



Grants and opportunities

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Tax credit for R&D, technological innovation, design, and aesthetic conception

The measure grants a tax credit to stimulate business investments in Research and Development, Technological Innovation (including 4.0 paradigms and circular economy), Design, and Aesthetic Conception. The incentive can be used as an offset via the F24 form in three equal annual instalments starting from the subsequent tax period.

 **For Ustica:** May be of interest to all businesses and production activities in Ustica (from crafts to typical agriculture and services) that make investments in technological innovation, circular economy, design, or the development of new processes and products. The incentive offers a tax credit usable as an offset via the F24 form.

WHO CAN APPLY

All enterprises resident in the State territory (including sole proprietorships and permanent establishments) that comply with workplace safety regulations and social security contribution payments, and are not subject to insolvency proceedings or disqualification sanctions.

€ FUNDING

not specified

🕒 DEADLINE

not specified

HOW TO APPLY

Direct use as an offset via the F24 form in three annual instalments, subject to the preparation of the accounting records and technical certifications required by law.

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Digital Export Bonus

Supports the internationalisation and export activities of micro and small manufacturing enterprises through non-repayable grants for the purchase of digital solutions. It finances the creation of e-commerce websites, mobile applications, digital marketing campaigns, subscriptions to SaaS platforms, and specialised consultancy for positioning on foreign markets.

 **For Ustica:** It may be of interest to artisans and small food processing workshops in Ustica wishing to open up to foreign markets. The call offers non-repayable grants to develop online sales channels, e-commerce websites, and digital marketing campaigns.

WHO CAN APPLY

Micro and small manufacturing enterprises (ATECO sector C from 10 to 33, including food industries, wood, metal, apparel, etc.) established as sole proprietorships, companies, craft businesses, networks, or consortia.

FUNDING

non specificato

DEADLINE

non specificata

HOW TO APPLY

Online application according to the methods and electronic platforms established by Agenzia ICE and MAECI.

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National Innovation Fund

Venture capital initiative aimed at supporting the growth of high-potential Italian companies through equity investments. The measure operates through direct or indirect investments (via venture capital funds) in the seed, early-stage, and scale-up financing phases.

📍 **For Ustica:** It may be of interest to any local startups or innovative SMEs (for example in tech tourism, agritech, or environmental protection) looking for venture capital investments to finance the launch or growth of their business.

👤 WHO CAN APPLY

Innovative startups, scaleups, and SMEs with high growth potential, unlisted on regulated markets.

€ FUNDING

Equity investment under market conditions drawn from a total endowment of 310 million euros.

🕒 DEADLINE

non specificata

📄 HOW TO APPLY

Application and submission of investment projects through the channels of CDP Venture Capital SGR.

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SIMEST - Subsidised loan for Digital and Ecological Transition

Subsidised loan with an optional non-repayable grant component of up to 10% to support corporate investments in digital transition, ecological sustainability, and capital strengthening. An international orientation or membership in export-oriented production supply chains is required.

 **For Ustica:** It may be of interest to local businesses with at least two filed financial statements, particularly producers of typical goods and agrifood products integrated into export-oriented supply chains or with an international orientation, to finance investments in digitalisation and ecological transition.

WHO CAN APPLY

All enterprises, with priority given to Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (PMI), with an international orientation, supply-chain enterprises, entities with interests in the Western Balkans or affected by the May 2023 floods, having at least two closed and filed financial statements.

€ FUNDING

Subsidised loan for up to 6 years (2 years of pre-amortisation) for an amount between the lower of 35% of average revenues from the last two financial statements and a cap of € 500.000 to € 5.000.000 (minimum € 10.000). Non-repayable grant component of up to 10% (maximum € 100.000).

DEADLINE

31/12/2050 (on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted)

HOW TO APPLY

Application can be submitted online through the SIMEST portal according to the procedures defined by Circolare operativa 4/394/2023.

