

SMEs: how to participate in European research projects

Throughout FP7, SMEs will actively be encouraged to participate in all research actions, in particular those under the research themes of the Cooperation programme. The programme aims to facilitate the optimal participation of mainly 'research performing SMEs' by means such as simplified funding and administrative procedures and greater flexibility in choosing the funding schemes. Areas of particular interest to SMEs will be identified in the individual work programmes of each theme.

Furthermore FP7 includes a special programme for SMEs under the Capacities programme which is designed explicitly to meet the needs of the private sector and develop its capacity for innovation. Ukrainian SMEs can participate across all themes provided that the minimum conditions and any additional conditions for participation have been met.

The research for the benefits of SMEs programme has the objective of:

- Fostering SMEs or SME associations who want to outsource their research activities
- Developing and coordinating support to SMEs at national level
- Financing support measures

It has a budget of € 1,3 billion.

More detailed information on this funding scheme and respective calls is available at:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/research-sme_en.html

General information on the participation of private companies can be found here:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/sme_en.html



Additional useful links for SMEs

<http://ted.europa.eu/>:

TED Tenders Electronic Daily is the online version of the "Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union", dedicated to European public procurement.

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

Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) for SMEs.

<http://cordis.europa.eu/marketplace/>:

Information on technology transfer from European programmes at the CORDIS Technology Marketplace.

http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.cfm

Categorisation of eligible SMEs and short self test to determine, whether your company qualifies as an SME by EU definition.

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General information on FP7

The official sources of information on the 7th Framework Programme and calls for proposals are the EU Official Journal, CORDIS Magazine and the CORDIS website. They provide all legal documents related to FP7 and the information you need to participate in FP7 projects.

The CORDIS website address is as follows:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

Link to documents:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html

The rationale behind FP7

The 7th Framework Programme (FP7) is the biggest multilateral research programme which is open to the scientific community and innovative enterprises of the world. It is focused on ten key thematic priorities discussing consolidation of transnational and international cooperation, big technological projects with a European dimension, fundamental research, infrastructures, human resources and training of researchers. FP7 covers for the years 2007-2013 all main areas of research that have a clear impact on economic and industrial competitiveness as well as addresses the needs of societies and global issues: genomics and medical research, biotechnologies, nanotechnologies and information technologies, sustainable economic development with environment, energy, transports, space.

Budget:

The total budget of FP7 (2007-2013) is 50.5 billion €

Structure:

The FP7 structure is divided into four specific programmes:

- **Cooperation:** Support for research activities carried out in trans-national cooperation. International cooperation between the EU and third countries is an integral part of this action.
- **Capacities:** Support for research infrastructures, research for the benefit of SMEs and the research potential of European regions.
- **Ideas:** Support for European research at the frontier of knowledge in all scientific and technological fields, including engineering, socio-economic sciences and the humanities.
- **People:** Quantitative and qualitative strengthening of human resources in research and technology in Europe by putting into place a coherent set of [Marie Curie actions](#).

In addition, there is a 'specific programme' for the [Joint Research Centre](#) (non-nuclear activities) and one for [Euratom](#) (nuclear research and training activities).



What is the benefit for industry and SMEs?

- Participation of SMEs across all themes
- Connection to EU partners
- Connection between public and private sector stakeholders
- Enhancing the companies' competitiveness
- Joint research partnership, industry training and secondments between public and private sectors
- Development of the research infrastructure and optimisation of their use
- Development of the regional research-driven cluster, involving enterprises as well as universities and local authorities
- Exploitation of the research results and technologies that emerge from the Framework Programme
- Availability of new knowledge and access to a high-quality pool of researchers

What will be funded?

The proposed rules for Participation in FP7 specify a funding rate of 75% for research and development activities of SMEs.

Where to get support?

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