



New calls due out in July

Since the beginning of 2010 the Enterprise Europe Network London, FP7 team, has been continuously working, trying hard to help Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in London to submit their Research and Development proposals in partnership with other European companies, research centres and universities.

In the next few months calls covering *Information and communication technologies; People; and Joint Technology Initiatives* will close, totalling a combined budget of €267 775 000.

July 2010 promises to be an exciting month as the opening of several calls covering *Energy; Environment; Eranet; ERA coordination; ERC; Fission & Fusion; Food, Agri & Biotech; Health; ICT; INCO; NMP; People; Regions of Knowledge; Research for the benefit of SME; Research Infrastructures; Science in Society; Security; Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities; Space; Transport and Joint Technology Initiatives* is expected.

If you have an interesting project proposal contact us, so we can start working for the next call due out in 2010.

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EUREKA Eurostars - www.eurostars-eureka.eu

EUREKA Eurostars is a pan-European funding mechanism for innovative intensive and research performing SMEs. It is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to this topic and is open to all sectors. The programme's purpose is to provide funding for market-oriented R & D, specifically with the active participation of R & D performing SMEs.

The Next Call deadline will be Sept 25th 2010 [5pm CET]. There will be 2 calls from 2011 to 2013 [annually in Feb and Sept].

Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Joint Programme Call for Proposals 2010

The objective of the AAL Joint Programme is to enhance the quality of life of older people and strengthen the industrial base in Europe through the use of Information and Communication Technologies. Deadline: 30th July 2010 [5pm CET].

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Open calls for proposals

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- FET Open Scheme ([FP7-ICT-2009-C](#)). Budget: € 61 000 000. Deadline: between 20 Jan, 09 & 24 May 2011.

People

- Marie Curie Reintegration Grants ([FP7-PEOPLE-2010-RG](#)). Budget: € 32 000 000. Deadline: 07 September 2010.
- Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF) ([FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IEF](#)). Budget: € 95 000 000. Deadline: 17 August 2010.
- Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) ([FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IIF](#)). Budget: € 28 000 000. Deadline: 17 August 2010.
- Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF) ([FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IOF](#)). Budget: € 28 000 000. Deadline: 17 August 2010.

Joint Technology Initiatives

- Clean Sky JTI 2010-03 ([SP1-JTI-CS-2010-03](#)). Budget: € 19 350 000. Deadline: 20 July 2010.
- Clean Sky JTI 2010-02 ([SP1-JTI-CS-2010-02](#)). Budget: € 4 425 000. Deadline: 30 June 2010.

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Upcoming events

Research supporting Service Innovation: a workshop for European SMEs

20th May 2010, Brussels, Belgium

The workshop will examine the potential of service innovation for SMEs, and discuss the role of European research activities to support SMEs in this area.

Innovation in healthcare: from research to market

20th-21st May 2010, Brussels, Belgium

The event will look to address the challenges that European healthcare enterprises face in the current landscape, and provide a forum to highlight and discuss policy developments at European and national level and contribute to the wider research and innovation debate.

Nanosciences, Nanotechnology, Materials and New Production Technologies theme (NMP): FP7 Funding information workshop

20th May 2010, London, UK

This event will provide you with an overview of the upcoming fifth NMP call and advanced notification of the call contents, as well as an opportunity to meet the regional and national support teams and networking with potential partners and experienced FP7 participants.

Health: FP7 Funding information workshop

22nd June 2010, London, UK

This event aims to give an insight into the EU investment in Health research, investment used to support research activities and initiatives during FP7, with a particular focus on health biotechnology, translational research and the optimisation of health care delivery to citizens, as well as providing support to address EU policy needs.

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New to FP7

This section outlines what FP7 is all about, focusing on the opportunities available for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs).

What is FP7?

FP7 refers to 7th Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities. It aims to bring companies together across Europe to foster economic development by encouraging and funding Research, Development and Innovation. It is the European Commission's main tool for R&D with an allocated budget of over €50bn between 2007 and 2013.

SMEs and FP7

FPs have historically supported large-scale strategic projects. More recently, however, there has been a shift towards including more SMEs.

The European Commission is therefore keen to optimize the impact of the FP7 on SMEs. In practical terms it means that at least 15 per cent of the overall budget, or €7.5bn, is expected to be granted to SMEs.

Benefits and challenges for SMEs

As the largest research programme in the world, FP7 offers the opportunity for SMEs to perform R&D that looks too far into the future to be carried out alone. That is to say that FP7 does not exist to help your organisation to survive nor to fund short term day-to-day projects. This is an important difference to highlight as the application process is long, complex and time-consuming.

Nevertheless, this very complexity can be seen as an opportunity. More than financial support for research, due to its strong transnational element, FP7 allows SMEs to strengthen their position in the market through building networks with international partners such as companies and research centres inside and outside Europe.

If you are thinking of applying for FP7 you can count on the [London Innovation Network](#) to help you assess whether it is the right funding for you and help you through the application process.

What does it fund?

FP7 funds conceptual Research and Development projects. The most suitable project type for SMEs is collaborative projects which are "focused research projects with a clearly defined scientific and technological objectives and specific expected results".

For SMEs, the reimbursement rate for collaborative projects is up to 75 per cent of the eligible R&D costs. For other activities (i.e. consortium management) it can be up to 100 per cent of eligible costs.

Typically, small or medium research projects can receive a contribution of €1-3m, whereas large scale integrating projects can access €6-12m*.

*NB. Figures are merely indicative and can vary from with each call. You should check that your proposal meets minimum eligibility criteria and maximum EC contribution thresholds as outlined in the specific call.

Who, how and when to apply?

Collaborative projects are carried out by consortia made up of participants from different countries, Member States and Associated Countries. Eligible participants can be universities, research centres, multinational corporations, SMEs, public administrations and individuals. Organisations from International Cooperation Partner Countries are also eligible as long as the consortia meet the required minimum of Member States participants.

Eligible consortia requires as minimum condition the participation of least three legal entities, each of which is established in a Member State or Associated country, and no two of which are established in the same Member State or Associated country.

FP7 is implemented through calls for proposals launched quarterly. Each call covers specific areas of research and to be considered for application your project must fit in its criteria. More information (work programmes, call fiche, guides for applicants) is provided on the [Cordis Website](#).

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Enterprise Europe Network London – how we can help

If you are a London based business interested in taking part in FP7 we can help you to:

- Assess if FP7 is the right funding for you. If it is not, we can help find other possible funding sources.
- Find a partner and build a consortium: as part of [Enterprise Europe Network](#) we have access to more than 400 organisations in more than 40 countries and hundreds of business partners.
- Write the proposal: we do not write it for you, but we provide one-to-one support to help you through the application process.
- Ensure your application fully meets the evaluation criteria.
- Lobby the Commission and National Contact Points on behalf of your project.

For further information contact fp7@gle.co.uk or visit www.london-innovation.org

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