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SIMEST - Subsidised loans for Temporary Managers

The measure supports the temporary placement of specialised professionals (Temporary Managers) within the company to execute technological, digital, or ecological innovation projects supporting expansion and internationalisation into foreign markets. The service must be delivered through a specific contract signed exclusively with a third-party service company.

 **For Ustica:** The measure may be of interest to local micro and small enterprises with at least two filed financial statements, particularly in the agri-food and craft sectors, intending to temporarily bring in specialised figures for innovation processes and expansion into foreign markets.

WHO CAN APPLY

All enterprises, particularly micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), holding at least two filed financial statements.

€ FUNDING

Subsidised loan of 4 years (including 2 years of pre-amortisation) ranging from 10,000 euros to 500,000 euros (up to 20% of average revenues from the last two financial statements), with an optional non-repayable grant component of up to 10% (maximum 100,000 euros).

DEADLINE

31/12/2050

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted online via the SIMEST digital portal, in compliance with the provisions of Operative Circular 8/394/2023.

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SIMEST - Subsidised E-Commerce loan for internationalisation

Subsidised financing for the development of e-commerce solutions aimed at internationalisation, intended for the creation or enhancement of a proprietary platform or the opening of a dedicated space on third-party marketplaces. The initiative covers digital investment expenses and the strengthening of competitiveness abroad.

 **For Ustica:** It may be of interest to local typical agri-food production or craft enterprises with at least two filed financial statements. The incentive makes it possible to create or upgrade e-commerce channels to sell their products on foreign markets.

WHO CAN APPLY

All enterprises, with particular reference to Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises, that have filed at least two financial statements.

FUNDING

Subsidised 4-year loan (2 years of pre-amortisation) from €10,000 up to €500,000 (max 20% of average revenues from the last two financial statements), with a possible non-repayable grant of up to 10% (max €100,000).

DEADLINE

not specified

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted online via the dedicated SIMEST portal, according to the procedures defined by Operative Circular 6/394/2023.

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Voucher 3I - Investing in innovation

Finances the purchase of professional services provided by industrial property attorneys and consultants to support the patenting of inventions. Supported activities include prior-art searches, patentability assessments, the drafting and filing of the patent application with the UIBM, and its potential extension abroad.

 **For Ustica:** It may interest local microenterprises and startups that develop new solutions, products, or technologies and wish to protect their inventions by covering the costs of consultancy and patent filing.

WHO CAN APPLY

Startups and microenterprises.

FUNDING

Non-repayable voucher covering specialist consultancy services (amount per individual service not specified in the text).

DEADLINE

31/12/2027

HOW TO APPLY

Online application submission through the operational channels indicated by the Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (MIMIT).

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Digital Transformation

The measure supports the technological and digital transformation of SME production processes through the adoption of the enabling technologies of the Piano Impresa 4.0 and supply-chain digital solutions. It finances process or organisational innovation projects and investments aimed at business digitisation.

 **For Ustica:** It may be of interest to SMEs in Ustica operating in tourism and commerce with at least two filed balance sheets and a minimum turnover of 100,000 euros, to finance investments in company digitisation and technological innovation.

WHO CAN APPLY

SMEs (also in aggregated form of up to 10 enterprises via network contracts, consortia, or agreements with DIH/EDI) operating predominantly in manufacturing, services to manufacturing enterprises, tourism, or commerce, with at least two approved and filed financial statements and revenues from sales/services of at least 100,000 euros in the last financial year.

FUNDING

Coverage of up to 50% of eligible costs, structured as a 10% non-repayable grant and a 40% zero-interest subsidised loan repayable over a maximum of 7 years. Total financial envelope of 100 million euros.

DEADLINE

not specified

HOW TO APPLY

Online application submission by the individual SME or the network lead partner/aggregation according to the procedures established by the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy.

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Smart&Start Italia

The measure supports the creation and development of innovative startups across the national territory, financing business plans with high technological content or oriented towards the digital economy and the valorisation of research. Investments in tangible and intangible fixed assets, specialised services, personnel costs, and up to 20% of working capital are eligible. Projects must be completed within 24 months of signing the loan agreement.

