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## The SME Instrument in HORIZON 2020

### Agenda

- 1) SME instrument explained;
- 2) Rules of participation;
- 3) Participant portal;
- 4) Procedures after submitting a project;
- 5) Funding issues;
- 6) Coaching and phase 3 of the SME instrument.



### What is it all about?





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### How does it work?

#### Grants

#### Applying for funding



### The SME Instrument

SEAMLESS BUSINESS INNOVATION SUPPORT FROM IDEA TO MARKET ...



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### 1) SME instrument explained

- Why participate?
- Desired profile of the participating SME;
- Timeline 03/14, 04/14, 06/14;
- 3 phases;
- Themes;
- Evaluation to be explained with procedures after the submission.





### **Amount of projects**

- Varies between themes E.g. from 90 for Phase 1 and 26 in Phase 2 for ICT innovation; to 8 in Phase 1 and 2 in Phase 2 for Biotech
- Check the SME Instrument web page for specific amount of projects to be supported per theme

http://ec.europa.eu/easme/sme/





### **Call Organisation**

- Open call: Submissions can be submitted any time, and evaluated starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- 4 cut-off dates per year as of 2015 (March, June, September, December) for ranking and finance decisions
- Budget: For 2014 5% of the combined budget of SC and LEIT, overall minimum 7% of these combined budget. Total is roughly € 3 billion.



### 2) Rules for participation

- Check the Participant portal Horizon 2020 Rules for participation – reference documents under <u>http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/</u> <u>desktop/en/funding/reference\_docs.html;</u>
- For SME instrument art. 53 only FOR-PROFIT SMEs can apply in cooperation with other bodies.

H2020	FP7
	Legal basis 🚯
	Framework programmes (EC-Euratom)
	Rules for participation
	Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation 🔉
	Specific programme
	European institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
	Model grant agreement
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### **SME validation**

- To count as an SME, your organisation must be engaged in an economic activity and must have:
  - $_{\circ}~$  fewer than 250 employees; and
  - o an annual turnover of no more than €50 million and/or an annual balance sheet of no more than €43 million;
- Whether you count as an SME may depend on how you count your workforce, turnover or balance sheet. For more details: Recommendation 2003/361/EC - see "Annex" for a full definition of an SME.



### Technology readiness level 6 or above sought

System ready for full scale deployment
System incorporated in commercial design
Integrated pilot system demonstrated
Prototype system verified
Laboratory testing of integrated system
Laboratory testing of prototype component or process
Critical function: proof of concept established
Technology concept and/or application formulated
Basic principles observed and reported

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### **Financial viability**

Currency * Please Select	<ul> <li>Expressed in Units</li> </ul>
ABAC Exchange Rate:	
Profit and loss account	
Assets	
1. Subscribed capital unpaid	0.00
2. Fixed assets	0.00
2.1 Intangible fixed assets	0.00
2.2 Tangible fixed assets	0.00
2.3 Financial assets	0.00
3. Current assets	0.00
3.1 Stocks	0.00
3.2.1 Debtors due within the year	0.00
3.2.2 Debtors due after the year	0.00
3.3 Cash at bank and in hand	0.00
3.4 Other current assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00
Liabilities	
4. Capital & reserves	0.00
4.1 Subscribed capital	0.00

# 3) Participant portal - find a suitable call for proposals

HOME	FUNDING OPPORTUNI	TIES HOW TO PARTICIPATE EXPERTS	S SUPPORT -	
Horizon 2020	D	Horizon 2020		
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Search Topics		Excellent Science European Research Council		Proposal
Call Updates		Future and Emerging Technologies		Tender
		Marie Sklodowska-Curie actions		Status
		Research infrastructures Industrial Leadership		Open
Other EU Pro 2014-2020	grammes	<ul> <li>Leadership in enabling and industrial</li> <li>Access to risk finance</li> </ul>	technologies(LEIT)	Closed
Research Fund 1	for Coal & Steel	Innovation in SMEs		♥ Forthcoming
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		- Phase 1 2014 H2020-SMEINST-1-2014	Materials and Production H2020-NMP-CSA-2014	AGENCIES H2020-INNOSUP-2014-5
		Deadline(s):	Deadline(s): 06/05/2014	Deadline(s): 16/12/2014
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		Industrial Leadership	Industrial Leadership	Industrial Leadership
		Enhancing SME innovation capacity by	Capitalising the full potential of on-line	Cluster facilitated projects for new
		providing better innovation support H2020-INNOSUP-2015-3	collaboration H2020-INNOSUP-2015-2	industriel chains H2020-INNOSUP-2015-1
		Deadline(s): 21/01/2015	Deadline(s): 10/03/2015	Deadline(s): 30/04/2015
		Pub.Date: 11/12/2013	Pub.Date: 11/12/2013	Pub.Date: 11/12/2013
		Industrial Leadership	Industrial Leadership	Industrial Leadership
		European label for innovation voucher	IPorta 2	European Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Helpdesk
		H2020-INNOSUP-2014-4 Deadline(s): 02/04/2014	H2020-INNOSUP-2014-3 Deadline(s): 02/04/2014	H2020-INNOSUP-2014-2
				Deadline(s): 02/04/2014

