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Introduction



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- **EuroTransBio (ETB)** is an ERA-Net project supported by the European Commission (FP7)
- **Goal:** Foster European biotech players by sharing risks, costs and skills related to research, development and innovation in order to develop in a more efficient way new products and technologies that could reach the market in the short/medium term



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- Generic program including all fields of **biotechnology** (red, green, white, blue, etc.)
 - **OECD definition biotechnology:**
"The application of science and technology to living organisms, as well as parts, products and models thereof, to alter living or non-living materials for the production of knowledge, goods and services"
http://www.oecd.org/document/42/0,2340,en_2649_201185_1933994_1_1_1_1,00.html
- Projects in the field of **Health & Nutrition**, related to biotechnology, may also be funded depending on national/regional funding criteria

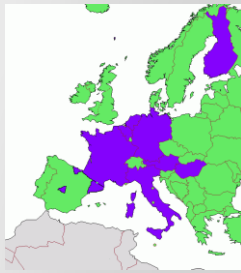


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- ETB is an initiative of **12** European member states and regions:
 - Austria
 - Belgium (Flanders/Wallonia)
 - Finland
 - France
 - Germany
 - Hungary
 - Italy
 - The Netherlands
 - Spain (Basque Country, Catalonia and Madrid)



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- ETB launches **common calls** for industry-driven trans-national R&D&I projects
- Since 2004, 4 joined calls have been organized:
 - **80 projects / 139 Mio EUR** (national/regional funding)
- Till 2012, ETB will launch annual calls
 - 5th call (submission deadline February 1st, 2010)
 - Overall budget for 5th call is 30 Mio EUR
- A **sustainable joint program** for funding biotech R&D&I projects of European SMEs will be established



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Who can apply for ETB funding?

Consortium

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- Consortia consisting of **at least two SMEs** from two participating countries can apply for ETB funding
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/sme_definition/index_en.htm

	Medium Sized	Small
Headcount	< 250 FTE's	< 50 FTE's
Turnover	≤ 50 Mio EUR	≤ 10 Mio EUR
Balance sheet	≤ 43 Mio EUR	≤ 10 Mio EUR



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- Except for SMEs, a consortium can include **large companies, academic research groups and organizations** which belong to the respective countries
- A minimum of **50%** of the total project costs must be budgeted for SME partners within the consortium
- Parties from countries/regions not participating in ETB, may be part of a consortium at their own expense
- Consortia may involve as many partners as necessary



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- The **coordinator** of the consortium needs to be an **SME** from an ETB member country/region
- All consortium partners must prove sufficient **financial stability** to conduct the project properly



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What does a good ETB project look like?

Some general rules



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- Common project proposal
- All ETB projects should be designed according to the following principles:
 - All project partners contribute to, and benefit from, an **equitable and balanced cooperation** (Max 70% - 30%)
 - Results of collaborative projects are shared through a controlled process that **protects and allocates intellectual property rights** used and established during cooperation: **consortium agreement**
- Innovative and valuable biotech projects in the field of:
 - Industrial research & development
 - Applied research



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What does a good ETB project look like?

Program, Project & Budget



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- Program:
 - IWT **O&O program**
 - IWT **SME program**
- Project duration: 2 to 3 years
- Budget:
 - The budget for individual project proposals is **not restricted**
 - It must fit with the project goals and must not fall below/exceed national/regional funding limits
 - Funding is provided by the participating national/regional agencies/ministries according to the national/regional regulations
 - According to **IWT cost model**



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Additional information

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- **Valorization potential in Flanders**
- Budget according to **IWT cost model**
- **Signed declaration:**
 - ETB-procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules
 - IWT may perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project
 - There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing
 - Financial information is correct
 - Electronic version of the application sent to ETB is identical to the hard copy sent to IWT

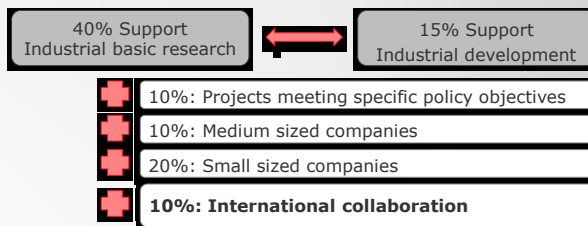


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What's in it for me?

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- IWT Support System (% budget):
 - O&O program:
 - **40%** subsidy for industrial basic research
 - **15%** for industrial development

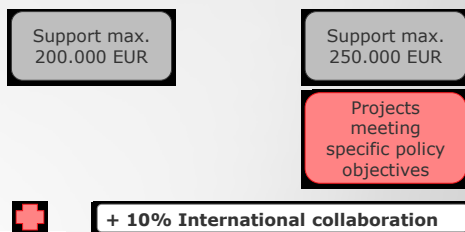


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- IWT Support System (% budget):
 - SME innovation project:
 - **35%** for ME
 - **45%** for SE



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How to submit an ETB project?

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- One **project proposal**
- ETB submission form
<http://www.eurotransbio.net/>
- **Electronic** submission
<http://www.etbsubmission.eu/>
- Paper version for IWT
- **Respect deadline!** (5th call: February 1st, 2010)



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What happens after you've pushed the 'submit' button?

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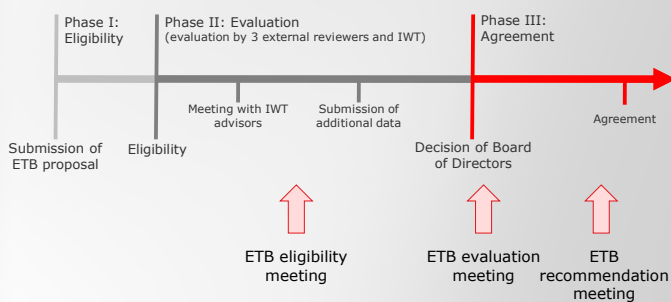
- **One-step** process
- **Local** evaluation according to IWT standards
 - Eligibility check
 - Instruction meeting
 - External reviewers
 - Interaction between applicants and experts
- **ETB Process**
 - Eligibility check
 - Evaluation meeting
 - Recommendation meeting



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This will take 'forever',...

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- Time between submission and decision: **18 weeks**



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I have an idea, but where to find a suitable partner?

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- **ETB partnering site:**
 - Looking for a partner
 - Looking for a project to join

<https://www.etbsubmission.eu/etbsubmission/partner/>



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When can I submit?

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- **Time line** 5th ETB call:

Call opening	October 1 st , 2009
Submission	February 1st, 2010
Eligibility	March, 2010
Evaluation	April - May, 2010
Decision	June, 2010



Please contact IWT at least one month before submission

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Where to look for additional information?

- ETB website: <http://www.eurotransbio.net>
- IWT:
 - Katrien Swerts (ks@iwt.be)
 - Dirk Veelaert (dv@iwt.be)
- **ETB training session: Friday, December 11th, 2009**



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