 **For Ustica:** The measure is of interest to aspiring entrepreneurs and new local businesses that intend to establish or develop an innovative startup with high technological or digital content. It provides access to subsidised loans for investments starting from 100,000 euros for technology, personnel, and operating costs.

WHO CAN APPLY

Innovative startups registered in the special section of the Business Register established for no more than 60 months, individuals committing to incorporate an innovative startup within 30 days of approval, and foreign companies with an operating base in Italy.

FUNDING

Subsidised loan for business plans between 100,000 euros and 1.5 million euros.

DEADLINE

not specified

HOW TO APPLY

Submission of the application online through the dedicated digital platform (open-window procedure).

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Brava Innovation Hub acceleration programme

Acceleration programme to support the growth of female-led startups and micro/small enterprises in innovative sectors, promoted by MIMIT and Dipartimento Pari Opportunità with PNRR resources. It features a 12-week track with advanced training, mentorship, networking, dedicated spaces, and matching events. It also includes the provision of a non-repayable grant for each selected enterprise.

 **For Ustica:** May be of interest to female-majority startups and micro or small enterprises in Ustica, established for less than 5 years, with innovative projects. The opportunity offers a non-repayable grant of 40,000 euro in addition to free training and business acceleration paths.

WHO CAN APPLY

Companies established for no more than 60 months with a female majority, where women hold at least 50% of the shares and the numerical majority of shareholders, or the majority on the administrative bodies.

FUNDING

Non-repayable grant of 40,000 euro per enterprise plus specialized acceleration and training services valued at 20,964 euro provided under de minimis.

DEADLINE

2028-12-31

HOW TO APPLY

Submission of the application following the online procedures specified by Invitalia and on the portal dedicated to women-led businesses.

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Skills development - Technological innovation and green and digital transition

Non-repayable incentive for SMEs in the Mezzogiorno to acquire services dedicated to training and upskilling employees. Interventions must focus on the challenges of technological innovation, ecological and digital transition, and the deployment of strategic technologies (STEP).

 **For Ustica:** This opportunity concerns all micro and small businesses in Ustica (accommodation facilities, restaurants, diving centers, rentals, commerce, and services) with employees. It provides access to non-repayable grants of up to 70% to finance training courses and services for workers on digital skills and the ecological transition.

WHO CAN APPLY

Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (PMI) with an operational base in Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, and Sicilia, which have not already submitted an application during the previous window.

FUNDING

Direct grant covering 50% of eligible costs (de minimis regime), increasable to 70% for micro and small enterprises (a 20-point increase) in the case of multi-regional integrated projects.

DEADLINE

21/12/2026

HOW TO APPLY

Application to be submitted online via the dedicated platform of the Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy (MIMIT).

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Cloud and Cybersecurity Voucher for SMEs and Self-Employed Workers

Finances the purchase of or subscription to advanced cloud computing and cybersecurity technology solutions, including cybersecurity hardware and software, IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS cloud services (ERP, CRM, CMS/e-commerce software), as well as professional support and configuration services up to 30% of expenditure. Projects must involve a minimum expenditure of 4,000 euro and be purchased from providers registered in a dedicated ministerial list.

 **For Ustica:** May be of interest to all small and medium-sized enterprises and self-employed professionals in Ustica (accommodation facilities, restaurants, diving centers, commerce, and freelancers) wishing to digitalize their activities by purchasing cloud management software, e-commerce solutions, or IT security systems.

WHO CAN APPLY

PMI and self-employed workers operating throughout the national territory, with an internet connection offering a minimum download speed of 30 Mbps. Providers registered in the ministerial list are also eligible if they purchase services from qualified third parties.

€ FUNDING

Voucher percentage or maximum amount not specified; a minimum spending plan of 4,000 euro is required.

DEADLINE

not specified

HOW TO APPLY

Online application submission according to the procedures of the Ministry; services and products must be acquired exclusively from entities registered in the dedicated ministerial list.

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