### **Create an ECAS account**

EUROPE (ECAS)	AN COMMISSION AUTHENTICATION SERVICE
European Commission European C	Commission
IntraComm > Authentication Service > Sign Up	
	🚨 Logout Change password Account information Help
	Fabrice POURCEAU (pourcfa)   European Commission
Sign Up Help for external users Choose a username	
First name *	
Last name *	
E-mail *	
Confirm e-mail *	
E-mail language * Enter the code *	English (en)

### **Register your organisation**

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### **Use the Registration Wizard**

LEGAL STATUS ENTERPRIS	SE FP7 ICM	PROGRAMME	SUBMIT	DONE
Research	Enter the Research legal s	status of the organisatio	n	
Please answer the following questions about the legal status of your organisation. The information you provide here will determine the next questions.	Is it a Non-Profit Organisation? Is it a Public Body?	CYes € No CYes € No		
A participant organisation can only be registered for the 7th Framework Programme if it is a 'Legal Entity' -	Is it a higher or secondary education establishment?	⊂Yes ⊙ No		
any Natural Person, or any Legal Person created under the national law	Is it a Research Organisation?	CYes C No		
of its place of establishment or under Community or international law, which has a legal personality and which	Is it a large infrastructure organisation?	⊖Yes ເ No 🚹		
may, acting on its name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations.	Is it a Small Medium Enterprise (SME)?	€Yes ⊖ No 🚺		
For Horizon 2020 participation, an entity that does not have a legal personality under the applicable national law, will only be accepted as a legal entity on condition that its representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on behalf of the entity and that they offer guarantees for the protection of the Union's financial interests equivalent to those offered by legal persons.				

### SME self-assessment wizard

The objective of this questionnaire is to determine whether your organisation gualifies as a small and medium sized enterprise as defined in the EU Recommendation 2003/361/FC You are ready to start the SME Self Assessment Wizard Before starting the Does SME Instrument Proposer qualify as an SME? · Carefully re Prepare the and any oth **Economic Activity** To be considered as an SME. SME Instrument Proposer needs to first and foremost qualify as an enterprise. According to Art.1 of the SME recommendation: "An enterprise is considered to be any entity engaged in an economic activity (i), irrespective of its legal form". Once you have co In other words, only entities that are engaged in an economic activity can be considered as an SME by this SME wizard. the relevant EC se **Financial data** Please note that t organisation migh Once you have completed the section concerning economic activity, you will be asked to enter the financial data related to SME Instrument Proposer. To be considered as an SME, an entity must meet all the guantitative criteria listed below: Once you have re · employ less than 250 persons have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million and/or If you encounter a · Have an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million ASSESSMENT@ The SME Self Ass I have read and understood the information above a v to enter data for SME Instrument Proposer Start

#### SME INSTRUMENT PROPOSER

Is SME Instrument Proposer engaged in an economic activity?

💿 Yes 💿 No

#### Enter data from the relevant accounting period



### **Proposal submission interface**

LOGIN	FUNDING SCHEME	CREATE DRAFT	PARTIES	EDIT PROPOSAL	SUBMIT
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### **Available Training Environment**

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#### Submission and Evaluation of Proposals Assent Disclaimer

By pressing the following button, you accept the terms and conditions of usage of this site and more specifically :

#### Draft proposal BGITC created

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Dear Fabrice Pourceau,

You have successfully created draft proposal BGITC for the call H2020-SMEINST-1-2014.

