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Commercialisation Voucher Programme

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Scope

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Supports local researchers and enterprises by helping them seek the market potential for their ideas

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As a precursor to the Technology Development Programme (TDP), the CVP assists prospective applicants of the TDP to better prepare themselves in terms of project proposal and validation. .

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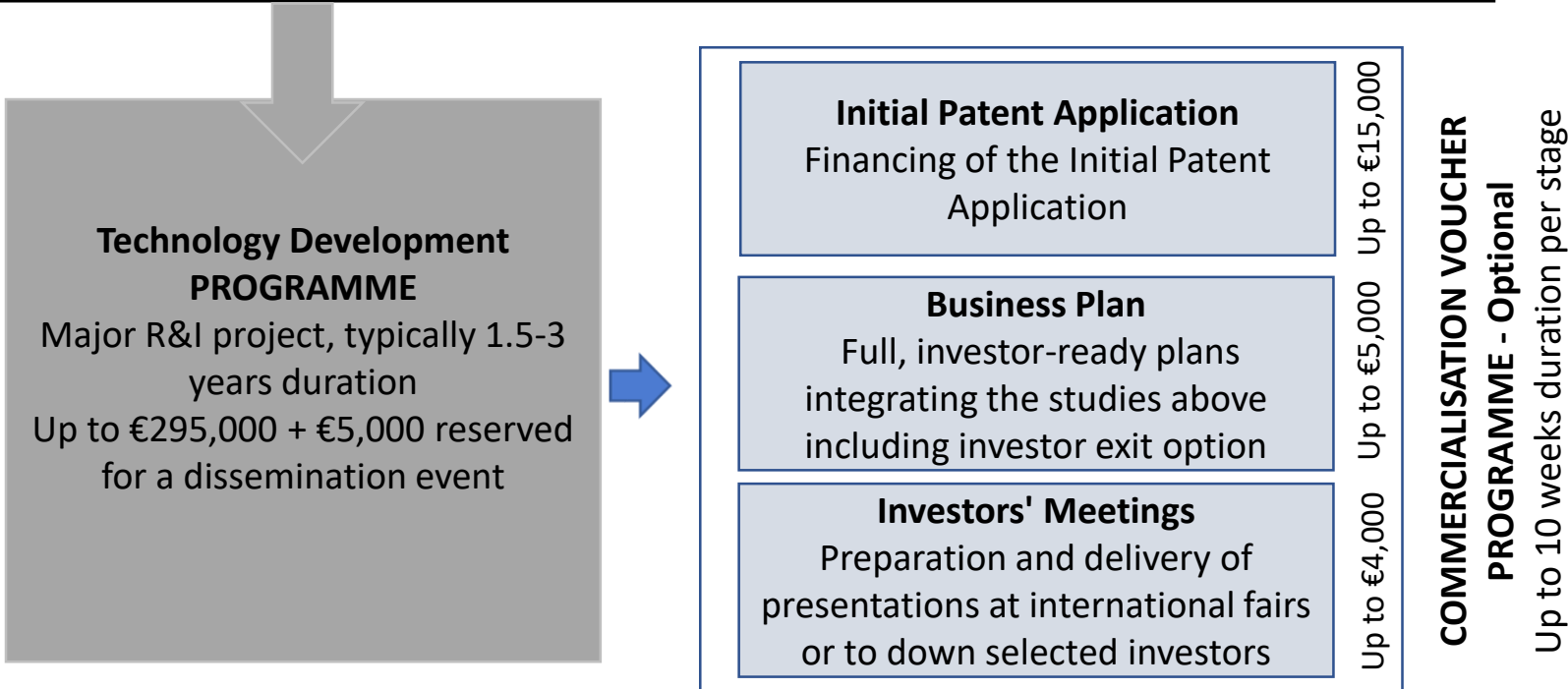
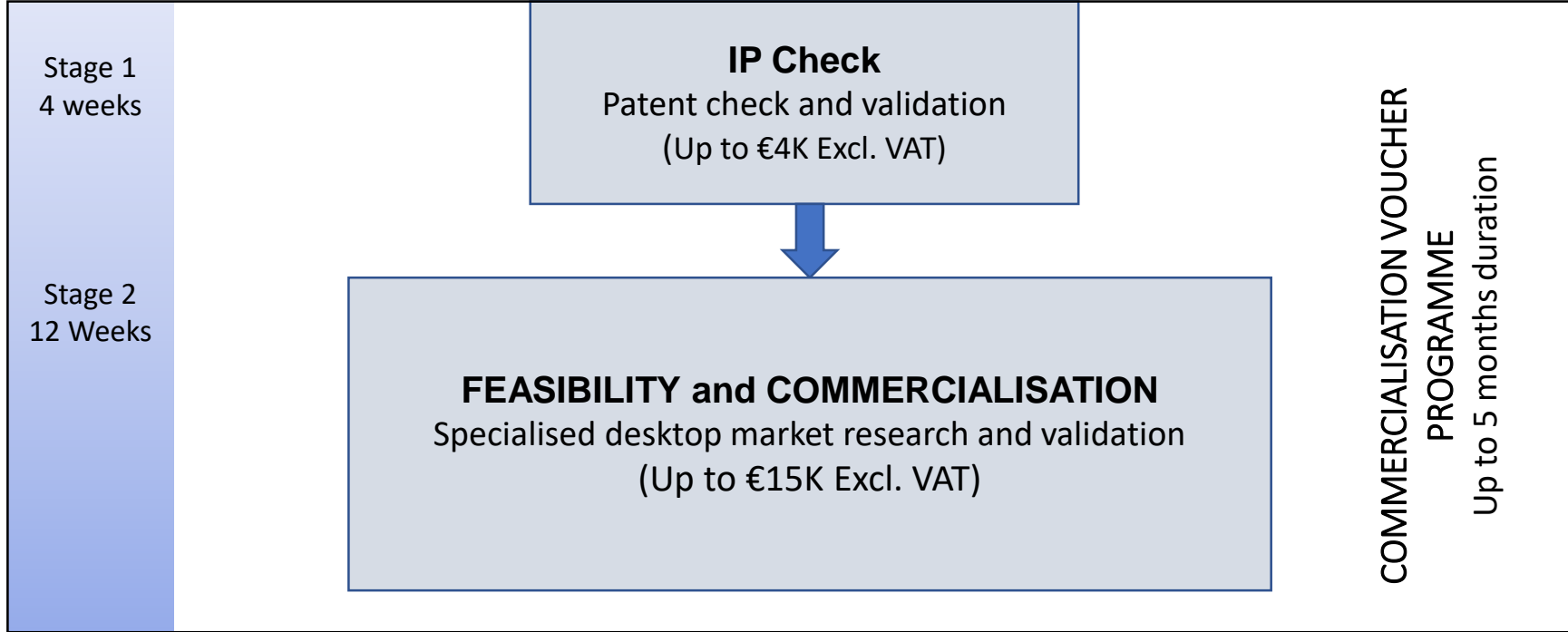
Supports knowledge transfer between organisations and offers researchers the possibility to develop their ideas into products/services which have market applicability



