

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. Applicants are invited to contact their 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 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 from March 2008 until the end of 2008.

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

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What is INNET ?

INNET is a European project, supported by a transnational network of 18 innovation funding agencies, aiming at strengthening SME's participation in European technology clusters through joint 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 the first Pilot Call for Proposals supported by INNET project, opening during 1st quarter of 2008.

What can INNOVATION EXPRESS fund?

Innovation Express will fund a **set of innovation support activities to initiate/develop/enhance technological co-operation** between European clusters and for the benefit of their SME members. This will be done in accordance with INNET partners specific regional/national funding programmes and organisations rules (see the Matrix with funded activities per partner).

What types of proposals are expected?

Innovation Express will support proposals:

- enabling trans-national co-operations between technology clusters and/or 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 this call if they are within a geographical region where an INNET funding partner is present.

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

	INNET FUNDING ORGANISATIONS	SUPPORTED INNOVATION ACTIVITIES
BELGIUM	IWT Vlaanderen www.iwt.be	A B C D F G
	OSEO Innovation www.oseo.fr	A B C D E H
FRANCE	Ile -de- France Regional Council www.iledefrance.fr	A C E F G
	City of Grenoble - Rhone - Alpes Regional Council www.ville-grenoble.fr	TO BE DECIDED
GERMANY	VDI/VDE-IT www.vdivde-it.de	B C G
	TSB www.technologiestiftung-berlin.de	A B C D G
	ZAB GmbH (Brandenburg Economic Development Board) www.zab-brandenburg.de	A B C D F G H
GREECE	EOMMEX www.eommex.gr	A B C G
ITALY	Sviluppo Italia Toscana S.c.p.A. (Tuscany Regional Government) www.sviluppoitaliatoscana.it	A B C D E F H
	Veneto Innovazione www.venetoinnovazione.it	A B C D G H
POLAND	Polish Agency for Enterprise Development www.parp.gov.pl	A B C D F G H
SPAIN	DGPYME (Ministry of Industry) www.dgpyme.com	A C G H
	InnoBasque www.innobasque.com	A C G H
UNITED KINGDOM	Pera Innovation Limited www.pera.com	A B C D F G
	East Midlands Development Agency www.emda.org.uk	A B C D G

A Dissemination and Promotion.	E Financial Engineering linked to RDI activities
B Technological / Innovation advise	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 (legal entity or directly by SMEs in some specific regions such as Tuscany, Brandenburg, East Midlands ...) in cooperation with SMEs belonging to the cluster.

The participation of several SMEs per clusters 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.

Proposals must demonstrate:

- a clear trans-national cooperation content;
- strong benefits for the participating clusters and SMEs;
- consistency between the proposed actions and the European strategy of the involved clusters and SMEs.

Funding rules

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

Bilateral funding will be possible in case of 2 clusters/ SMEs located in 2 INNET partners areas, but is not required.

