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INTRODUCTION

The EIP work programme establishes 20 implementing measures for the year 2008. In terms of budget there are the following priorities:

- the **Financial instruments**, which will be operated by the European Investment Fund (EIF) or other international financial institutions, with €151 million (including €26 million for eco-innovation);
- the second part of the financing of the new **network for services in support of business and innovation** with €81,2 million (in addition, an amount of €1.4 million is foreseen for the animation of the new network);
- **eco-innovation**: in addition to the €26 million under the financial instruments foreseen for actions in the area of eco-innovation, €28 million are foreseen for pilot and market replication projects (managed by DG ENV);
- the **Community programme for the reduction of regulatory administrative costs** started in 2007 will continue (for 2008 an additional budget of €8 million is proposed) and will deliver its results at the end of 2008;
- the specific needs of **SMEs** will be targeted *inter alia* by the SME Performance Review (€0.7 million) and the measure concerning SME and craft enterprises participation in standardisation (€1.2 million).

The remaining 14 implementing measures amount to €13 million and cover all the objectives of the legal base.

For reasons of transparency, budget forecasts referring to years other than 2008 are sometimes given. These have to be regarded as purely indicative as the current financing decision only covers the year 2008. A financing decision covering these amounts will be taken by the Commission when appropriate.

As regards all grants envisaged in this work programme, each proposal will be evaluated on the base of the selection and award criteria specified in the respective call for proposals. Essentially, these criteria are based on the following:

SELECTION criteria:

- financial capacity to complete the proposed operation;
- stable and sufficient sources of finance to ensure the continuity of their organisation throughout the project and to play a part in financing it;
- technical capacity to complete the proposed operation;
- operational (technical and management) capacity to complete the operation;
- capacity to manage scale activity corresponding with the size of the project for which a grant is requested;
- adequate professional qualifications and experience of the team responsible for the project/operation.

AWARD criteria: An evaluation of the quality of proposals, including the proposed budget, will be carried out in accordance with the following award criteria:

- Relevance of the actions proposed in view of the objectives established in the Call;
- Quality of the proposed actions;
- Impact on target audience;
- Budget and cost-effectiveness.

(A) ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR THE START-UP AND GROWTH OF SMES AND INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION ACTIVITIES

EIP FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SMES

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/A/N01S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(a) Access to finance for the start-up and growth of SMEs and investment in innovation activities

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The overall objective of the financial instruments is to improve access to finance for the start-up and growth of SMEs and investment in innovation activities, including eco-innovation, by:

- increasing investment volumes of risk capital funds and investment vehicles promoted by business angels;
- providing leverage to SME debt financing instruments and thus increasing the supply of debt finance to SMEs.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Other

DESCRIPTION

Following the adoption by co-decision of the CIP legal base, guidelines for each financial instrument have to be made available and a Fiduciary and Management Agreement be signed by the Commission and the eligible International Financial Institutions. These International Financial Institutions will implement the SME financial instruments, on behalf of the Commission.

There are 3 Financial Instruments for SMEs in the CIP legal base:

1. The High Growth and Innovative SME Facility (GIF), operated by EIF, which will increase the supply of equity for innovative SMEs in their early stages (GIF1) and in the expansion phase (GIF2). The contribution from GIF 1 or GIF2 in any fund or vehicle shall rank pari passu with the contribution of the investors operating in circumstances corresponding to the market economy investor principle. The majority of the capital invested in any fund or vehicle shall be provided by investors operating in circumstances corresponding to the market economy investor principle, irrespective of the legal nature and ownership structure of these investors.

Special attention shall be given to eco-innovation, for which €26 Mio is earmarked for the year 2008.

GIF1 shall cover early stage investments. It shall invest in specialised venture capital funds such as early stage funds, funds likely to have a particularly strong catalytic role in the development of venture capital markets for a specific technology or in a specific region (multi-country

funds) as well as multi-purpose funds which include early stage companies in their investment programmes. It shall also invest in vehicles set up to perform technology transfer and may co-invest in funds and investment vehicles promoted by business angels.

