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# SME and R&D funding

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# SME support in the 7th R&D Framework Programme

Four complementary pillars of SME support in FP7			
Community Actions			Joint EU/Member States initiative
Optimized participation of SMEs	Budget increase for the two SME specific measures	Dedicated scheme with special emphasis on SMEs	Article 169 for research performing SMEs
In particular "Cooperation"	"Capacities"	"People"	"Capacities"
R&D performing SMEs	R&D acquiring SMEs	Mainly R&D performing SMEs	R&D performing SMEs
Thematic areas not SME specific	Bottom-up approach, Market oriented	Industry-academia pathways	Bottom-up approach, Market oriented





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# SME support in FP7 “Cooperation” programme

- § SME are encouraged to participate in collaborative research projects within the thematic programmes
- § In order to form a favourable environment, a target of **15% SME** participation has been set
- § This representing an amount of about 5 bn € until 2013
- § Simplified financial and administrative procedures (e.g. 75% funding rate for SME, reduced reporting requirements, no bank guarantees)
- § Identification of areas and specific measures of particular interest to SME in the individual work programmes
- § [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)



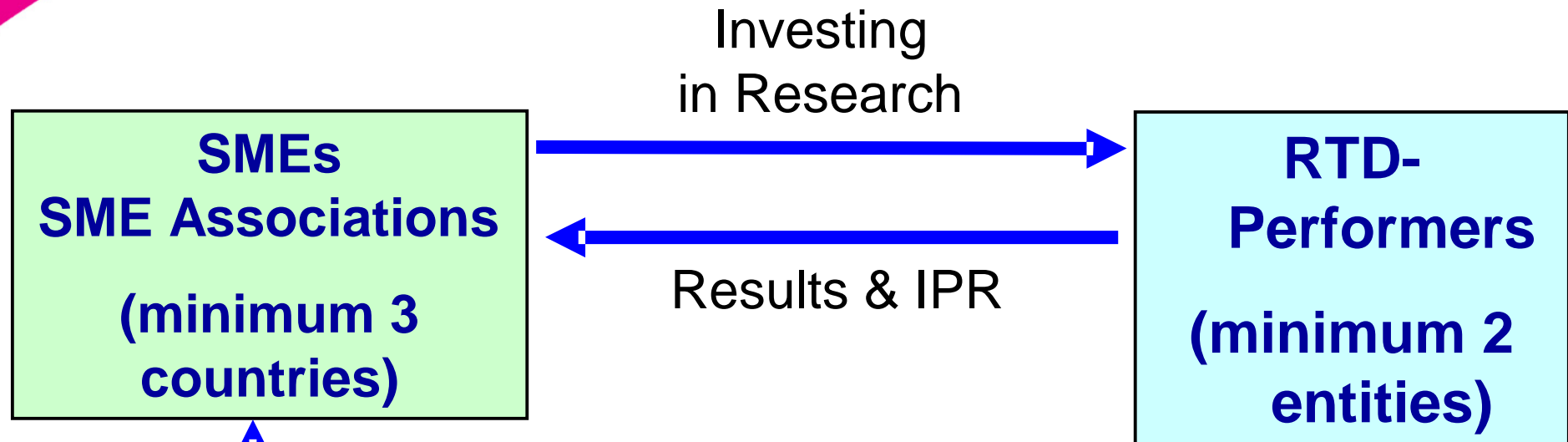


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# Research for the benefit of SME

## Principle: Outsourcing scheme “customer-seller” relationship



Other enterprises,  
End users

- SME with no or little R&D capacity  
bottom-up programme: no thematic  
limitations  
Part of FP7 « Capacities » programme

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/research-sme\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/research-sme_en.html)





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# SME support in FP7 “People” programme

## Industry-academia partnerships and pathways

- support cooperation between academia and industry
- encourage SME participation through
  - § Staff secondments between academia and industry
  - § Temporary hosting of experienced researchers from outside
  - § [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/industry-academia\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/industry-academia_en.html)





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# The *Eurostars* Programme



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- *Eurostars* is a Joint Programme addressing R&D performing high-tech SME with a total value of 400 million EUR over 6 years
- Currently 24 EU Member States and 5 Associated Countries are committed to the programme
- Bottom-up programme, small consortia, market-oriented research
- Front office maintained by EUREKA secretariat
- <http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu>





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## More information

### SME TechWeb:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb>

### National Contact Points

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/ncp.htm>

