



Summer Update of the Work Programme 'Innovation in SMEs'

11th Programme Committee

SMEs and Access to Risk Finance '

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Anticipated changes

** Introduction: Open Data Management: alignment with the general annexes (SME instrument grantees to be exempt in phase 1, standard text to be introduced to replace current text)*

** SME instrument call text:*

- footnote to be added at the level of the scope for phase 2 in order to specify that under SMEInst-05 topic (~healthcare biology), project duration can amount to 36 months, vs. the regular indicative 12 to 24 for other topics.

*- Minor edits regarding distribution of the call budget over the 3 phases and evaluation: "Up to 10 % of the annual budget will be used for phase 1 funding and **at least** 87% of the annual budget for phase 2 funding. **At least 1% of the annual budget** will be used for phase 3 related actions, 1% will be used to support coaching and mentoring activities supporting phase 1 and **phase 2 and** up to 1% will be used for evaluation."*

Anticipated changes (2) – SME instrument call budgets

* 2017 budgets of four SME instrument topics to be *raised* by a total of **EUR 51.6 million** > **total SME instrument budget for 2017 = EUR 437.51 million**

- SMEInst-05 topic (~healthcare biology) by EUR 35 million
- SMEInst-07 topic (~agriculture, forestry, bio) by EUR 5.68 million
- SMEInst-08 topic (~blue growth) by EUR 2.42 million
- SMEInst-11 topic (~climate action, environment, raw materials, resource efficiency) by EUR 8.5 million

Anticipated changes (3) – SME instrument call topics

- *SMEInst-05 topic (~healthcare biology/cell technologies): phase 1 to be closed off in 2017*
- *SMEInst-08 topic (~blue growth): marine litter prevention to be added to the text*
- *SMEInst-13 topic (~security): "actions proposed to take account of the Cybersecurity contractual Public-Private Partnership and the corresponding Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda as from 2017".*

Anticipated changes (4) – New "other action"

** Design and development of a tool to support and improve the decision making process of investors for financing high-growth potential innovative SMES (~commercialisation of innovation)*

- Public procurement*
- Indicative budget of EUR 3 million*
- Implementation foreseen for 2017*

Anticipated changes (5) – "Other Actions" and budget table

- * Assessing the Investment Potential of SMEs Emerging from Horizon 2020 activities: several expert sub-groups to contribute, explicit reference to Horizon 2020 financial instruments*
- * Budget for "external expertise" to be raised by EUR 0.1 million in 2017 to account for higher monitoring costs for FP7 SME actions*
- * Budget table: overall budget to be raised by EUR 0.6 million in 2016 and EUR 3.1 million in 2017*