It will not invest in funds whose primary focus is on medium to late stage (pre-IPO or MBO and MBI transactions) or on replacement capital.

GIF 2 is a new instrument. GIF2 shall cover expansion stage investments and shall invest in specialized risk capital funds, which in turn shall provide quasi-equity or equity for innovative SMEs with high growth potential in their expansion phase. GIF2 investments shall avoid buy-out or replacement capital intended for asset stripping.

However, GIF2 may invest in risk capital funds pursuing a "buy-and-build" strategy, whereby the fund commits to invest in and grow the business of the SME beneficiary to secure or create long-term growth, employment and value rather than only paying out existing owners.

2. The SME Guarantee Facility, operated by EIF, which will continue to provide counter or co-guarantees to guarantee schemes operating in eligible countries, and direct guarantees to financial intermediaries, in order to increase the supply of debt finance to SMEs. It will concentrate on addressing market failures in four areas:

- The first window, debt financing via loans or leasing, will reduce the particular difficulties SMEs face in accessing finance.
- The second window, micro credit financing, will encourage financial institutions to play a greater role in the provision of loans of a smaller amount which would normally involve proportionately higher unit handling costs for borrowers with insufficient collateral.
- The third window, guarantees for equity or quasi-equity investments in SMEs, will include investments which provide seed capital and/or capital in the start-up phase, as well as mezzanine financing, in order to reduce the particular difficulties which SMEs face because of their weak financial structure, and those arising from business transfers.
- The fourth window, securitisation of SME debt finance portfolios, is a new window. It will mobilise additional debt financing for SMEs under appropriate risk-sharing arrangements with the targeted institutions. Support for those transactions shall be made available upon an undertaking by the originating institutions to grant a significant part of the resulting liquidity of the mobilised capital for new SME lending in a reasonable period of time.

The amount of this new debt financing will be calculated in relation to the amount of the guaranteed portfolio risk and will be negotiated, together with the period of time, individually with each originating institution.

The guarantees issued on behalf of the Commission will involve sharing the risk of certain securitised tranches which are senior to the first loss piece or leaving the risk of a significant part of the first loss piece to the originator and sharing the risk of the remaining part.

3. A Capacity Building Scheme will support the capacity of financial intermediaries through:

- the Seed Capital Action improving the investment and technology expertise of funds and other financial intermediaries investing in innovative SMEs or SMEs with growth potential;
- the Partnership Action stimulating the supply of credit to SMEs by

enhancing the credit appraisal procedures for SME lending.

Promotion and visibility

Financial institutions participating in the CIP financial instruments will be required to incorporate in their promotional material clear references to the support provided by the European Commission and to ensure that each final beneficiary is made aware in writing of the origin of this support. The Commission will continue to build an appropriate strategy of visibility for the CIP financial instruments and implement it. Specific actions for the promotion of the financial instruments will be financed by the 2008 EIP budget (budget line 01 04 04).

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q1/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 84 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Other | ENT/CIP/08/A/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 125,268,543 | No |
| Other | ENT/CIP/08/A/N01S00/2 | 2008 | B | 26,000,000 | Yes |
| Other | ENT/CIP/08/A/N01S00/3 | 2009 | B | 114,000,000 | No |
| Other | ENT/CIP/08/A/N01S00/4 | 2009 | B | 29,000,000 | Yes |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---|-------------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008¹ | 151,268,543 | 0 | 151,268,543 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 143,000,000 | 0 | 143,000,000 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 294,268,543 |
| TOTAL 294,268,543 | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION 55,000,000 | |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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¹ To this will be added financial contributions by further non-EU member countries participating in the EIP.

