



INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE



ELCIM SME SUPPORT PROGRAMME ESSP

Your Future ...



Sustained Growth

ELCIM SUPP PROG

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE **ELCIM SME SUPPORT PROGRAMME** IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LEBANON BY SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH OF LEBANON'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADDRESSING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS.

ITS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ARE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT NOT LESS THAN TEN SMES THROUGH CO-FINANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANCIES RELATED TO MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS.

AIM OF ESSP MECHANISM:

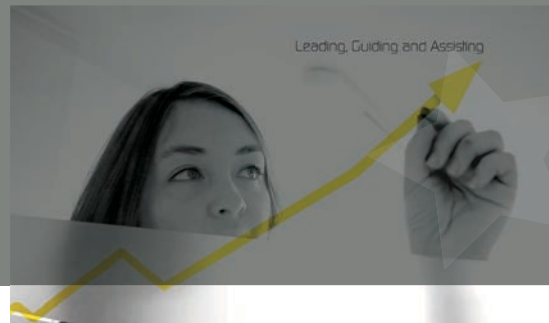
ESTABLISH A CO-FINANCING SCHEME CAPABLE OF MOTIVATING INDUSTRIES TO ENGAGE IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES:

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRISES READY TO IMPROVE THEIR ACTUAL SYSTEMS AND WILLING TO INVEST IN SUCH AN ACTION.

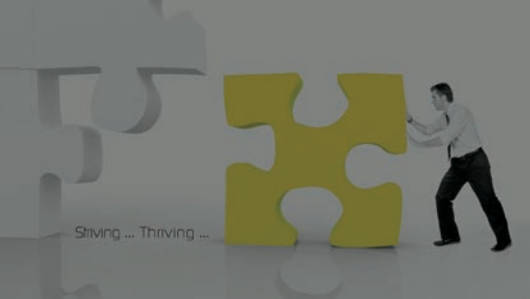
CO-FINANCING INSTITUTION:

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Leading, Guiding and Assisting

SME SUPPORT PROGRAMME



TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ESSP AN SME APPLICANT MUST BE:

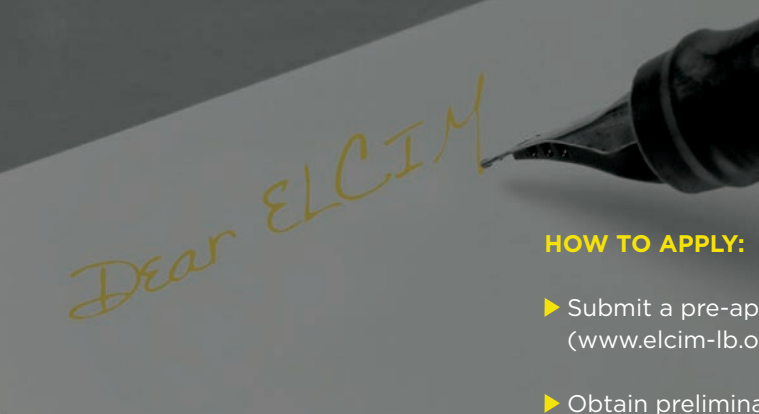
- ▶ A private sector manufacturing enterprise in any industrial sector.
- ▶ A registered Lebanese company at the commercial register.
- ▶ Established since a minimum of two (2) years prior to application date.
- ▶ Have a minimum of five (5) registered employees.



SUPPORTED ELIGIBLE ACTIONS:

- ▶ Improvement in production processes.
- ▶ Implementation of quality and food safety management and assurance systems.
- ▶ Improvement of marketing skills.
- ▶ Activities related to the development of HR.
- ▶ Export activities.
- ▶ Joint venture activities.
- ▶ Training.
- ▶ Upgrade of financial statements.
- ▶ Feasibility studies and facilitating access to finance.
- ▶ Energy saving studies.
- ▶ Others, as specified.





Dear ELCIM

HOW TO APPLY:

- ▶ Submit a pre-application form online (www.elcim-lb.org) or in hard copy.
- ▶ Obtain preliminary approval on relevance and eligibility.
- ▶ Fill and submit full application form.
- ▶ ELCIM team to check for administrative compliance and eligibility criteria.
- ▶ If eligible, onsite business assessment and report: development of technical specifications.



ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- ▶ Expert Man-days and travel if relevant.
- ▶ Cost of special training if relevant.

CO-FINANCING SCHEME:

- ▶ The financial support per application consists of 40% of the total identified eligible costs.
- ▶ The maximum co-financing amount per application is 4000 USD (four thousand US dollars).

- ▶ Applicant approval of the technical specifications and eligibility costs.
- ▶ Signing of the ESSP contract by the applicant and invoicing.



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