) of the previous number.

5. Output and Result Indicators

The output and result indicators to be achieved within the scope of the operation are as follows:

- a) Target markets, community and third parties subject to relevant intervention: 5;
- b) Markets covered within the scope of digital marketing actions: 5;

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- c) Presence at international fairs and exhibitions: 8;
- d) Own online stores created: 2;
- e) New memberships to marketplaces: 5;
- f) Export intensity of the beneficiary in the post-project year: 63.96%.

6. Payments

6.1. All receipts and payments of the incentive will be made by the paying entity, by bank transfer to the bank account of the beneficiary(ies), in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March.

6.2. Payments to the beneficiary(ies) may be suspended whenever any of the grounds provided for in Article 29 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, occur.

7. Conditions for Operation Amendment

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 25(7) and (8) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, the amendment to the contracted results, the implementation schedule, the assessment timing and the approved targets, after the signing of this acceptance form, may only occur in exceptional cases duly reasoned.

8. Obligations of the Beneficiary(ies)

8.1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, and Articles 11 and 36 of the REITD, in the applicable wording, the beneficiary(ies) are obliged to:

- a) Execute the operation under the approved terms and conditions, namely regarding the implementation schedule and compliance with the output and result indicators;
- b) Allow access to the locations where the operation is carried out and to those where the elements and documents necessary for monitoring and controlling the approved operation are located;
- c) Keep the documents relating to the execution of the operation, in the form of original documents or certified copies, on digital media, when legally admissible, or on paper, for five years, starting from 31 December of the year in which the last payment is made to the beneficiary, without prejudice to situations of interruption of the period in case of judicial proceedings or at the request of the European Commission;
- d) Publicise the support, in accordance with the provisions of applicable European and national legislation, ensuring the inclusion of the logos of the programme or programmes financing Portugal 2030 and the European Union in the infrastructures, on the respective website, in dissemination and communication materials, namely in advertisements published or edited by means of communication, in diplomas or certificates, in documents relating to seminars, training actions or other events, under the terms established in Article 15(2) and (3) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March;

- e) Maintain the legal conditions necessary for the exercise of the activity;
- f) Have a bank account opened with an institution legally authorised to operate in national territory;
- g) Reimburse all amounts unduly received, in compliance with the provisions of Article 15(4) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March;
- h) Maintain their tax and social security status regularised before the tax administration and social security, respectively;
- i) Have an organised or simplified accounting system, in accordance with what is legally required;
- j) Have a technical and accounting file relating to the operation, preferably on digital media, with all documentation related thereto, duly organised, using for this purpose an accounting system for all transactions referring to the operation;
- k) Ensure the provision of elements necessary for the monitoring and evaluation activities of the operation, guaranteeing access, namely, to personal data of which they are holders or of third parties involved in the operation held by them, in strict compliance with the rules and principles relating to the protection of personal data and the provisions of Article 7 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March;
- l) Adopt behaviours that respect the principles of transparency, competition and good management of public funds, in order to prevent situations likely to constitute a conflict of interest, namely in relations established between beneficiaries and their suppliers or service providers;
- m) Make available, within the established deadlines, the elements requested by the entities with competence for monitoring, evaluation of results, control and audits;
- n) Request authorisation for all relevant changes or occurrences for the approval of the operation;
- o) Not assign to other purposes, lease, alienate or in any other way encumber the goods and services acquired within the scope of the operation, without prior authorisation from the entity competent for the decision to approve the application;
- p) Comply with the regulations on public procurement, where applicable;
- q) Start the execution of the operation within a maximum period of 90 business days after the communication of the operation's approval decision, except for a duly reasoned reason accepted by the managing authority;
- r) Respect the "do no significant harm" principle, under the terms of Article 8 of the REITD, in the applicable wording, as well as in the complementary conditions specified in the call for applications, if also defined therein.

8.2. Compliance with the obligations provided for in subparagraphs c) and j) must be carried out in accordance with the "Guide / Constitution and Organisation of the Operation File" made available to the beneficiary.

