



Based on articles 20, 23, and 25 of the Law on innovations (“Službeni glasnik RS”, no. 110/05, 18/10, and 55/13 – hereinafter: “the Law”) of the Republic of Serbia Government Conclusion number 022-11497/2019 from November 21 2019 (hereinafter: “the Conclusion”), as well as the regulations of the Contract for the founding of the Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš,

Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. announces a

PUBLIC CALL TO COMPANIES

- for virtual membership¹ in the Science and Technology Park Niš -

Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. (hereinafter: STP Niš) was founded via a partnership between the Government of the Republic of Serbia (on behalf of the RS Government Ministry of Education, Science, and Technological Development), the City of Niš, and the University in Niš, with the goal of:

- Providing infrastructural support for innovation works, which provides infrastructural and expert services to business societies, scientific research, and innovation organizations in order to connect them and apply new technologies, and create and place new products and services on the market as soon as possible, with the goal of rapid technological development of the country based on examples of good international practice in this field;
- Attracting innovative technology development companies (domestic and foreign) and creating conditions for their development through connections with scientific research and higher education organizations, with regard to the Law on innovation work regulations;
- Encouraging feedback for the development of scientific research organizations, primarily the University in Niš, through joint research with technology companies, with the goal of commercializing innovations created in the process of research and development;
- Creating conditions for the founding of a larger number of spinoff companies and their development by applying good practice from Serbia and the region;
- Creating conditions and ambience for the development of innovative startup companies,

¹ Based on article 23 of the Law on innovations (“Službeni glasnik RS”, no. 110/05, 18/10, and 55/13), the Science and Technology Park Niš member status is acquired by all subjects to whom the Science and Technology Park provides spatial and infrastructural services for work at one or more locations and, at the same time, provides other services in order to raise the level of higher education, scientific research, development, innovations, or production, and they can be: technology companies, scientific research or innovation organizations, and higher education institutions. Mutual rights and obligations of the Science and Technology Park Niš member are determined by contract.



- Having active and graduated students start and develop their own “businesses”,
- Creating and developing new innovative products, services, and processes by applying advanced and innovative technologies with the potential for growth, employment, and export;
- Employing young educated staff, as well as creating conditions for the return of our experts from abroad.

1. Types of services

By this Public call, STP Niš offers the following service package:

- Infrastructural services
 - The use of meeting and conference rooms,
 - The use of presentation rooms,
 - The use of common rooms,
 - all under beneficial conditions (30% discount off the full price) in accordance with Appendix 3 – Price list for services of enabling the use of rooms, halls, and additional parking space. This manner of use implies strictly using marked rooms and halls when free, with previously given permission by STP Niš.
- Consulting services
 - Consulting services in the field of development and commercialization of innovations,
 - Consulting services for the purpose of development by connecting with scientific research and higher education organizations.
- General education and educational services
 - Education and training through training programs,
 - Networking and promotion,
 - Access to equipment for applied scientific research,
 - Access to talents etc.

2. Right to participate

2.1. The **technology companies** dealing with developing new or improving existing products, processes, and services that have the right to participate in this Public call are:

- Micro-entities, small, and medium-sized businesses²,

² Based on article 6 of the Law on accounting (“Sl. glasnik RS”, no. 62/2013, 30/2018, and 73/2019 – st. Law), **micro** are the legal entities that do not exceed: a) an average number of employees of 10, b) business income of 700.000 EUR converted to dinars, and c) an average value of business assets (calculated as an arithmetic mean value at the beginning and



- Large domestic and foreign companies.

2.2. Domestic and foreign companies from the previous paragraph can participate in this Public call on the condition that:

- Their business suits the purpose of STP Niš (innovations, technology transfer, competition growth, increase in export, and creation of new jobs);
- They do business in accordance with the principles of social responsibility, gender equality, respecting people with disabilities, and environment protection;
- They are not subjected to legal proceedings of liquidation and bankruptcy, they have not been permanently or temporarily banned from doing their business, and that they have fulfilled all their obligations regarding taxes and contributions;
- They have been positively doing business for the last three years.

3. Manner of using services

STP Niš provides the virtual member with consulting, general education, and educational services in accordance with available resources and based on the developed cooperation with its founders and partner institutions; they will be provided at the individual request of the virtual member or at the STP Niš's initiative. In order to support innovations and create conditions for technology development, these services are included in the membership fee.