IMPROVING POLICIES ON ACCESS TO FINANCE

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/A/N02S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(a) Access to finance for the start-up and growth of SMEs and investment in innovation activities

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The objective is to identify good practices relating to policies on access to finance, help participating countries to implement them and to monitor progress in order to ease SME access to finance, in particular for innovative and 'growth-oriented' firms. The Communication "Financing SME Growth - Adding European Value" established in 2006 the following basis for actions to further improve SMEs' access to financing within the Growth and Jobs strategy.

- bringing ideas to market: to improve the conditions for early-stage innovation finance, the Commission will help identify and spread good practices that contribute to the financing of 'bringing ideas to the marketplace', and removing obstacles to cross-border investment;
- the right environment: to contribute to better availability of loans for SMEs, the Commission will identify and spread good practices on microcredit and guarantees, and prepare for further dialogue between banks and SMEs;
- index of enterprise finance: in order to improve the base for evidence-based policies at European and national levels, the Commission will develop better quantitative tools to support policy-making;
- eco-innovation: to support Commission policies on eco-innovation and low-carbon economy; the goal is to enhance cooperation and exchange of good practices among national and regional authorities and to identify and address specific financing problems of various industry sectors;
- to increase awareness of good policies among stakeholder groups.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for tenders, expert reimbursement, Other

DESCRIPTION

1. Bringing ideas to market: Lack of private funding sources in the seed and start-up phases is a barrier to entrepreneurship and innovation. Effective public-private partnerships are needed to stimulate firm growth. The Commission will organise a workshop on further reinforcing the environment for early-stage finance so that ideas can move quickly to the marketplace. This requires close cooperation between various actors on both the demand and the supply side of finance. A further area of focus will be identifying ways to support Commission policies on eco-innovation and the low-carbon economy.

2. The right environment: Banks are the most important financing source for SMEs in Europe. To fully benefit from the strength of the European banking system in financing SMEs, the Commission will prepare new approaches to enhancing the dialogue between banks and SMEs. To explore changes in the financial sector (including the Capital Requirements Directive), a study on the cyclical character of SME finance will be commissioned. Further, as microcredit is an important support mechanism for entrepreneurs in the earliest stages, a follow-up of European initiatives will be ensured.

3. Index on finance: Although the quality of the financing environment is high in many participating countries, in others, SMEs still face difficulties. Fostering policy learning by identifying and spreading good practices is therefore needed. To support this, the Commission will focus on enhancing the evidence on which policies are based, for example, by organising a workshop and by constructing an index on enterprise finance that allows all stakeholders to follow developments in SME finance.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 15 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/A/N02S00/2 | 2008 | BA | 50,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/A/N02S00/3 | 2008 | B | 100,000 | No |
| Other | ENT/CIP/08/A/N02S00/4 | 2008 | B | 10,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 100,000 |
| 2008 | 160,000 | 50,000 | 110,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New Framework Contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 50,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 10,000 |
| TOTAL | 160,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/A/N02S00/3**TITLE OF THE CALL**

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| Study on the cyclicalality of SME finance |
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OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| | |
| Total duration (months) 15 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

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| 100,000 |
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(B) CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENT FAVOURABLE TO SME CO-OPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF CROSS-BORDER CO-OPERATION

NETWORK IN SUPPORT OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION – COMMUNITY GRANT

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/B/N01S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(b) Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation, particularly in the field of cross-border co-operation

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The objective is to establish and operate a network in order to ensure the support of business and innovation, in particular for SMEs, based on the services of the current EIC and IRC networks, offering information, feedback and business cooperation services, and innovation, technology and knowledge transfer services, as well as services encouraging the participation of SMEs in Community framework programmes for R&D. The network will seek to:

- increase synergies among network service providers, by providing joint services,
- continually improve the quality of the business support network service,
- raise awareness regarding Community policy issues and the services offered by the business support network,
- consult businesses and obtain their opinions on Community policy options,
- ensure that the network offers complementarities with relevant Community national and regional services providers, including the National Contact Points for support to SMEs to participate in FP7
- reduce the administrative burden for all parties compared to previous networks.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for proposals

