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Research for SMEs / Call: FP7-SME-2011

Objective	Allow SMEs to further develop their activities by buying knowledge from RTD performers, who sell their expertise and work. "Research for SMEs" targets mainly low to medium technology SMEs. Projects aim at creating new knowledge or achieving results with a clear exploitation potential to improve or develop new products, processes or services.
Subject	Entire field of science and technology in all industrial sectors.
Duration	Normally between 1 and 2 years
Consortiums	At least three independent SMEs, established in three different Member States or associated countries. At least two RTD performers which must be independent from any other participant and which can come from any country. Examples of RTD performers are universities, research organizations and industrial companies, including research performing SMEs. In addition, other enterprises and end-users may participate. The size of the consortium should typically be 5, but generally not exceeding 10 participants.
Budget	between EUR 500.000 to EUR 1.500.000
Countries concerned	EU member states (27) Associated countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and technological development activities: Maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs. For SMEs, non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, and research organizations: a maximum of 75 %. • Demonstration activities: maximum of 50% • Management and other activities: maximum of 100%

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Research for SME association / Call: FP7-SME-2011

Objective	<p>Allow SMEs to further develop their activities by buying knowledge from RTD performers, who sell their expertise and work.</p> <p>"Research for SME associations"(SME-AG) targets SME associations which act on behalf of their members to identify and address common technological problems. Project may address pre-normative research issues, new business, management, production and service models...that cannot be addressed by the "research for SMEs" scheme.</p>
Subject	Entire field of science and technology in all industrial sectors.
Duration	Normally be between 2 and 3 years
Consortiums	<p>At least three independent SME association/groupings established in three different Member States (MS) or Associated countries (AC).</p> <p>At least two RTD performers independent from any other participant.</p> <p>A limited number of individual SMEs (between two and preferably not more than five) from at least two different Member States or Associated countries</p> <p>The size of the consortium should typically be between 10 and 15 participants</p>
Budget	Between EUR 1.500.000 to EUR 3.000.000
Countries concerned	<p>EU member states (27)</p> <p>Associated countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.</p>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and technological development activities: Maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs. For SMEs, non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, and research organizations: a maximum of 75 %. • Demonstration activities: maximum of 50% • Management and other activities: maximum of 100%

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Demonstration activities / Call: FP7-SME-2011

Objective	Projects must be centered on the needs of the SMEs to carry out demonstration activities before being able to enter the market. Activities can include testing of product-like prototypes, scale-up studies, performance verification and implementation of new technical and non-technical solutions. This phase could include detailed market studies, business plans or market strategies
Subject	Entire field of science and technology in all industrial sectors.
Duration	in the range of 18 to 24 months
Consortiums	The consortium must consist of a minimum of 3 SMEs from at least 3 different Member States or Associated Countries. These three SMEs must be/have been participants together in a 'Cooperative research' project funded under the last FP6 call (FP6-2004-SME-COOP) or in a 'Research for SMEs' project.
Budget	Between 0.5 to 3 million €.
Countries concerned	EU member states (27) Associated countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.
Funding	Limited to up to 50% of the costs