You can continue editing your proposal now or access it at a later time (before the deadline **2014-06-18 17:00:00** Brussels Local Time) from <u>Participant Portal</u> by accessing the <u>My</u>

Proposals tab

(https://ec.europa.eu/research/pc

nts/portal/desktop/en/proposals/index.html).

An email containing this i Fabrice.POURCEAU( ation has been sent to the email address ropa.eu (which is associated with your ECAS account pourcfa).

#### Continue with this proposal

#### Go to My Proposals

one version of a submitted proposal, as submission over-writes the previous version.

#### Personal Data

6. We will process personal data in accordance with Regulation No 45/2001 and according to the "notifications of the processing operations" to the Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission/Agency (publicly accessible in the DPO register). Read more on the Legal Notice the Participant Portal.

"\*Regulation (EC) No 45/2001\* of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 or protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions ar on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12.01.2001, p. 1).



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5	Call-specific questions	Show

#### How to fill in the forms

The administrative forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the administrative forms are pre-filled based on the previous steps in the submission wizard.

Read more

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1 - General	informatio	n					?	
Topic	Space-SME-2014-3	1			Type of action	SME-1		
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Declarations	?
1) The coordinator or sole applicant declares to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal.	
2) The information contained in this proposal is correct and complete.	
3) This proposal complies with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research egrity — as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity — and including, including, including, including, including fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct).	
4) The coordinator or sole applicant confirms:	
<ul> <li>to have carried out the self-check of the financial capacity of the organisation of the self-check of the financial capacity of the organisation of the self-check of the financial capacity of the organisations/lfv.html. Where the result was "weak" or "insufficient", the coordinator confirms being aware of the measures that may be imposed in accordance with the H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check); or</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>is exempt from the financial capacity check being a public body including international organisations, higher or secondary education establishment or a legal entity, whose viability is guaranteed by a Member State or associated country, as defined in the H2020 Grants Manual (Chapter on Financial capacity check); or</li> </ul>	
- as sole participant in the proposal is exempt from the financial capacity check.	
5) The coordinator or sole applicant hereby declares that each applicant has confirmed:	
- they are fully eligible in accordance with the criteria set out in the specific call for proposals; and	
- they have the financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed action	

The coordinator is only responsible for the correctness of the information relating to his/her own organisation. Each applicant remains responsible for the correctness of the information related to him and declared above. Where the proposal to be retained for EU funding, the coordinator and each beneficiary applicant will be required to present a formal declaration in this respect.

According to Article 131 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (Official Journal L 298 of 26.10.2012, p. 1) and Article 145 of its Rules of Application (Official Journal L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1) applicants found guilty of misrepresentation may be subject to administrative and financial penalties under certain conditions.

#### Personal data protection

Your reply to the grant application will involve the recording and processing of personal data (such as your name, address and CV), which will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Unless indicated otherwise, your replies to the questions in this form and any personal data requested are required to assess your grant application in accordance with the specifications of the call for proposals and will be processed solely for that purpose. Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available on the <u>privacy statement</u>. Applicants may lodge a complaint about the processing of their personal data with the European Data Protection Supervisor at any time.

Your personal data may be registered in the Early Warning System (EWS) only or both in the EWS and Central Exclusion Database (CED) by the Accounting Officer of the Commission, should you be in one of the situations mentioned in: -the Commission Decision 2008/969 of 16.12.2008 on the Early Warning System (for more information see the Privacy Statement), or

-the Commission Decision 2008/969 of 16.12.2008 on the Early Warning System (for more information see the <u>Privacy Statement</u>), or -the Commission Regulation 2008/1302 of 17.12.2008 on the Central Exclusion Database (for more information see the <u>Privacy Statement</u>).

