

What can we offer you as a coordinator?

We can help you identify the profiles of the SMEs you need.

We can help you build your consortium by finding SMEs for you

We can organise meetings with suitable SME candidates

Organisations are considered to be SMEs* when they:

- are legal entities with less than 250 employees, and
- have either an annual turnover of less than € 40 million or an annual balance sheet below € 27 million and
- are independent – ie not 25% or more owned by organisations which are not SMEs

* This definition may change as from 1st January 2005



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Identifying SMEs

for your FP6 research projects could be easier than you think





Are you coordinating or planning to propose an FP6 “Food Quality and Safety” project?

Do you need help finding suitable SMEs for your project?

Did the European Commission ask you to involve more SMEs in your project?

SMEsforFOOD
can offer you
a little help
with that!

Introduction

The EU-funded Specific Support Action SMEsforFOOD is dedicated to promote over a period of 3 years (2004-2006) the participation of SMEs in FP6 new types of instruments (IPs and NoEs).

The European Commission recognises the importance of SMEs in the dissemination, demonstration or application of research results.

Therefore, 15% of the overall FP6 budget foreseen is allocated to SMEs.

Within the Thematic priority 5 : “Food Quality & Safety” with a total budget of 685 million €, 100 million € should be reserved for the participation of SMEs.

How can this help you?

As a coordinator you need to find SMEs that are both willing and able to participate in your FP6 project. You expect potential partners to know about the overall rules, intellectual property rights, financial guidelines, project management etc.

On top of that you do not just want any SME to participate! You have very specific tasks in your project that you want to see performed by SMEs.

And finally, you do not want to spend a lot of time travelling all over Europe to meet potential partners.

Training

In a series of workshops and personal contacts we are going to inform and train interested SMEs in order to prepare them for participation in FP6.

Identification

We would like to hear from you what your specific needs are. Are you looking for SMEs for a specific research task, do you want them to help you disseminate project results or to develop new products based on those results? If we know what you want we will know what to look for!

Auditing

By visiting and auditing interested SMEs we can build a database of SME profiles, from which you can pick the ones you need. We will identify their specific skills, their track-record and plans for the future, so that you are able to find those partners that add true value to your consortium.

Meeting

We will organise national and international meetings with suitable candidates. We will build a dedicated website where you can have virtual meetings.



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