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## **CORNET and EraSME**

*innovation for SME  
transnational funding  
opportunities for European SMEs*

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## **Introduction**

CORNET and EraSME

- **CORNET and EraSME** are ERA-Net projects supported by the European Commission (FP7)

- **Goal:**

To strengthen the innovation capacity of SMEs in Europe and their contribution to the development of new technology based products, processes and services.

Both initiatives are helping SMEs to acquire technological know-how, increase their research efforts, extend their networks, better exploit research results and bridging the gap between research and innovation.



## Introduction

CORNET and EraSME

Within CORNET and EraSME national and regional funding programmes for SMEs have established common objectives and evaluation methods to enhance transnational cooperation with a significant added value to SME Associations and individual SMEs and research and technology organisations (RTOs).



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## Introduction

CORNET and EraSME

### Calls for proposals

Both CORNET and EraSME have launched calls for proposals.

The calls follow a bottom-up approach, which means that topics are not pre-defined and can be chosen by applicants from any technological area and in any sector.

Funding is made available through national or regional programmes.



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## EraSME

CORNET and EraSME

### What is EraSME?

EraSME networks national and regional programmes promoting co-operation between individual SMEs and research organisations across Europe.



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## EraSME

CORNET and EraSME

### What does EraSME do for you?

EraSME offers a combined European approach to strengthen the competitive capacity of SMEs by:

- Initiating collaboration between SMEs from different countries and regions.
- Help SMEs to link up with those RTOs that can help them to tackle their unique research and development challenges.
- Increasing the cooperative and competitive capability of SMEs to work in international R&D networks.
- Increasing the ability of RTOs to cooperate with European SMEs.



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## EraSME 6th call

CORNET and EraSME

- **Deadline: October 30, 2009**
- **Beneficiaries:** small or larger consortia of individual SMEs and RTOs from at least 2 EraSME countries or regions.
- **Participating countries and regions:** Austria, Belgium/Flanders, Belgium/Wallonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy/Tuscany, Norway, Slovenia, Spain/Madrid, Sweden, Netherlands
- (Deadline next call : March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)



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## CORNET

CORNET and EraSME

### What is CORNET?

CORNET networks national and regional programmes for collective research to promote cooperation between SME Associations and research organisations across Europe.



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## CORNET

CORNET and EraSME

### What does CORNET do for you?

Collective research is R&D performed for the benefit of a broad target group of firms, especially of SMEs. The objectives of collective research are often pre-competitive and pre-normative.

Collective research may also address innovation in processes or materials of wide application in an industry.

Collective research results are actively promoted and disseminated across the sector for exploitation.



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## CORNET 8th call

CORNET and EraSME

- **Deadline: October 30, 2009**
- **Beneficiaries:** SME Associations, professional federations, clusters and trade organisations from at least 2 CORNET countries
- **Participating countries and regions:** Austria, Belgium/Flanders, Belgium/Wallonia, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Slovenia, Spain/Madrid, Spain/Valencia, Netherlands, Turkey
- (Deadline next call : March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)



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## EraSME - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

Two main categories of projects may be funded: CTP and SCP

1°) consortium type projects (CTP)

- at least 4 SMEs from 2 different countries/regions
- at least 2 RTOs, one from each of the countries /regions of the SMEs involved in the project.



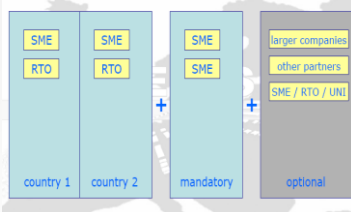
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## EraSME - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

1° consortium type projects (CTP) – cnt'd

minimal requirements for consortium projects



Flanders (**TETRA**):  
1 RTO (hogeschool of universiteit) and 4 SME (Vlaamse kmo)  
Other regions/ countries:  
min 1 SME + min 1 RTO



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## EraSME - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

Two main categories of projects may be funded:  
2°) small cooperation projects (SCP)

- at least 2 SMEs from 2 different countries/regions,
- at least 1 RTO originating from one of the countries/regions of one of the SMEs involved in the project.

