

FP7 Capacities Work Programme: Part 2 – Research for SMEs

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Call title: Research for SMEs Call 2

- **Call identifier:** FP7-SME-2008-1
- **Date of publication:** 30 November 2007
- **Deadline:** 11 April 2008, at 17.00.00 h (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget¹:** EUR 92.72 million²
- **Topics:** the call is open to all research fields

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Scheme
<u>2.1 Research for SMEs</u>	The call is open to all research fields ³	Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs)

- **Evaluation procedure:** the evaluation will follow a single stage procedure; proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.

However, for this call, the threshold for the Potential impact criterion will be 4 (instead of 3) and, as a consequence, the overall threshold will be 11 (instead of 10).

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation results estimated to be available 3 months after closure date.
Contract signature: it is estimated that the first contracts related to the call will come into force 8 months after the closure date.

¹ The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

³ Research proposals within the scope of Annex I of the EURATOM Treaty, namely those directed towards nuclear energy applications, should be submitted to relevant calls under the EURATOM 7th Framework Programme.

- **Consortium agreements**

The participants will be required to submit a signed consortium agreement before the signature of the contract.

It addresses issues such as the internal organisation of the consortium, the management of the Community financial contribution, rules on dissemination and use, including intellectual property rights management, settlement of internal disputes. In particular, it should contain provisions related to the remuneration of the RTD-performers especially if different from the default regime, clearly indicating the ceiling for remuneration agreed within the consortium and the related consequences in terms of allocation of ownership and use and dissemination rights. This information is meant to be fully reflected in the Technical Annex to the contract.

- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:**

- At least 3 participants must be independent SMEs established in at least 3 MS or AC.
- At least 2 participants must be RTD performers (having the capacity to carry out research at the request of SMEs), independent from any other participant.
- Other legal entities, such as other enterprises or end-users that make a particular contribution to the project and to solving specific problems or needs of SMEs may participate, though not in a dominant role. These other enterprises and end-users must be independent from the SME participants and the RTD performers.

- See Annex 3 for the form of grant and maximum reimbursement rates

- A reserve list of proposals will be established