DESCRIPTION

The missions for future business support network partners will focus on the need to support European business, especially SMEs, as described in Article 21 (more detailed description is in Annex III of Decision No 1639/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council):

- a) Information, Feedback and Business Cooperation services
- b) Innovation, technology and Knowledge transfer services
- c) Services encouraging the participation of SMEs in the Community RTD Framework Programme.²

The call was launched in 2007.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q1/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Calls for proposal | ENT/CIP/08/B/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 81,231,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---|------------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 81,231,000 | 0 | 81,231,000 | Calls for proposal | 81,231,000 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 81,231,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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| ENTR.D.2 |
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² The "Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation" (EACI) is entrusted with implementing tasks related to the EIP, inter alia with project management in relation to the network in support of business and innovation.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENT/CIP/08/B/N01S00/1

TITLE OF THE CALL

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| SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION |
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PRIORITIES

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| SMEs Innovation |
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OBJECTIVES

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| The objective is to select new contractors for the new network. |
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RATE OF CO-FINANCING

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| up to 60% of eligible costs |
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OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q1/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

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| 81,231,000 |
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NETWORK IN SUPPORT OF BUSINESS AND INNOVATION - NETWORK ANIMATION

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/B/N02S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(b) Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation, particularly in the field of cross-border co-operation

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The objective is to animate and govern the new business and innovation network, replacing the former EIC and IRC networks, and to ensure the operation of the network. The animation of the network will ensure the European dimension of the network and help the network to provide their services in an efficient and effective manner and at the highest quality possible.

The animation tasks are being executed by the EACI as described in the act of delegation and work programme. The budget mentioned below (1.555.000€) will be sub-delegated to the EACI for this purpose.

In addition, up to € 350,000 will be directly awarded to the French presidency of the EU or its representative to co-finance the first annual conference of the network to be organised in France during the second half of 2008.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Ad hoc grant, Sub-delegation

DESCRIPTION

Network animation³ covers:

- 1)governance of the network, in particular by organising the Annual Conference, Steering Group and Special Group meetings
- 2)IT tools and databases, in particular by operating, maintaining and improving IT tools and databases, ensuring data quality, IT helpdesk;
- 3)network communication, information and support, preparing an operational communication plan, promotional material and infrastructure and increase visibility and networking;
- 4)training, implementing an operational training plan;
- 5)quality and reporting systems, in particular by reporting on achievements, weaknesses and risks.

Expert group meetings are planned to support policy work related to the network.

Up to € 350,000 will be directly awarded to the French presidency of the EU or its representative to co-finance the first annual conference of the network organised in France in 2H/2008.

³ The "Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation" (EACI) is entrusted with implementing tasks related to the EIP, inter alia with the animation of the network in support of business and innovation.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/B/N02S00/1 | 2008 | B | 350,000 | No |
| Sub-delegation | ENT/CIP/08/B/N02S00/2 | 2008 | B | 1,555,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 1,555,000 | 0 | 1,555,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 350,000 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 1,555,000 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,555,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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| ENTR.D.2 |
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AD HOC GRANTS:**TITLE OF THE CALL**

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| Annual conference of the Network |
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BENEFICIARY

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| Public representative body of the French Government (to be designated) |
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JUSTIFICATION MONOPOLY

An ad-hoc grant will be granted, without a call for proposals, to a public representative body of the French Government. The objective of the action is to organise the first annual conference of the new CIP network that will provide during several years services in support of business and innovation. As a matter of fact, only a public representative body of the

French Government is able to organise this conference (included in the work programme of the French presidency) given that it is the only type of authority having the required competency on this subject in France and will have consequently a de facto monopoly. This ad-hoc grant will be subject to an award decision by the responsible Authorising Officer by sub-Delegation to be based on an evaluation report. A budget of 350.000 EUR corresponding to a maximum of 80% of the eligible costs is foreseen.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

up to 80%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

350 , 000

SME AND CRAFT ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN STANDARDISATION

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/B/N03C00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(b) Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation, particularly in the field of cross-border co-operation

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Qualitative objectives:

- better adaptation of the standardisation process to the needs of crafts and SMEs
- to encourage and increase the use of standards by craft and SMEs

Operational objectives:

- to foster SMEs' participation in the EU standardisation process;
- to provide better information for SMEs on standardisation;
- to improve knowledge on the needs of SMEs in this field covered and not covered until now by service contracts concluded and identify options for improvements in the future (evaluation).