The virtual membership service package price (membership fee) is 30 euros per month for startup companies, 50 euros per month for micro-entities and small-sized businesses, 100 euros per month for middle-sized businesses, and 250 euros per month for large business entities, converted to dinars according to the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia without VAT on the invoice day. The membership fee is invoiced on the last day of a month. The monthly invoice arrives for payment on the day it is issued as stated on the invoice, and should be paid 15 (fifteen) days since the day it is issued at the latest, that is, no later than the 15th (fifteenth) day of the month for the previous month.

at the end of the business year) of 350.000 EUR converted to dinars; **small** are the legal entities that do not exceed: a) an average number of employees of 50, b) business income of 8.800.000 EUR converted to dinars, and c) an average value of business assets (calculated as an arithmetic mean value at the beginning and at the end of the business year) of 4.400.000 EUR converted to dinars; **medium** are the legal entities that do not exceed: a) an average number of employees of 250, b) business income of 35.000.000 EUR converted to dinars, and c) an average value of business assets (calculated as an arithmetic mean value at the beginning and at the end of the business year) of 17.500.000 EUR converted to dinars; **large** are the legal entities that exceed both of the criteria stated with the small and medium businesses.



4. Participation right

Evaluation of the applications received will be performed in accordance with the following **groups of criteria**.

4.1. Technological profile – Excerpt from the Smart Specialization Strategy of the Republic of Serbia (4S)

Businesses active in the fields defined in Smart Specialization Strategy Serbia (4S) and the Strategy for the Development of Artificial Intelligence in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2020-2025 (Strategy) have priority during the selection. By directing resources towards the fields that have the largest competition and innovation potential, 4S helps domestic economy use its potentials more efficiently and better position itself on global markets and international value chains. By developing innovations, science, and technologies in the identified priority fields, 4S creates prerequisites for a sustainable growth of the Republic of Serbia, while supporting the structural diversification of Serbian economy at the same time.

The general vision of Smart Specialization Strategy Serbia is:

Serbia creates innovations – a smart and creative Republic of Serbia highly competitive in the world and recognized for its innovations based on knowledge, partnerships in the domestic ecosystem, and creativity of individuals in the fields of:

- Sustainable high-tech production of high added value food for the future
- Sophisticated software solutions for the global market and
- Intersector grounded industrial innovations.

Final priority fields of Smart Specialization Strategy Serbia are the following:

1. Food for the future:
 - I. High tech agriculture,
 - II. Products with added value,
 - III. Sustainable food production chain;
2. Information and communication technologies:
 - I. Development of tailor-made software,
 - II. Development of one's own products;



3. Machines and production processes of the future:
 - I. Machines for general and specific purposes,
 - II. Information in service of smart control-industry 4.0,
 - III. Smart components and tools;

4. Creative industries:
 - I. Creative audio-visual production,
 - II. Video games and interactive media,
 - III. Smart containers.

The Southern and Eastern Serbia Region is the poorest region of the Republic of Serbia with the lowest average net income and the highest unemployment rate. The region is characterized by strong agriculture, textile, and rubber industry with a good scientific basis in electrical engineering.

4.2. Companies from article 2 of this call have the right to participate at this Public Call, and companies active in the fields defined as priority fields in the Smart Specialization Strategy (more detailed in 4.1.) have priority during the selection.

5. Necessary documents

- 6.1. Application via the form defined in this Public call.

- 6.2. All information stated in the forms and documents submitted for the Public call will be treated as top secret, aside from publicly available information.

- 6.3. The selected member is obligated to sign the Proposed Contract within 15 days of receiving it; otherwise, it will be assumed that they gave up on applying.

6. Manner of submitting applications and deadlines for carrying out the Public call

6.1. Manner of submitting applications

Applications for participating in the Public call are submitted both electronically and in writing. The electronic application is submitted via the email address javnipoziv@ntp.rs. All information regarding the application can be found on the internet address www.ntp.rs, where one can also download the application



forms, both electronic and in writing. Interested parties can submit questions regarding the public call to the email address info@ntp.rs.

2.2. Contest duration

The contest for accepting virtual members defined by this Public call is always open since the day of publishing.