Currency * Please Select -	Expressed In Units	Liabilities		
ABAC Exchange Rate:		Turnover	0.00	
Profit and loss account		+ Variation in stocks +/-	0.00	
Assets		+ Other operating income	0.00	
1. Subscribed capital	0.00	= Operating income	0.00	
unpaid		- Costs of material &	0.00	
2. Fixed assets	0.00	consumables		
2.1 Intangible fixed assets	0.00	- Other operating charges	0.00	
2.2 Tangible fixed assets	0.00	- Renumeration and charges (Staff costs)	0.00	
		= Gross operating Profit or Loss	0.00	
2.3 Financial assets	0.00	<ul> <li>Depreciation and value adjustements on non-</li> </ul>	0.00	
3. Current assets	0.00	financial assets		
3.1 Stocks	0.00	= Net operating profit	0.00	
3.2.1 Debtors due within		+ Financial income and value adjustements on	0.00	
the year	0.00	financial assets		
3.2.2 Debtors due after	0.00	- Interest paid	0.00	
3.3 Cash at bank and in		- Similar charges	0.00	
hand	0.00	= Profit/loss on ordinary activities	0.00	
3.4 Other current assets	0.00	+ Extraordinary income	0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	0.00	- Extraordinary charges	0.00	
Liabilities		- Taxes on profits = Profit/loss for financial	0.00	
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5.1.2 Long term bank debt	0.00	Profitability (1)		
5.2.1 Short term non-bank debt	0.00	Profitability (2)		
5.2.2 Short term bank debt	0.00	Solvency		
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#### Person in charge of the proposal

The name and e-mail of contact persons are read-only in the administrative form, only additional details can be edited here. To give access rights and basic contact details of contact persons, please go back to Step 4 of the submission wizard and save the changes.





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#### 3 - Budget for the proposal

	Estimated eligible* costs (per budget category)			EU contribution	
	A. Costs of the feasibility study/Direct and indirect costs of the action	Total costs	Reimbursement rate %	Maximum EU contribution	Maximum grant amount
Form of costs	Lump sum				
Consortium/Beneficiary	50.000	71.429	70%	50.000	50.000

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4 - Ethics issues table			?

Please, take into account that the ethics issues in SME Instrument Phase 1 only relate to the feasibility study and not to a possible further innovation project (i.e. Phase 2)

1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES i			Page
Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	() Yes	No	
Does your research involve the use of human embryos?	() Yes	No	
Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?	() Yes	No	
2. HUMANS			Page
Does your research involve human participants?	() Yes	No	
Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?	() Yes	No	
Does it involve invasive techniques?	OYes	● No	
3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES			Page
Does your research involve human cells or tissues? If your research involves human embryos/foetuses, please also complete the section "Human Embryos/Foetuses" [Box 1].	OYes	No	
4. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA ii			Page
Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?	OYes	No	
Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?	OYes	€ No	
S. <u>ANIMALS</u> iii			Page
Does your research involve animals?	() Yes	No	



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6. NON-EU COUNTRIES				Page	Γ
Does your research involve non-EU countries?	C	Yes	No		
Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue sam live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fa etc.)?		Yes	● No		
Do you plan to import any material - including personal data - from nor EU? If you consider importing data, please also complete the section "P Data" [Box 4].	C	)Yes	No		
Do you plan to export any material - including personal data -from the E countries? If you consider exporting data, please also complete the section "Protectio Data" [Box 4].	c.	Yes	No		
If your research involves <u>low and/or lower middle income countries</u> , are b measures foreseen?	enefits-sharing C	Yes	No		
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the res	earch at risk? C	Yes	No		
7. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION vi <u>Directive 2001/18/EC - vii Directive 2009/41/EC - viii Regulation EC No 1946/2003 - ix Directive 2001/18/EC - vii Council Directive 79/409/EEC - vii Council Regulation EC No</u>	ective 2008/56/EC			Page	
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm t animals or plants?	to the environment, to C	Yes	No		
Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or prote	cted areas? C	Yes	No		
Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm research staff?	to humans, including C	Yes	No		
8. <u>DUAL USE</u> xiii				Page	
Does your research have the potential for military applications?	C	Yes	No		
9. MISUSE				Page	
Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist a	ouse? C	Yes	No		
10. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES				Page	
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	Please specify C	Yes	No		

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues described above and if any ethics issues apply, I have attached the required documents.



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3 - Call specific questions			?
Call specific declaration			
I declare on my honour that: Neither I nor any of the members of the co concurrent submission or implementation with another SME instrument			

Excluded Reviewers



You can provide up to three names of persons that should not act as an evaluator in the evaluation of the proposal for potential competitive reasons.