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Ad hoc grant, use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

1. Support for Involvement of SME

- Provide information to SMEs and craft businesses on standardisation and exploit feedback;
- Organise SMEs' and craft enterprises' participation and representation in national, European and International standardisation bodies (NSO, CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, ISO/IEC/ITU);
- Appoint experts in Technical Committees (TC) of the ESOs in order to represent SME and craft interests;
- Participate in strategic meetings, committees and conferences to promote SME interests;
- Organise training seminars for SMEs and experts;
- Extensively disseminate information (training seminars, WEB site, newsletter, etc.);
- Write guidebooks simplifying specific standards (simplification);
- Write abstracts of specific standards (simplification);
- Report back to the Commission;
- including through their groupings and associations.

2. Evaluation of Activities

Since July 2002, two consecutive service contracts aiming at improving the information and participation of SMEs in the standardisation process have been awarded. The evaluation should provide a list of SMEs' needs covered and not covered by the service contract and make recommendations for future activities.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|---|---------------------------|
| Specific contract (support for involvement) | Q2/2008 |
| Final report (support for involvement) | Q3/2009 |
| Sub-delegation/agreement (evaluation of activities) | Q1/2008 |
| Final report (evaluation of activities) | Q1/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/B/N03C00/1 | 2008 | B | 175,000 | No |
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/B/N03C00/2 | 2008 | B | 1,000,000 | No |
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/B/N03C00/3 | 2009 | B | 2,650,000 | No |
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/B/N03C00/5 | 2010 | B | 2,650,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Year | All | BA | B | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender 0 |
| 2008 | 1,175,000 | 0 | 1,175,000 | Calls for proposal 0 |
| 2009 | 2,650,000 | 0 | 2,650,000 | Use of existing Framework contract 175,000 |
| 2010 | 2,650,000 | 0 | 2,650,000 | New framework contract 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant 6,300,000 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement 0 |
| | | | | Other |
| TOTAL | 6,475,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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AD HOC GRANTS:**TITLE OF THE CALL**

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| Promotion of craft and SMEs in the standardisation area |
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BENEFICIARY

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| NORMAPME aisbl (consortium UEAPME / NORMAPME) |
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JUSTIFICATION MONOPOLY

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| An ad-hoc grant will be awarded, without a call for proposals, to Normapme aisbl. The objective is to promote craft and SMEs in the standardisation area through various specific actions. These activities require a high level of expertise in two distinct fields: standardisation and craft and SMEs needs. Only Normapme is able to carry out these specialised activities having the required expertise and technical competency in the standardisation area as well as in the craft and SMEs area. |
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RATE OF CO-FINANCING

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| Up to 95% |
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OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q2/2008 |
| Final report | Q3/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE GRANT

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| 1,000,000 |
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EUROPEAN E-BUSINESS SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SMES (EBSN)

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/B/N04S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(b) Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation, particularly in the field of cross-border co-operation

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

1. complete the information on public policies in support of eBusiness for SMEs, with real case studies about how SMEs have achieved concrete benefits by innovating through ICTs. Case studies describing such experiences of SMEs all over Europe, if properly disseminated, are expected to have an important impact on raising the awareness and stimulating other SMEs into action.