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The Commercialisation Voucher Programme

- Grants funding for **specific activities**.
- The CVP is a **two part** feasibility study.
- **The 1st part** funds an **IP check** to ensure novelty in the proposed technology.
- The second part funds a **Commercialisation and Feasibility** voucher aimed at ensuring economic viability.
- Since 2014, the CVP has funded over **126 beneficiaries** out of approximately **267 applications**



Option A: State Aid route

- Potential beneficiaries under the State aid option of this scheme are undertakings which carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU.
- **Eligible** undertakings are defined as undertakings which have an operating base in Malta, and are planning to carry out R&I activities.

They may be :

- a) A Partnership constituted under the Companies Act
- b) A Limited Liability Company
- c) A Professional body
- d) An NGO
- e) Non-profit making entities (including Foundations)

Option B: Non State Aid route

Potential beneficiaries under the Non-State Aid option of this scheme are **public entities** and **public research and knowledge dissemination organisations**, registered in Malta, which **do not carry out an economic activity** within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU.

- A **Public Research and Knowledge dissemination organisation** is defined in the Commission Framework for State aid for R&D&I (2014/C 198/01) paragraph 15(ee).
- A public research organisation and research infrastructure has to satisfy the “primary and knowledge transfer activities” as outlined in the Non State Aid rules in line with the Commission Framework for State Aid for R&D&I (2014/C 198/01) paragraph 19.
- The Non State Aid rules also define the requirements needed for a Public Entity to satisfy eligibility.

The Application Process

- The submission, evaluation and selection process of a project application is in the form of a **single-stage process**
- Only **completed** application forms will be accepted.
- The application form must be **fully finalised, dated** and **digitally signed** by the entity's legal representative
- The application shall also include a signed **State Aid declaration** and **VAT Form**
- Interested applicants are to submit their application online, electronically to **voucher.mcst@gov.mt**. Applications should be received by not later than midnight on the **20th August 2021**.

The Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- **Scientific Excellence** (40%, 25% threshold)
- **Impact** (40%, 25% threshold)
- **Implementation** (20%, 12% threshold)

Proposals must pass all thresholds and achieve an overall score of over 62% to be eligible for funding.

Scientific Evaluation

- ❑ **Scientific Excellence** Proposals must be assessed for their innovation potential and the level of ambition which must transcend the current state of the art.
- ❑ **Impact** Proposals will be evaluated for their economic, social and environmental impact
- ❑ **Implementation** Proposals are to be scrutinized for the capacity of the company submitting the proposal as well as for the critical risk and mitigation measures related to the project's implementation



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Success Story

FLASC

Project ran between 2016 and 2020

Collaboration between the University of Malta and Medserve PLC.

The technology focused on a novel form of off-shore energy storage which uses sea-water as a coolant

Project Resulted in :

- The formation of a **spin-off** FLASC B.V
- Internationally recognized **patent**.
- A **Statement of Feasibility** from DNVGL
- Recognised by the Solar Impulse Foundation as one of **1000 Solutions to Change the World**.





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Thank you!

I appreciate your attendance and interest.

For further information and to schedule one-to-one meetings.

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