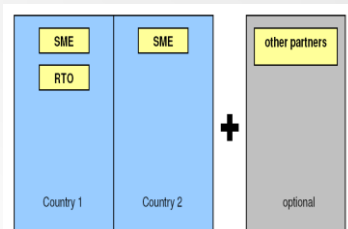


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## EraSME - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

2°) small cooperation projects (SCP) – cnt'd



Flanders (**KMO-innovatieproject**):  
Min 1 SME (+ min 1 RTO)  
Other regions/ countries: min 1 SME (+ min 1 RTO)



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## EraSME - Project Duration

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The duration of projects can be up to 36 months (according to national rules).



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## EraSME - National rules

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- Funding of the national/regional partners according to the corresponding national/regional rules

IWT :

- TETRA: 92.5% funding for RTO; maximum funding €480.000
- KMO-innovatieproject: 35% (45% for SE); maximum funding € 250.000



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## EraSME - Timetable

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- **June 15, 2009** Joint call announcement opening of the call
- **October 30, 2009** Deadline for proposal submission, 17:00 Brussels time
- **December 08, 2009** Communication of the results of the eligibility check
- **February 1, 2010** Communication of funding decisions



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## EraSME: For more information

CORNET and EraSME

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## Cornet - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

- Eligible partners: associations, federations, trade associations, groups of enterprises with common objectives
- Consortium: partners from at least 3 participating CORNET countries/regions.
- Project duration: max. 2 years
- SME Users Committee (UC) is obligatory
- Transnational collaboration agreement is required
- Dissemination should be European in scale



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## Cornet - Guidelines for participants

CORNET and EraSME

CORNET SME Users Committee  
5 SMEs per country  
Letters of Intent of SMEs must be submitted together with CORNET proposal  
Meetings twice a year

Established SME Users Committee is best practice:  
clear benefit for SMEs visible  
SMEs get contact with R&D performer  
SMEs decide on the usability of results



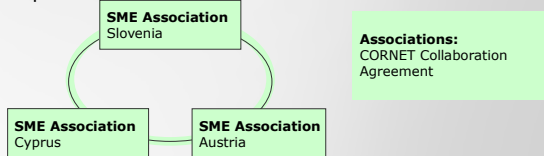
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## Cornet - Guidelines for participants – project set-up

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At least 3 SME associations from 3 countries/regions

Example



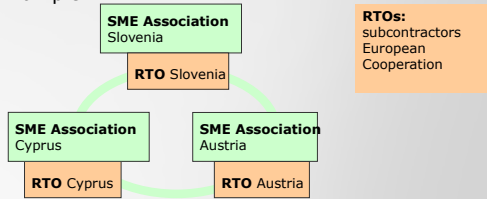
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## Cornet - Guidelines for participants – project set-up

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- RTOs perform research work as subcontractors
- side effect: European cooperation among RTOs

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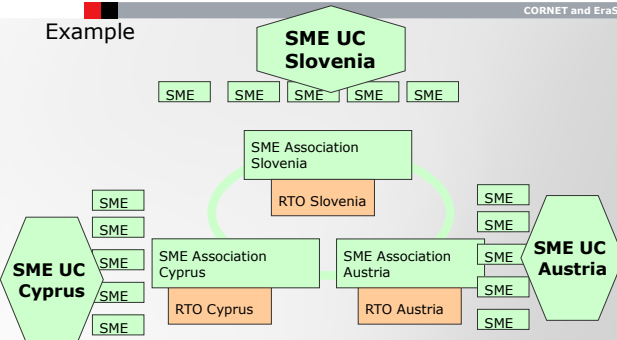


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## Cornet - Guidelines for participants – Project Setup – SME Users Committee

CORNET and EraSME

Example



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## Cornet - National rules

CORNET and EraSME

- Funding of the national/regional partners according to the corresponding national/regional rules

IWT :

- VIS-CO: 80% funding for VIS



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## Cornet - Time table

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- **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009** Deadline for proposal submission, 17:00 Brussels time
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010** Communication of funding decisions
- **May 2010:** first possible start projects



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## CORNET/EraSME - What happens after you've pushed the 'submit' button?

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- CORNET : addendum VIS-CO
- EraSME : addendum TETRA  
addendum KMO-Innovatieproject



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