

Application and Evaluation Process

1. Check the INNET Call for Proposals homepage at <http://www.proinno-europe.eu/innet> and read all relevant information and documentation about the Innovation Express Call (including application guidelines & form, glossary, list of funding and supporting organisations, etc.).

2. Contact your national/regional INNET contact points, in order to:

- check the eligibility and funding conditions,
- ask for possible support for networking with other clusters.

3. Complete the INNET Application Form, all additional documents required by your funding organisation and prepare an executive summary of your proposal.

4. Apply on-line at <http://www.proinno-europe.eu/innet> according to the 2 following steps:

- Registration + executive summary
- Submission of the INNET application form and if required additional documents.

5. « INNET eligibility check » will be made within one month by the Validation Team (coordinator and concerned funding agency/authority) which will then directly inform applicants of the results.

6. The funding process starts according to national/regional rules, if the proposal is accepted.

Time Schedule

The Innovation Express call is open for proposals until the 31st March 2010.

*** Continuous and open submission of proposals ***
*** via the online submission page ***

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What is INNET ?

INNET is an European project, supported by a trans-national network of 18 innovation funding agencies, aiming at strengthening SMEs' participation in European technology clusters through joint trans-national activities. The management and coordination of the project is funded by the European Commission's DG Enterprise and Industry.

What is INNOVATION EXPRESS ?

Innovation Express is a joint call for proposals supported by national/regional agencies and authorities within the INNET project.

What can INNOVATION EXPRESS fund?

Innovation Express will fund **a set of innovation support activities to initiate, develop and/or enhance technological co-operation** between European clusters, for the prime benefit of their SME members.

This will be done in accordance with the INNET partners "specific regional/national funding programmes and organisations" rules (see the Matrix for a list of funded activities per partner).

What types of proposals are expected?

Innovation Express will support proposals:

- Enabling trans-national cooperations between technology clusters and their SMEs members,
- With the aim to prepare for future technical co-operations or joint trans-national Research Development and Innovation projects which could be subsequently funded through existing European programmes.

Who can apply?

Cluster governances and SMEs belonging to technology clusters can participate in the call if they are within a geographical region where an INNET funding partner is present.

Eligibility to participate will depend on the specific rules of each national/regional funding programmes. Consequently, applicants are encouraged to check the eligibility criteria with an INNET partner prior to the submission of the proposal.

Country	INNET FUNDING AND SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS	SUPPORTED INNOVATION ACTIVITIES
BELGIUM	IWT Vlaanderen (Institute for the Promotion of Innovation by Science and Technology in Flanders)	A B C D F G
	Public Service of Wallonia / DG Economy, Research and Employment	A B C D E F G H
FRANCE	OSEO Innovation	A B C D E F G H
	Ile-de-France Regional Council	A C E F G
	City of Grenoble	Coordinated with OSEO
GERMANY	VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH	B C G
	TSB (Technology Foundation Berlin)	D
	ZAB GmbH (Brandenburg Economic Development Board)	A B C D G H
GREECE	EOMMEX	A B C G
ITALY	Tuscany Region / Sviluppo Toscana S.p.A. (supporting organisation)	A C D G
	Veneto Innovazione	A B C D G H
POLAND	PAED (Polish Agency for Enterprise Development)	A B C F G H
	Mazovia (Mazowieckie Voivodship)	Coordinated with PAED
SPAIN	DGPYME (Ministry of Industry)	C G H
	InnoBasque	A C G H
	Secretariat for Enterprise and Industry (Generalitat de Catalunya)	C F G H
UK	Pera Innovation Limited	A B C D G
	East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)	A B C D G
ISRAEL	MATIMOP - Israeli Industry Center for R&D	A B C D

LEGENDA:

A Dissemination and Promotion	E Financial Engineering linked to RDI activities
B Technological / Innovation advice	F Recruitment / staff exchange & training
C Networking	G Workshops
D Technology transfer	H Feasibility studies prior to RDI projects

Eligible proposals

- ♦ Proposals must be submitted by the representative of the cluster and the identification of at least one other cluster for trans-national cooperation is compulsory.
- ♦ The participation of several SMEs per cluster is recommended.
- ♦ All sectors of activity are eligible.
- ♦ Innovation Express will target short duration support actions - of a maximum of one year - aiming at having a strong impact on the innovation of technology clusters and SMEs. Clear deliverables for the cooperation must be listed in the proposal.
- ♦ Proposals must demonstrate:
 - A clear trans-national cooperation content;
 - Strong benefits for the participating clusters and SMEs;
 - Consistency between the proposed joint actions and the specific European strategy of each of the clusters and SMEs involved.

Funding rules

Funding will be allocated according to each INNET partners organisations' and their national/regional programmes own mechanisms.



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