### **Technical Annex 1 to 3**

Proposal·template·¶ (technical·annex)¶ ¶ SME·instrument·–·phase·1¶ ¶

#### The application shall provide¶

 gn outline of the envisaged overall innovation project, its intended scope, merits, risks and state of development to allow for an assessment of the business-idea as well as an initial business plan based on the proposed idea/concept

2) a description of the activities to be undertaken during phase 1 that shall result in a comprehensive feasibility report, including the specifications of the elaborated business plan, which is to be the outcome of the project (for more details refer to the Work Programme and the Guidance documentation).¶

Please follow the structure of this template when preparing your proposal. It has been designed to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are presented in a way that will enable the experts to make an effective assessment against the evaluation criteria. Sections 1, 2 and 3 each correspond to an evaluation criterion for a full proposal.

A Page limit: <u>The cover page, and sections 1, 2 and 3, together should not be longer than 10 pages</u>. The two tables in these sections must be included within this limit. The minimum font size allowed is: 11 -points. ...The page size is :A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not-including any footers or headers). ¶

If you attempt to upload a proposal-longer than the specified limit, you will receive an automatic warning and will be advised to shorten and re-upload the proposal Any excess pages will be overprinted with a 'watermark', indicating to evaluators that these pages must be disregarded.

Please do not consider the page limit as a target! It is in your interest to keep your text as concise as possible, since experts rarely view unnecessarily-long proposals in a positive light (

#### Title of Proposal

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List of participants¶

#### 1

Participant'No *10	Participant organisation name:	Countryn
l (Coordinator)¤	×	×
2¤	×	×
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COVER PACET

\*Please-use the same participant numbering as that used in the administrative proposal forms.

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[Proposal Acronym]¶ ¶

#### 1. → Excellence.

1

Your-proposal-must-address-a-work-programme-topic-for-this-call-for-proposals.

⚠ This-section-of your-proposal-will-be-assessed-only-to-the-extent-that-it-is-relevant-to-that-topic.¶

A Applicants are expected to address the points relevant to their overall innovation project and to provide information available at this stage. They should clearly explain which aspects will be further explored in the feasibility study.

- 1.1 → Objectives
  - Describe the objectives of your overall innovation project ant the subsequently expected outcome. Describe the industrial/economic/social problem to be solved and/or business opportunity you intend to address.
  - Describe the specific objectives for the feasibility study, including the elaboration of a business: plan, which should be clear, measurable, realistic and achievable within the duration of the project. Objectives should be consistent with the expected exploitation and impact of the project. (see section 2). ¶

#### . 1.2 → Relation to the work programme.¶

•-> Indicate the work programme topic to which your proposal relates. ¶

#### 1.3·→ Concept and approach¶

- Explain how your innovative-solution will solve the problem and/or use the businessopportunity.
- Describe the current stage of development of the innovation. Where appropriate, mentionkey milestones that led to the current stage (e.g. prototype, field trials, pilot studies with intended end-users and/or potential clients).
- Describe the positioning of the business innovation project, e.g. where it is situated in the spectrum: from 'idea to application', or from 'lab to market'. Refer to Technology Readiness Levels where relevant. (See <u>General Annex.G of the work programme</u>).
- Describe what you want to achieve in the feasibility as sessment. Explain the approach and methodology, distinguishing, as appropriate, activities linked to assess the technological technical practical feasibility and economic viability (a.g. market studies, customer survey, etc.).
- •→Describe how your project intends to develop something new to Europe that addresses EUwide/global-challenges ¶
- - Where relevant, describe how sex and/or gender analysis is taken into account in the project's content.

A.- Sex and gender refer to biological characteristics and social/cultural factors respectively. For guidance on: methods: of sex: / gender analysis and: the issues: to be taken: into account, please refer to http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/gendered-innorations/index\_en.cfmf

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#### $1.4 \rightarrow \text{Ambition}$

 Explain the novelty of your innovation business project. What do you envisage as keymarket application of the innovation project result?

- Explain the envisaged solution (products, processes, services etc.) and highlight the advantage of your (expected) solution with respect to compating solutions; how does it provide more added value to potential customers? Provide a preliminary comparison with alternatives solving the same or similar problems. If appropriate, compare to state-of-theart research and known commarcial initiatives. This could include costs, environmentalbenefits, ease-of-use or other features.
- Describe intended improvement potential overtime also compared to existing solutions.
   Why is it worth to develop //or to invest in it?

