

**NATIONAL FUNDS AND
PROGRAMS FOR PRIVATE
INVESTMENT PROJECTS**

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FONTAR

Argentine Technology Fund

PURPOSE

The FONTAR supports projects aimed at improving the productivity of the private sector on the basis of technological innovation. Different financing instruments are implemented by means of public calls.

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY FONTAR

- Technological development
- Technological updating
- Patent costs
- Technological services for institutions
- Technological services for SMBs
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Technological consulting programs
- Incubators for technological enterprises, parks and hubs

For more information, visit: www.agencia.mincyt.gov.ar

FONSOFT

Trust Fund for the Promotion of the Software Industry

PURPOSE

The FONSOFT trust fund was created upon the passing of the Software Industry Promotion Act (Act No. 25922).

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY FONSOFT

- Research and development projects related to activities included under the promotion regime (creation, design, development, production, implementation and tuning-up of software systems)

- Higher education programs for the training of workers
- Programs for process quality improvement in creation, design, development and production of software
- Assistance programs for the setting up of new undertakings

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FONCYT

Fund for Scientific and Technological Research

PURPOSE

The FONCYT supports research projects aiming at the generation of novel scientific and technological knowledge. Diverse promotion and financing instruments are available, all of which are awarded by means of public calls for tender.

PROMOTION AND FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

- Scientific and technological research projects
- Oriented scientific and technological research projects
- Research and development projects
- Equipment modernization projects
- Program for strategic areas
- Scientific meetings
- Qualification certificates
- Human resources program
- Infrastructure improvement and/or adjustment projects
- Technological platform projects
- Scholarships related with ICTs

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FONARSEC

Fund for Productive Sectors in Argentina

PURPOSE

The FONARSEC supports projects and activities aimed at developing critical capacities in areas with high potential impact on and permanent transfer to the productive sector. Eligible areas include: health, energy, agricultural industry, social development, ICTs, nanotechnology, biotechnology, environment and climate change.

PROMOTION AND FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

- Training program for managers and technology linkers (GTec)
- Infrastructure and technological equipment project (PRIETEC)
- EMPRETECNO EBT - Technology-based companies
- National Program for ICT Scholarships (PNBTICS)
- EMPRETECNO FFP - Project flow facilitators
- Biotechnology
- ICTs
- Nanotechnology
- Agricultural industry
- Energy
- Health

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Bicentennial Program

PURPOSE

A credit facility program for ARS 16 billion destined to all sectors and company types, aiming at the financing of productive investments.

BENEFITS

Fixed annual interest rate of 9.9% in Argentine pesos for 5-year loans.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.mecon.gov.ar/programa-del-financiamiento-productivo-del-bicentenario/>

CFI

Loans by the Investment Federal Council

PURPOSE

The CFI has arranged a series of financial assistance programs for micro, small and medium-sized businesses with the aim of promoting the development of the Argentine provinces and regions.

BENEFITS

- Productive reactivation: granting of loans to finance working capital, fixed assets and pre-investment
- Exportable regional production: the loans are intended for the pre-financing of exports and the support of exportable production (working capital, fixed assets and pre-investment)

For more information, visit: www.cfired.org.ar

MiPyMEs

Subsidized-rate Loans for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Businesses

This regime was devised with the purpose of facilitating the access of MSMBs to credit. The national state takes on part of the financial cost of the bank loans granted.

PURPOSE

- Acquisition of new capital goods by means of loan or capital leasing
- Creation of working capital
- Pre-financing and financing of goods and services export
- Setting up and development of new ventures

- Industrialization of goods and services developed through technological innovation
- Activities related to scientific and technological research, modernization and productive innovation

For more information, visit: www.sepyme.gov.ar

FONAPyME

National Development Fund for Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Businesses

PURPOSE

The FONAPyME has been devised to make capital contributions and provide financing to micro, small and medium-sized businesses for the development of projects oriented to the domestic market, with a special emphasis on the substitution of imports, the generation of added value and employment, and the promotion of regional development. This line of credit is aimed at financing investment in fixed assets and working capital.

For more information, please visit www.sepyme.gov.ar

Bicentennial National Program for the Development of Industrial Parks

PURPOSE

This program provides financing to any small and medium-sized company which is settled or wishing to settle within a public industrial park. Loans are aimed at financing: the company's establishment process, company expansion projects, and the investment in or acquisition of capital goods.

For more information, visit: www.sepyme.gov.ar

FONDER - Comprehensive Fund for Regional Development

The FONDER is intended to finance the needs of those companies or sectors which are not assisted by the traditional financing system and which contribute to generate local employment and added value, to increase exports, to facilitate the import substitution process, to move forward toward the development of new products and/or processes, to implement quality systems and to develop the local market, among other contributions.

PURPOSE

Aimed at individuals or legal entities which are legally capable to enter into loan agreements, have no commercial debts in the financial system and submit and take part in sustainable projects.

AMOUNT AND TERM

The loans amount to ARS 350,000, reaching, in certain cases, up to ARS 750,000, depending on the characteristics of the project. Up to five-year terms.

For more information, please visit
www.bna.com.ar/gestion_comercial.asp

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