

Call title: Support to national schemes providing financial means ('exploratory awards') to SMEs

- **Call identifier:** FP7-SME-2008-3
- **Date of publication:** 3 September 2008
- **Deadline:** 31 October 2008 at 17.00.00 h (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 20 million ¹
- **Topics:**

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Scheme
<u>2.3 Coordination and Support Activity</u>	Support to national schemes providing financial means ('exploratory awards') to SMEs	CSA

- **Evaluation procedure:** the evaluation will follow a single stage procedure; proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria (including weights and thresholds), together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** evaluation results estimated to be available 2 months after closure date.
Grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to the call will come into force 4 months after the closure date.
- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:**
 - Ø The minimum conditions for participation are set out in Article 5 of the FP7 Rules for participation. In the case of sole participants, Article 10 of the FP7 Rules for participation applies.
- See Annex 3 for the form of grant and maximum reimbursement rates
- A reserve list of proposals will be established

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2009 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority. The final total budget attributed to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.