#### 2. → Impact¶

A Applicants are expected to address the points relevant to their overall innovation project and to provide information available at this stage. They should clearly explain which aspects will be further explored in the feasibility study. ¶

 $2.1 \rightarrow Expected Impacts$ 

#### a) Users/Market¶

- •-> Which user needs have been identified and will be met upon completion of the project? ... ¶
- Describe the main economic benefits for the users that, compared to current state of the art, will make the users buy or invest in the innovation. What are you planning to use as unique selling points?
- Describe the type of market, e.g. a niche market or high volume market. What is the estimation of total available market size and growth rate (mature or growing market)? What are the market trends? Describe if and how your project addresses European and/orglobal markets.
- •-+ List main competitors and competitive solutions.
- •-> Indicate the most relevant market segments for initial introduction of the new solution.
- •-> Indicate the most important market barriers to be overcome to realise commercialization.
- Describe the targeted users of the final solution; in which market segment/geographicalareas do you see these potential users, and how do you intend to reach them?
- •-> List key stakeholders to get involved for making a successful commercial exploitation.

#### b) Company

- How-does the innovation project fit with the strategy of the participating SME(s).
- What is the relevance and rationale of the innovation project for the management team of the SME (or lead SME(s) in a consortium)

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 What is the expected growth potential of your solution in terms of turnover, employment, market seize, IP management, sales, return on investment and profit etc.

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2.2·→ Measures to maximise impact¶

#### a) Dissemination and exploitation of results ¶

- Explain: an initial plan for full commercialisation of the project results, i.e. own commercialisation or licensing? Need of cooperation with third parties for own commercialisation? Estimate of the total funding requirements? Approximate time to first sales/employment? ¶
- How does the proposed work in Phase 1 of the SME instrument fit into the overall plan to reach market? ¶

#### + b) 'Intellectual Property, 'knowledge protection and 'regulatory issues"

- Explain key knowledge (IPR) items and who owns them. Refer to the results of any patent search carried out. Have you conducted a "freedom to operate analysis", and if "yes" what has been the result?
- Outline the status and the strategy for knowledge protection. If by patent, has a patent application already been filed or is there potential for patent application?
- If regulatory and/or standard requirements are to be fulfilled for the exploitation of the innovation, please list them, and what are the plans to meet these regulatory and/or standard requirements? Indicate if and how they will be addressed in the feasibility assessment. Are you seeing any new market opportunity through regulatory requirements?

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#### 3. → Implementation¶

#### 3.1 → Work plan -- Work package and deliverable ¶

Please provide the project plan comprising one work package with one deliverable (i.e. elaboration of the feasibility report including a business plan) — see Table 3.1 a

#### Definitions: ¶

<u>Work package</u>: means: a major sub-division of the proposed project. In the case of the SME instrument -- phase 1, there is only one work package describing the work to be done for the feasibility assessment.

<u>Deliverable</u>' means a distinct output of the project. In the case of the SME-instrument-phase 1the output is the feasibility report, including a business plan.

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- $3.2 \rightarrow Management `structure' and `procedures' (only `to` the` extent `relevant `in` single' entity `+J proposals) \label{eq:3.2} proposals) \label{eq:3.2}$
- 3.3 → Consortium as a whole (if applicable)¶

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▲ The individual: members: of the consortium are described in a separate section 4. There is no needto repeat that information here. ¶

- -Describe the consortium. How will it match the project's objectives? How do the members complement one another (and cover the value chain, where appropriate)? In what way does each of them contribute to the project? How will they be able to workeffectively together? ¶
- 3.4 → Resources to be committed ¶

Include the following budget table; no modification is possible. The description of work (feasibility study) in table 3.1 a must demonstrate that it corresponds to the total costs (in EUR).

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<sup>2</sup>-Commission Decision C(2013)8198 - authorising the reimbursement on the basis of a lump sum for SME instrument phase 1 actions under the Horizon 2020¶

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#### Table::3.1:a:→Work package description ¶

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### **Technical Annex 4 to 5**

#### Section 4: Members of the consortium

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⚠ The information provided here will be used to judge the operational capacity.¶

Please provide for each participant, the following (if available), please provide: ¶

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- → a description of the legal entity and, in case of consortia, its main tasks, with an explanation of how its profile matches the tasks in the proposal. ¶
- a·list·of·up·to·5·relevant·publications, and/or·products, services·(including widely-useddatasets·or·software), or other achievements·relevant·to·the°-call-content; ¶
- → a · list· of· up·to· 5· relevant· previous· projects· or· activities, · connected· to· the· subject· of· this· proposal;¶
- - a description of any significant infrastructure and/or any major items of technical-equipment, relevant to the proposed work;
- $\rightarrow$  in case of a newly created company, explain the purpose of the company creation.

