

FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Theme 4 – Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies

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- **Call identifier:** *FP7-NMP-2008-SME-2*
- **Date of publication:** 30 November 2007
- **Deadline:** For Collaborative projects targeted to SMEs - first stage: 6 March 2008 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget: EUR 4.855 million in 2008¹.** An amount for the 2009 budget is expected to be added to this call for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for that year will be requested at the appropriate time².
- **Topics called:**

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Development and validation of new industrial models and strategies	NMP-2008- 3.1-1 Transformation strategies for SMEs in turbulent global market environments - SMEs	Collaborative projects targeted to SME
Exploitation of the convergence of technologies	NMP-2008-3.5-1 Volume production process chains for high throughput micro-manufacturing	
Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2008-4.0-7 Integration of new technologies and materials for differentiated consumer-centred product capability	
	NMP-2008-4.0-8 Smart materials for applications in the sectors of construction and of machinery and production equipment	
	NMP-2008-4.0-9 Reducing the risk of injury in complex systems through advanced personal protective equipment	

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2008 is adopted without modifications by the budgetary authority.

² In addition, the final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the call.

- **Evaluation procedure:** For SME -targeted projects the evaluation shall follow a two-stage procedure. The first stage proposal, of a maximum of 10 pages (font size 12) should focus on the S&T content and on clear identification of the intended results, their intended use and the expected impact (economic, social, environmental, etc.) and 2 additional pages to describe the consortium and the estimated financial resources involved. It will be evaluated on the basis of two evaluation criteria, i.e.: *scientific quality and expected impact*. Stage 1 proposals will be evaluated remotely. Stage 1 proposals shall be submitted at the closure date mentioned above. Coordinators of retained proposals in stage 1 ("go" proposals) will be invited to submit a complete proposal that will be then evaluated against the entire set of evaluation criteria. The closure date of the second submission will be specified in the invitation to submit the complete proposal. The indicative closure date is: 23 September 2008.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** Evaluation Stage 1 proposals: End of March/beginning of April 2008; Evaluation stage 2 proposals: October 2008. Evaluation results: estimated to be available within two months after the closure date. A reserve list of projects might be established.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:**
The minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes is set out in the Rules for Participation.
For a proposal to be eligible, At least 35% of the requested EC contribution will be allocated to the participating SMEs. This is an eligibility criterion,
In order to ensure industrial relevance and impact of the research effort, the active participation of industrial partners represents an added value to the activities and this will be reflected in the evaluation.

For SME targeted projects **no upper or lower limits** in EC contribution are applied.

For this call, implemented via a two stage procedure, the following criteria and thresholds are applied:

- Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 1 proposals:

Stage 1 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following two criteria: **S/T quality and Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	8/10

- Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 2 proposals:

Stage 2 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: **1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be

given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	12/15

See also Annex 2: Eligibility and evaluation criteria for proposals

- **Forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** for projects funded through the Cooperation work programme are given in Annex 3.