

The Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP) has announced a call for applications for co-financing activities involving green technologies, including those consistent with the assumptions of the circular economy (Circular Economy). Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating in Poland may apply for support under the measure "Investments in the implementation of environmental technologies and innovations, including those related to circular economy".

Entrepreneurs planning to implement projects aimed at changing their business model to one that takes into account circular economy solutions can apply for funding, and the investment is related to the implementation of environmental technologies, including those related to the circular economy. The project may result in better material management (e.g. reducing the consumption of primary raw materials), increasing energy efficiency (e.g. thermal insulation or using energy-saving devices) and the transformation towards zero waste (e.g. closing supply chains in which waste becomes a product). . As part of the recruitment process carried out by PARP, entrepreneurs can receive up to PLN 3.5 million in subsidies. The maximum allowable support intensity is 85% of eligible expenses.

Entrepreneurs can receive funding if their projects focus on:

- infrastructure and equipment,
- implementation of research results,
- environmental and species protection,
- use of renewable energy sources,
- broadly understood increasing energy efficiency.

An applicant may submit one application for support for a project.

The start of the task cannot be planned later than within 6 months of submitting the application for funding. In turn, its completion cannot extend beyond March 31, 2026.

Applications for support can be submitted from June 25 to August 20, 2024. Detailed information on the call for applications can be found on the <u>PARP website</u>.

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