



Competitiveness and Innovation Framework

Programme

In order to achieve the objectives of the Lisbon strategy to stimulate economic growth and job creation in Europe is Framework Program for Competitiveness and Innovation for the period 2007 – 2013 is proposed. The Framework supports measures to enhance capacity of competitiveness and innovation in the EU. Generally, the programme encourages the use of information technology, environmental technology and renewable energy sources. It was adopted with decision № 1639/2006/EO of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on October 24, 2006

Objectives of the programme:

Objective 1 - To enhance the competitiveness of enterprises and in particular small and medium enterprises (SMEs);

Objective 2 - To promote all forms of innovation including eco-innovation;

Objective 3 - To enhance the development of sustainable, competitive and

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innovative information society;

Objective 4 - to promote energy efficiency and use of new renewable energy sources in all sectors, including transport.

Subprogrammes:

The programme objectives will be achieved through the following subprogrammes:

"Subprogramme for Entrepreneurship and Innovation" - unites in itself actions to promote entrepreneurship, competitiveness and innovation in the industry. It is aimed primarily at small and medium-sized enterprises - from fast growing companies to family businesses, which represent the majority of enterprises in the EU. It aims to facilitate access of newly established and developed SMEs to finance and investment. The programme grants access to information and business opportunities offered by the internal market, and the enacted legislation that applies to it or which is prepared in order to adapt more easily to the changes. In this regard the provision of business services play a particularly important role. The subprogramme supports the exchange of good practices between member-states in order to create better administrative environment for business and innovation.

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Subprogramme “**Support for the policy in the field of ICT**” encourages the introduction and use of information and communication technologies that lie in the foundations of the knowledge economy. The subprogramme is part of the strategy of the European Commission i2010: European Information Society and includes within itself the objectives of the programmes eTen, eContent and MODINIS.

Subprogramme “**Intelligent Energy for Europe**” promotes efforts to achieve the objectives in the field of sustainable energy. It supports improvements in energy efficiency and introducing renewable energy sources, their market penetration, diversification of energy and fuels, increased use of renewable energy sources (the EU has set a target to increase renewable energy consumption to 12% by 2010 years). Fundamental importance is given to the transport. The subprogramme is the heir of programme “Intelligent Energy for Europe” (2003-2006).

Beneficiaries:

- Research centers;
- Administrative units;
- Small and medium enterprises;
- Agencies;
- Chambers of Commerce.

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Budget:

The budget for this programme for the period of its operation is 4.22 billion euro

Information:

Further information regarding Framework for Competitiveness and Innovation can be found on:

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http://ec.europa.eu/cip/index_en.htm

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