2. develop, maintain and market the intelligent on-line tool on "benchmarking commercially available eBusiness solutions and services for SMEs" in all EU countries (apart from EN, FR and DE already covered in the previous contract). The more this tool is known and supported by ICT products and services suppliers all over Europe, the more information will be inserted into the tool and the more valid and useful the tool will be. This is why an efficient marketing campaign among the relevant stakeholders, in all EU countries should accompany the release of the tool in the various EU languages.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for tenders

DESCRIPTION

1. A compendium of best eBusiness practices of European SMEs, a collection of case studies covering SMEs of all sizes, sectors and geographical areas in the EU will be provided. Three workshops will be organised to disseminate the results.

2. A call for tender will be launched to localise the tool in all other EU languages, maintaining and marketing the tool in all EU countries (apart from EN, FR and DE already covered in the previous contract). Three workshops will be organised to disseminate the results.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|--|--------------------|
| Publication of call (Best eBusiness practices, Localisation) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Localisation) | Q3/2009 |
| Final report (Localisation) | Q3/2009 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Best eBusiness practices) | Q4/2009 |
| Final report (Best eBusiness practices) | Q4/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/B/N04S00/1 | 2008 | B | 350,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 350,000 |
| 2008 | 350,000 | 0 | 350,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 350,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/B/N04S00/1**TITLE OF THE CALL**

Best eBusiness practices among European SMEs: learning from peers
(compendium)

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2009 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

350,000

NETWORKS FOR THE COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF EUROPEAN TOURISM

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/B/N05S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(b) Creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation, particularly in the field of cross-border co-operation

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The overall objective is to enhance the sustainability and competitiveness of European tourism especially for SMEs, while allowing for wider economic, social and environmental benefits to be gained. Specific objectives are: to increase the level of awareness of SMEs about good practices, to improve the cooperation between existing tourism networks on sustainability issues, to support networks of destinations to create a favourable framework for SMEs, and to foster innovation in the tourism sector.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for proposals

DESCRIPTION

The Commission has identified sustainability as an aspect of quality and competitiveness for European tourism (COM (2003) 716, COM (2006) 134). It expects to propose an "Agenda for a sustainable and competitive European tourism" by end 2007 and this project will provide a first step in its implementation.

Whereas most large companies have formal policies with regard to sustainability issues, this tends not to be the case with small and micro companies. This is a particular challenge for the tourism sector, given the predominance of small and micro-sized businesses.

To this end, cooperation between existing networks must be sought and new ad-hoc forms of cooperation between industry associations and public administration should be developed to make SMEs aware that sustainability is an important aspect of competitiveness in the long term.

The call for proposals will select initiatives from bodies working in the tourism field which focus on knowledge gathering and research, awareness raising, education and capacity building activities, and dissemination of good practices related to tourism sustainability.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Calls for proposal | ENT/CIP/08/B/N05S00/1 | 2008 | B | 300,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|------------------------|---------|----|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 300,000 | 0 | 300,000 | Calls for proposal | 300,000 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL 300,000 | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION 0 | |

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENT/CIP/08/B/N05S00/1**TITLE OF THE CALL**

Networks for the competitiveness and sustainability of European tourism

PRIORITIES

The Commission has identified sustainability as one aspect for the quality and competitiveness for European tourism (COM (2003) 716, COM (2006) 134). It is expected to propose an Agenda for a sustainable and competitive European tourism by 2007 and this project will provide a first step in its implementation.

OBJECTIVES

Support for initiatives of public and private bodies, or their existing networks, to contribute to enhancing the sustainability and competitiveness of European tourism especially for SMEs, while allowing for wider economic, social and environmental benefits to be gained.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

50%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

300,000

(C) ALL FORMS OF INNOVATION IN ENTERPRISES

EUROPE INNOVA: COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND EXPLOITATION OF RESULTS OBTAINED FROM INNOVATION PROJECTS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N01S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

To continue, maintain and further develop the horizontal support function established under Europe INNOVA to ensure the systematic collection, analysis, exploitation and dissemination of the results of innovation projects.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for tenders, Ad hoc grant

DESCRIPTION

The horizontal support function facilitates & coordinates the activities across the Europe INNOVA Community with a view to ensuring the systematic exploitation of results.

