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FP7-SME-2007-3 call Background, objectives and expected nature of proposals



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Background for the call SMEs in FP6

- SME workprogramme: Main focus on Co-operative and Collective Research projects

→ Portfolio of ~400 projects (473 mill €)

- Priority Thematic Areas

→ 15% participation of SMEs in projects with a budget of 1.865 mill €





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SME-3 call-Policy context

- SMEs are key for the implementation of the renewed Lisbon Partnership for economic growth and employment
- Reinforcement of measures for support of dissemination and exploitation (impact)





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Objectives for support measures

Part of a comprehensive strategy to:

- Optimize SME participation in Community research framework programmes
- Optimize SMEs benefits from Community research framework programmes





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Topics for the call

- Support to dissemination and exploitation of research results and exchange of good practices by e.g.:
 - a) clustering of projects on common topics to improve interaction and joint dissemination and exploitation activities and
 - b) developing and implementing strategies aiming at a reinforced exploitation of results.

- Contributing to the identification of priority research topics for SME associations, especially by establishing a dialogue with ETPs.





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Nature of proposals

Activities (examples):

- Studies, fact finding, workshops, strategy development, monitoring and assessment, data access and dissemination, information and communication.

Participants:

- Organisations that are at the interface between research programmes and SMEs such as NCPs, IRC, Funding agencies, industrial federations, professional associations etc.

