

Microloans

– for setting up and developing a small business

Microloans are particularly intended for financing small businesses that are just starting or are already functional. They are used for investments in machinery and equipment, for working capital requirements, for other start-up or expansion projects and for business development. A Microloan can be granted in one or more amounts up to a maximum of 35,000 euro. Other Finnvera funding is also possible. Microloans can be granted to all forms of enterprises, and can be supplemented with a start-up grant (starttiraha) by the Ministry of Labour.

You can apply for a Microloan if your business meets the following criteria:

- it does not employ more than five people
- the entrepreneur-owner works full-time in the business
- it operates in any sector, though not the actual farming industry, forestry or building developer's business.

How do we assess your company?

Our financing decisions are preceded by an analysis of the enterprise's market potential. We assess the enterprise's goals, development plans and market situation, and especially the local competition. We also assess the total financing that the enterprise's business requires, as well as the adequacy of the enterprise's own share of the financing.

We expect that the business operations are profitable and that the entrepreneur's own finances are in order.

An application for financing is processed more quickly if you have a business plan. Help for drawing up a business plan is available at regional enterprise services.

- Are you thinking of setting up a small business of your own or developing the existing one?
- A Finnvera Microloan could be the answer to your financing needs.

Terms and conditions of the Microloan

Loan amount: 3,000 – 35,000 euro.

Interest rate: The 6-month euribor and margin. The interest charged incorporates government interest subsidy.

Loan period: 5 years.

Security: The holders of a business name, the partners in a general partnership and the responsible partners in a limited partnership are personally responsible for the loan. The shareholders of a limited liability company are expected to give absolute general guarantees as security for the loan. The maximum total security equals the loan sum. Other possible forms of security can be negotiated case by case.

Handling fee: a handling fee is charged on the loan.

- You can apply for Finnvera's financing, loans and guarantees online at www.finnvera.fi - Online Services.
- Telephone Service 029 460 2582 – advice on financing and on how to fill in applications.

Application procedure

You can fill in a loan application safely and reliably on Finnvera's website: www.finnvera.fi > Online Services.

Finnvera acts as an agent for EU financing

Finnvera channels interest subsidies of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to investment and working capital loans, loans for women entrepreneurs, microloans, entrepreneur loans and environmental loans. In addition, guarantee fee subsidies of the ERDF are channelled to guarantees of investment and working capital loans. ERDF financing covers the major regions of Eastern Finland and Northern Finland in their entirety. In Southern Finland and Western Finland, ERDF financing is allocated to the most challenging areas.

Public consulting services for enterprises, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial hopefuls

On the joint website of public enterprise services (www.enterprise-finland.fi), you can receive expert information and advice on starting a business, entrepreneurship, and the development of your enterprise.

Starting enterprises get assistance for drawing up a business plan and for preparing a financing application from regional enterprise services (including the Enterprise Agencies of Jobs and Society). Often they give their comment on a starting enterprise's application, which Finnvera can use in its decision-making.

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