Key actions:

- Network all stakeholders to exchange knowledge and good practices by organising planning sessions, thematic workshops, annual partnering events, biannual European innovation conferences & innovation award ceremonies;
- Maintain an on-line collaboration platform consisting of public portal & interactive tool to support networking & disseminate results;
- Analyse project outcomes & results to extract & validate good practices translating them into lessons & policy recommendations;
- Continuous & systematic promotion and dissemination of Europe INNOVA activities and results via newsletters, factsheets, etc.

Horizontal support activities may also include actions of EU (PRO INNO Europe) & other initiatives.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q4/2007 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
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| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/C/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 2,000,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/C/N01S00/2 | 2009 | B | 1,000,000 | No |
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/C/N01S00/3 | 2008 | B | 400,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 3,000,000 |
| 2008 | 2,400,000 | 0 | 2,400,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 400,000 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | |
| 3,400,000 | | | | 0 | |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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AD HOC GRANTS:

TITLE OF THE CALL

Europe INNOVA conference

BENEFICIARY

National French Ministry of Enterprises

JUSTIFICATION MONOPOLY

An ad-hoc grant will be granted, without a call for proposals, to a public body (the National French Ministry of Enterprises). The objective of the action is to organise, in the context of the French Presidency, the annual Europe INNOVA conference, a 2-day event that will bring together more or less 700 participants (high-level policy makers, researchers & practitioners) to debate the latest policy ideas, opportunities & challenges for European innovation & competitiveness. As a matter of fact, only the National French Ministry of Enterprises is able to organise this conference (a priority theme for the French Presidency) given that it is the only authority having the required competency on this subject in France and has consequently a *de facto monopoly*. This ad-hoc grant will be subject to an award decision by the

responsible Authorising Officer by sub-Delegation to be based on an evaluation report. A budget of 300.000 EUR corresponding to a maximum of 57% of the eligible costs is foreseen.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

57%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Total duration (months) | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

400,000

CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/C/N01S00/1

TITLE OF THE CALL

Collection, analysis and exploitation of results obtained from innovation projects (technical assistance)

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q4/2007 |
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

3,000,000

GLOBAL SECTORAL APPROACHES

YEAR

2008

IMPLEMENTING MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Industrial policy

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Global sectoral benchmarks could aid the competitiveness of European-based industries big and small through offering a way in which emerging economies can engage in taking action to address climate change leading to a level playing field for industry globally.

The objective of this action will be to identify the most suitable actors that can help take forward the development of global sectoral approaches due to their position, relationships with industries globally as well as with key emerging economies. The actor(s) chosen will need to help deliver the build up of capability and expertise in monitoring and reporting in key emerging countries through partnerships between EU industry and key third countries, to develop a framework for how sectoral-based approaches would fit into a post-2012 framework.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for proposals, Call for tenders, Expert reimbursement

DESCRIPTION

The project consists of 3 key areas:

1 Capacity building

Build capability and expertise in monitoring and reporting in industry sectors through partnerships between European industry and comparable industries in key third countries.

2 Potential architecture for sector-based approaches

There is a need to develop a framework for how sectoral-based approaches would fit into a post-2012 framework. This would have to include its links to flexible mechanisms, for example sectoral "Clear Development Mechanism" initiatives; developing methodologies and training as well as how this would fit with technology development and uptake within specific sectors.

