

We're seeking courageous, creative and innovative entrepreneurs willing to expand the range of services offered in the Kamnik town centre with their ideas, thus contributing to its future development.

**Seize the opportunity—apply for the call
"Kamnik, the town of entrepreneurs"**

Entrepreneurs who commit to start, continue or expand their business career in the old town centre of Kamnik will be awarded a **voucher worth 5,000 EUR** (excluding VAT) as part of the **CINEMA project** (www.gzs.si/projektNOPovezovanje/CINEMA). During the application preparation period, we will be providing free business consultancy and mentoring to each and every one of the applicants—a wonderful opportunity for everyone wanting to test their business idea/concept and/or develop it further.

The aim of the call is as follows:

- To select three entrepreneurs willing to occupy one of the empty office spaces in the old town centre of Kamnik to pursue their activity and realise their business idea, and to reward them with a voucher for 5,000 EUR (excluding VAT), to be used for creative and business support services.
- To help reinvigorate the town of Kamnik with new services and events.
- To encourage the integration of more traditional activities with creative services, thereby contributing to more innovative and sustainable businesses.

Award fund:

- **3 x vouchers for creative and business support services, each with a value of 5,000 EUR (excluding VAT).** The voucher can be redeemed for services from selected providers up to a total value of 5,000 EUR (not including VAT). The recipient can redeem the voucher with one or more of the providers listed on the website www.podjetnisko-mesto.si/soustvarjaj-prihodnost-mesta-kamnik. *Tax, accounting and business consultancy* services can make up a maximum of 25 % of the voucher's value. It can only be redeemed for activities physically taking place at one of the locations in the old town centre of Kamnik.
- **3 x 10-hour packages of consultancy and mentoring by renowned experts for introducing a new business idea/product/service or for enhancing an existing**

activity in the Kamnik city centre. The list is available at www.podjetnisko-mesto.si/soustvarjaj-prihodnost-mesta-kamnik.

- **3 x promotional activity packages** The selected business ideas or new entrepreneurs in Kamnik will be promoted on our website www.podjetnisko-mesto.si, online and on social networks through the *Kamnik, moje podjetniško mesto* campaign, through our project partners (the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, RRA LUR, the Municipality of Kamnik) at a special event in Kamnik in 2022, as well as on other occasions.

Free services available to all applicants for the duration of the call

While the call is open, our experts will be available free of charge to all the applicants during the application phase, in order to:

- test your new business idea or develop an existing one, assess the realistic prospects for its development and formulate an outline of a business plan.
- Contact consultants in the fields of business creation and get help with registering a new business or branch office and on the terms and conditions for specific business activities.
- Get information on the business support environment in Kamnik.
- Check out the premises available in Kamnik to realise your business idea.
- Examine other available sources of financing for your business idea, and
- receive help and consultation on drafting the application.

Conditions for participation

- The call is open to all small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and other entities registered in EU member countries.
- The call is open to all businesses (companies, sole traders, natural persons with a registered activity, cooperatives and social enterprises) that have already begun operation in the Kamnik town centre from and including 1 September 2021, or those that intend to do so by 30 September 2022 at the latest, in the vacant premises described at: www.podjetnisko-mesto.si/prostor-kjer-vasa-podjetniska-ideja-dozori/ or other premises in the old town of Kamnik in the area protected by the decree (the area of the old town is defined in the current Decree on the declaration of the old town of Kamnik as a cultural and historical monument, the content of which is available at www.kamnik.si/obcina-kamnik/predpisi/odloki).
- The voucher redemption contract may only be entered into with a legal or natural person who will have their activity entered into the Business or Tax register by 1 July 2022 at the latest.

Business idea/concept selection criteria

All the received applications will be evaluated by a three-member commission. Applications that satisfy all the formal conditions and fulfil the selection criteria will be selected and the applicants will be invited to sign contracts in order to receive the awards from the fund. If multiple equivalent applications are received, those that were submitted earlier will be prioritised. The commission's decision cannot be appealed. In evaluating the applications, the commission will apply the following criteria:

- The business idea/concept presented must contribute to the revitalisation of the Kamnik town centre.
- The business plan/concept submitted must demonstrate cost-effectiveness and feasibility.
- The applicants undertake to keep pursuing the business activity or business concept on the site for at least one year after the conclusion of the CINEMA project (at least until 31 December 2023) in the same form as described in their submission or in an essentially similar form.
- The applicants pledge not to use the award funds for business premises outside of Kamnik or at other locations.

How to apply:

- Read and **familiarise yourself with the terms of the call**. Examine the supplemental material and the model contract for the use of resources from the award fund.
- **Fill in the application form**. To arrange a free consultation on filling in the application form or about your business idea, please email us at projects@gzs.si. The application form consists of three parts combined into a single form: Application, Declaration and a mandatory Annex (summarising the business plan)
- You can attach further documents that substantiate your statements in the application (references, company registration data, etc.).
- Sign the application, convert it into a PDF file and submit it by e-mail to projects@gzs.si.

The call documentation is available at www.podjetnisko-mesto.si, though on request, we can also send you the documentation and application form by e-mail.

You will receive immediate confirmation of your application. The application documentation will be examined by an expert commission who will notify you of their decision no later than 20 days after the opening of the applications. Once all the bonuses have been distributed, the award fund will be closed, but individual basic consultations will still be available on a limited basis to those interested in setting up a business in the centre of Kamnik.

Application deadline and method of application

The call will be open until **15 March 2022**. The award fund for the call will be open until the allocated funds have been used up or until three business ideas have been selected. There will be three deadlines for opening the applications:

- 1st deadline: 15 January 2022,
- 2nd deadline: 15 February 2022, and
- 3rd deadline: 15 March 2022.

Applicants who submit their application after the closing of the award fund will be placed on a waiting list and assigned a consecutive number. If it is not possible to sign a contract for the use of the award fund with a selected applicant, applicants on the waiting list will be invited to sign it instead.

Submit the completed and signed (in electronic or handwritten form) form by e-mail to projects@gzs.si with the following subject line: **Kamnik, the town of entrepreneurs-application for the call** The application can also be submitted by regular mail.

Information

All applicants are eligible for free advice and help with drafting their application. To make an appointment, e-mail us at projects@gzs.si or call 01 5898 330.

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