



SME measures in FP7

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TransSMEs



SEVENTH FRAMEWORK
PROGRAMME

SME performance in FP6

- **Cooperative Research: M€ 324**
 - 3.275 proposals, 390 proposals funded
- **Collective Research: M€ 147**
 - 683 proposals, 80 proposals funded
- **SME participation in the Thematic Priorities (main listed proposals)**
 - 2003: 12,4%
 - 2004 -March 2005: 15,2%

 - IPs: 13,4%
 - NoEs 5,0%
 - STREPs: 16,4%

SME initiatives in FP7

Four complementary pillars of SME support in FP7			
Community Actions			Member States initiative
Optimized participation	Special emphasis on SMEs and dedicated scheme	Budget increase for specific actions	Article 169 for research performing SMEs
COOPERATION	PEOPLE	CAPACITIES	CAPACITIES
<i>Research performing SMEs</i>	<i>Mainly research performing SMEs</i>	<i>Research outsourcing and high-growth SMEs</i>	<i>Research performing SMEs</i>
Thematic areas	Industry-academia pathways	Bottom-up approach	Market oriented, bottom-up approach

Capacities - Research for the benefit of SMEs

- Strengthen the innovation capacities of SMEs and their ability to benefit from outsourcing of research
- Help SMEs to develop new products and markets via:
 - Increasing their research effort
 - Acquiring technological know-how
 - Extending their networks
 - Improving the exploitation of research results
- Bottom up approach: entire field of science and technology
- Two principles:
 1. Research for SMEs (CRAFT)
 2. Research for SME associations (COLLECTIVE RESEARCH)

Target groups

- **Research for SMEs:**
 - All SMEs that need to outsource research activities
 - Mainly low to medium technology SMEs with little or no research capability
 - Research intensive SMEs that need to outsource research to complement their core research capability
- **Research for SME associations:**
 - SME associations which are normally best placed to know or identify the common technical problems of their members

1. Research for SMEs (CRAFT)

- Relatively short term projects centred around the innovation needs of SMEs who outsource research to RTD performers
- Clear exploitation potential for the SMEs (close to market)
- 3 SMEs from different MS/AC
+ 2 R&D performers
- Duration: 1 to 2 years
- Project size: 0,5 to 1,5 M€
- Deadline first call: 4 September 2007 (100 M€)

2. Research for SME associations (COLLECTIVE RESEARCH)

- Projects must be driven by the SME associations and promote the effective **dissemination and take-up of results**
- 3 SME associations from different MS/AC
 - + 2 SMEs from different MS/AC
 - + 2 R&D performers
- Duration: 2 to 3 years
- Project size: 1,5 to 4 M€
- Deadline: 1 June 2007 (first step); 10 M€
 - Second step 28 November 2007

Project characteristics

- **Common features of the two SME specific measures:**
 - Bottom-up approach: entire field of science and technology
 - Types of activities: **Research and technological development, demonstration, consortium management** (and training, technology transfer, knowledge management and IPR protection)
 - Other enterprises and end-users can participate if it is in the interest of the SMEs or SME associations
 - Evaluation puts a special emphasis on the **expected economic impact for the SMEs**
 - Grant: invoice RTD performers x 110%
 - RTD activities must form the bulk of project costs

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)

- Separate of FP7, 2007-2013, 3600 Million Euro
- SME measures: Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme
 - Access to finance for the start up and growth of SMEs
 - Investment in innovation activities
 - Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation
 - Entrepreneurship and innovation culture
 - Enterprise and innovation related economic and administrative reform

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/cip/index_en.htm

Member States Initiative

- **EUROSTARS: Joint implementation of national programmes for research performing SMEs (article 169 initiative)**
- Initiative launched by Eureka
- Targeting R&D performing SME to boost their research and innovation capacity through support of trans-national, multi-partner R&D projects
- 21 Eureka countries have agreed to participate in a joint programme
- Community could provide financial support to the initiative

Innovation Relay Centre (IRC)

- IRC network: connecting knowledge, technology and people
- 71 regional IRCs span 33 countries - 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and Chile
- 4000 technology Requests and Offers each year
- 18% finds a new business partner
- Service free of charge

<http://irc.cordis.lu/>



Thank you.

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