

What can we offer you as an SME?

We can help you to

identify R&D themes of your company's interest,

identify on going R&D projects or projects under preparation of your company's interest,

approach and meet the co-ordinators of these projects for further collaboration,

better **understand** the processes and rules (as IPR) behind the participation to a 6FP project.

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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SMEsforFOOD is an EU funded initiative to promote the participation of SMEs in the new instruments within Thematic Priority 5 "Food Quality & Safety" of the Sixth Framework Programme.

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★ Opportunities ★

for SMEs to benefit from
FP6 research projects



Do you have any European ambitions?

Do you want to acquire or to develop new technology / new product through your involvement in European R&TD projects?

Are you seeking involvement in a large European research project?

Do you need help to find suitable projects or partners?

If you have answered at least one of these questions with a

YES

Then you most likely can use a little help.

SMEsforFOOD
can offer you
just that!

Introduction

The EU-funded Specific Support Action SMEsforFOOD is dedicated to promote over a period of three years (2004-2006) the participation of SMEs in large scale European research projects i.e. Integrated Projects (IP) and Networks of Excellence (NoE) in the sector of Food Quality and Safety.

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

Therefore, 15% of the overall budget of the 6th Framework Research Programme is foreseen to be allocated to SMEs.

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

Should you wish to take part into a large EU research project you need to find the appropriate project and the appropriate partners in order to meet:

- your objectives (short, medium or long term),
- your needs (upgrade, demonstrate, develop or acquire a new technology or product or knowledge, new markets, new commercial strengths)

Information & Training

In a series of workshops and personal contacts we are going to inform and train you in order to prepare your participation in FP6 (rules on intellectual property rights, financial guidelines, project management,...

If we know what you want,
we know what to look for!

Identification

Let us know what your specific needs are in order to better match your profile with IP and NoE projects.

We know these large research projects, their specific skills, their objectives, their particular needs in terms of SMEs, their track-record and plans for the future.

Enough information for you to decide which project fits the best with your company's interests.

Matching

Ad-hoc national and international meetings with suitable IP and NoE co-ordinators will be organised during these three years to enable you to meet them.

A dedicated web-site will allow you not only to find out more about IP and NoE projects but as well to promote the skills and needs of your company.



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