Participation of SMEs in FP7

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SME Progress Report

• Monitor the SME participation in FP7
• In particular if the targeted 15% of the budget in the Cooperation Programme goes to SMEs, which is not yet the case
• Also the participation of SMEs in Capacities and People is analysed
• Fourth SME Progress Report published in December 2009, using data of 30 September 2009
• The Fifth SME Progress Report will use data of 31 March 2010.
“The aim will be to enable at least 15% of the funding available under the ‘Cooperation’ part of the programme to go to SMEs.”

- FP7-Cooperation budget 2007-2013: 32.413 million Euro
- Target: 15% contribution for SMEs: 4.862 million Euro, during FP7
Cooperation Programme
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Key figures

• 1,832 GAs (Grant Agreements) signed,
• 20,255 participations,
• 3,174 SME participations, 15,7% of the participations

Funded

• 6,337 million Euro EU- Contribution in signed GA’s
850 million Euro is allocated to SMEs.
• 13,4% of the EU contribution in Signed GA's goes to SMEs
• Average EU- contribution per SME participation: 268,000€
Capacities - Research for the benefit of SMEs:

- **170 Grant Agreements**, involving 1,574 participations, out of which **1,000 SME participations (64%)**
  
  Total EU contribution = **202 million Euro**

- **2 out of 3 Coordinators are SMEs**

- SMEs outsource (subcontract) between **66 % and 69% of the total project costs to RTD performers**

- **Total budget: 1.300 million Euro**
Themes in Cooperation

- **HEALTH** Health Research
- **KBBE** Knowledge Based Bio-Economy
  
  *coverage:* Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology
- **ICT** Information and Communication Technologies
- **NMP** Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials & New Production Technologies
- **ENERGY** Energy Research
- **ENV** Environment - including Climate Change
- **TPT** Transport - including Aeronautics
- **SSH** Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities
- **SPA** Space Research
- **SEC** Security Research
Percentage of the EU-contribution going to SMEs

Target for SMEs:
15% of the EU-contribution

- HEALTH: 10.80%
- KBBE: 7.60%
- ICT: 14.50%
- NMP: 22.50%
- ENERGY: 14.20%
- ENV: 8.60%
- TPT: 15.40%
- SSH: 3.20%
- SPA: 7.80%
- SEC: 19.20%
- FP7-COOP: 13.40%
Profile of SMEs in FP7 Projects

• 42% of the SMEs: Work Package leader: demonstrates their high commitment.

• 10% of the projects are coordinated by an SME.

• The median "company age" of an SME at the call closure date is 10 years, (50% of the participating SMEs above and 50% below this age)
SMEs in FP7: economic activity

- Research SME: 33%
- Machinery production: 12%
- Materials production: 8%
- ICT: 22%
- Consultant services: 16%
- Other services: 9%
Fourth
« SME Progress Report »
Autumn 2009

- Summary leaflet
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/pdf/

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