8.3. The beneficiary(ies) are also obliged to comply with the general European and national rules in the field of equal opportunities and environment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March.

9. Non-compliance with requirements and/or obligations of the beneficiary(ies)

In case of non-compliance with the obligations or non-existence or loss of any eligibility requirement, there may be a reduction or revocation of the support grant decision, as follows from the provisions of Article 33(1) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March.

10. Reduction of Funding

In accordance with Article 33(2) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, the following grounds are likely to determine a reduction in financing, namely and when applicable:

- a) The lack of justification for the expenditure in light of the principle of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and the principle of the cost-benefit ratio;
- b) The charging of values higher than those legally permitted and approved or non-eligible values;
- c) The partial execution of the operation in view of the approved objectives, outputs and results;
- d) Non-compliance with the rules relating to information and publicity, with the reduction being determined based on the severity of the non-compliance, up to 3% of the support from European funds for the operation in question;
- e) The detection, during verification by the managing authority or in an audit, of disregard for European regulations and applicable national regulations, namely those referring to public procurement and conflict of interests, and in each case, a proportional reduction must be applied based on the non-compliance, taking into account, namely, the table of financial corrections approved by the European Commission.

11. Revocation of Funding

In accordance with Article 33(4) of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March, the following are, namely, grounds likely to determine the revocation of financing:

- a) The failure to submit, within the established deadlines, reimbursement requests that justify the advances received;
- b) The total non-execution of the operation under the terms in which it was approved or the failure to achieve the objectives provided for therein under the terms contained in the approval decision that jeopardise the purposes that determined its approval;
- c) The existence of changes to the determining elements of the approval decision that jeopardise the merit of the operation or its financial reasonableness, unless expressly accepted by the managing authority, as well as the failure to communicate these changes;

- d) The submission, out of time, of the forms relating to the final balance request, as well as the forms relating to the reimbursement requests in cases where the specific regulation so provides, except when the reasoning invoked for this non-compliance is accepted by the managing authority, maintaining, in this case, as the eligible period for consideration of expenses the one defined as the deadline for submission of the reimbursement request or final balance;
- e) The unauthorised interruption of the operation for a period exceeding 90 days;
- f) The presentation of the same costs to more than one managing authority or to other entities responsible for public financing, without the application of duly reasoned allocation criteria;
- g) The reduction of financing that compromises the total execution of the operation;
- h) The failure to regularise deficiencies in the organisation of the file relating to the execution of the operation and the failure to send elements requested by the managing authority within the deadlines set by it;
- i) The refusal to submit to the control and audit to which they are legally subject;
- j) The failure to provide an appropriate guarantee, when required;
- k) The provision of false statements or inaccurate, incomplete or non-compliant statements, namely about the beneficiary, the execution of the operation, the costs incurred, the training process, which substantially affect the justification of the support received and to be received.

12. Recovery of Unduly Paid Amounts

The amounts unduly received by the beneficiary(ies), namely due to non-compliance with legal obligations, the occurrence of any irregularity, as well as the non-existence or loss of any requirement for granting the support, constitute a debt and are recovered under the terms provided for in Article 34 of Decree-Law No. 20-A/2023, of 22 March.

13. Intermediate body²

The monitoring associated with the execution of the operation is the responsibility of AICEP - Agência para o Investimento e Comércio Externo de Portugal, E.P.E., which will ensure all necessary dialogue, given its status as an intermediate body with functions assigned by the Managing Authorities of the Innovation and Digital Transition Programme and the Lisbon Regional Programme under the agreement concluded under the terms provided for in Article 19 of Decree-Law No. 5/2023, of 25 January.

² **Note:** For certification purposes and signatures, reference should be made to the original version /Portuguese official document.

Annex I

Breakdown map of eligible investment and incentive by funding programs

Funding Programme	Eligible Investment (€)	Incentive (€)	Support Rate (%)
Innovation and Digital Transition Programme	2,971,292.80	1,535,837.24	51.69
Lisbon Regional Programme	835,676.10	334,270.46	40.00