#### 4.2. ·Third ·parties · involved · in · the · project · ¶

 $\label{eq:plase-complete} Please \cdot complete, \cdot for \cdot each \cdot participant, \cdot the \cdot following \cdot table \cdot (or \cdot simply \cdot state \cdot "No \cdot third \cdot parties involved", \cdot if applicable): \P$ 

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Does the participant plan to subcontract certain tasks	Y/N¤	æ
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#### Section 5: Ethics and security 9

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#### 5.1 · Ethics

If you have entered any ethics issues in the ethical issue table in the administrative proposal forms, you must ¶

- → submit an ethics self-assessment, which
- o → describes how the proposal meets the national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks raising ethical issues are to be carried out;¶
- o → explains in detail how you intend to address the issues in the ethical issues table, in particular as regards: ¶
  - o→research objectives (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, dual use, etc.)¶
  - o-tesearch-methodology (e.g. clinical-trials, involvement of children and related consent procedures, protection of any data collected, etc.) ¶

o→the potential impact of the research (e.g. dual use issues, environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial retaliation benefit sharing, "malevolent use, etc.).¶

- provide the documents: that you need under national law (if you already have them) e.g.¶
   o→ an ethics committee opinion; ¶
  - o→ the document notifying activities raising ethical issues or authorising such activities
- ▲ If these documents are not in English, you must also submit an English summary of them (containing, if available, the conclusions of the committee or authority concerned).¶
- $\triangle$  if you plan to request these documents specifically for the project you are proposing, your request must contain an explicit reference to the project title.  $\P$

#### 5.2.Security<sup>1</sup>¶

#### Please indicate if your project will involve:

- • → activities or results raising security issues: (YES/NO)
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- ••·····'EU-classified information' as background or results: (YES/NO) ·

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\* Article 37.1 of Model Grant Agreement. Before disclosing results of activities raising security issues to a third party. (including affiliated entities), a beneficiary must inform the coordinator — which must request written-approval from the Commission/Agency; Article 37. Activities related to classified deliverables "must comply with the "security requirements" until they are declassified, Action tasks related to classified deliverables "must comply with the "security requirements" until they are declassified, Action tasks related to classified deliverables "must comply with the security requirements" until they are declassified, Action tasks related to classified deliverables must inform the coordinator — which must immediately inform the Commission/Agency; — of any changes in the security context and — if necessary — request for Annex 1 to be amended (see Article 5.) []

# 4) Procedures after submitting a project

- Evaluation criteria;
- Experts Expert Management tool – EMI;
- Timetable submissions can be submitted any time, and evaluated starting on April 1st;
  - 4 cut-off dates per year as of 2015 (March, June, September, December) for ranking and finance decisions – evaluation easier if not all submissions come a few seconds before the deadline;







### 5) Funding issues

- When money runs out no funding;
- Financing rates (70% and 100%)
- Eligible costs;
- Pre-financing for phase 1 lump sum, for phase 2 pre-financing possible (having in mind that the Commission withholds a percentage for a guarantee);
- Subcontracting allowed;
- Non-achievement of deliverables – not in your interest + AUDIT.





## 6) Coaching and phase 3 Phase 3 – Market launch



- No direct funding
- Extensive support and coaching
- $_{\circ}~$  Facilitate access to risk finance
- Additional support and networking opportunities (EEN)

### Coaching

- Coaches will drive the performance of the organisation
- Coaches suggested by EEN, and selected by the SME



- Voluntary business coaching for phase 1 and 2:
  - o Phase 1: 3 days
  - Phase 2: 12 days



### How coaching will look like?

Role of KAMs (Key Account Managers) and EEN;

Account initiation and coach selection – you select a coach;

Coach commissioning and contracting;

 Programme management, including specialist support and connectivity to the regional Innovation system;

Completion of coaching and project close out.

# Thank you!

### For more information go to:

### http://ec.europa.eu/easme/sme/