3 A study to identify and characterise industrial process technologies in key global sectors that have the highest potential to further reduce industrial GHG emissions and the ability of these technologies, if deployed, to contribute to more ambitious sector benchmarks in the future and corresponding emissions reductions from these sectors.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2008 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|----------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Calls for proposal | ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00/1 | 2008 | B | 1,900,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00/2 | 2008 | B | 100,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00/3 | 2008 | B | 300,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | Calls for tender | 300,000 |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 1,900,000 |
| 2008 | 2,300,000 | 0 | 2,300,000 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 100,000 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | 2,300,000 | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

DESK OFFICER IN CHARGE

- CARDOSO Julio ENTR.B.4 51788

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

- ENTR.A.2
- ENV.C.2
- RELEX

CALL FOR PROPOSALS ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00/1
TITLE OF THE CALL

Global Sectoral Approaches

PRIORITIES

Commissions priority to address climate change

Commissions Lisbon priority to ensure competitiveness of EU industry

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this action will be to identify the most suitable actors that can help take forward the development of global sectoral approaches due to their position, relationships with industries globally as well as with key emerging economies. The actor(s) chosen will need to help deliver the build of capability and expertise in monitoring and reporting in key emerging countries through building partnerships between EU industry and key third countries, to develop a framework for how sectoral-based approaches would fit into a post 2012 framework.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

Up to 90%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

1,900,000

CALL FOR TENDERS ENT/CIP/08/C/N02S00/3

TITLE OF THE CALL

Study to identify and characterise industrial process technologies

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

300,000

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL POLICY – BUILDING ON THE ECO DESIGN DIRECTIVE

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N03S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Industrial policy

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The Eco-design directive defines ambitious but cost effective minimum performance requirements for key energy-using products. Article 16 of that Directive requires the Commission to establish a Working Plan with the list of products which will be considered as priority for the adoption of measures. The studies covered by this measure will examine products from that list. The objective of this measure will be to provide the necessary analysis that would inform any future decision that could be made on labelling and/or minimum requirements for these products.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for tenders

DESCRIPTION

The work consists of:
On selected products within the scope of the Eco-design directive, launch market studies to identify the key environmental performance factors (benchmarks) for the most promising ranges of products on the market, including the analysis of current price differences and necessary conditions for successful improvement. This work will provide information that could enable the putting in place labelling and/or minimum requirements linked to performance of product. The work will be conducted in line with the methodology for the Eco-design of energy using products already being implemented under Directive 2005/32/EC. Stakeholders will be adequately involved.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Final report | Q2/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/C/N03S00/1 | 2008 | B | 1,000,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | Calls for tender | 1,000,000 |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2008 | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | |
| | | | 1,000,000 | | 0 |

DESK OFFICER IN CHARGE

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OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

DG ENV
DG TREN
DG RTD

CALL FOR TENDERS ENT/CIP/08/C/N03S00/1

TITLE OF THE CALL

EuP Product Group Analysis

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Final report | Q2/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

1,000,000

EBUSINESS W@TCH

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N04S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The Sectoral e-Business Watch (SeBW) will monitor, measure and analyse the dissemination and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and e-Business by enterprises from different sectors, size-classes and/or regions in Europe, in order to assess their economic impact and to draw policy implications of this development. This is in line with the recommendations of the ICT Task Force, the Council conclusions of May 2007, as well as with Central Policy Area No 6 of the renewed Lisbon objectives, which is dealing with facilitating ICT uptake across the European economy. ICT is an important driver for innovation and a key enabler for productivity growth.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The findings of the SeBW will be addressed mainly to the Commission services (sectoral units) for appropriate policy follow-up considerations, participating countries policy makers, industry associations, as well as to SME support agencies and networks (such as the eBSN) and academia. The activities of the SeBW will complement and co-ordinate with related initiatives such as Eurostat's 'Community ICT usage by enterprises' survey, the European Innovation Scoreboard/Trend Chart, the European SME Performance Review, and the Sectoral Innovation Watch of Europe INNOVA.

A framework contract was signed in December 2006 to cover the years 2007-2010 with a maximum total budget of €6 million. The first specific contract was also concluded in late 2006, covering the first 16-month period of implementation i.e. until April 2008. This period, with a budget of €850.000, will address the targets identified for 2008.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| Milestone Description | Indicative Quarter |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific contract | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| Action | ABAC Project Reference | Year | Budget Type | Budget | ECO-INNOVATION |
|-----------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Use of existing | ENT/CIP/08/C/N04S00/1 | 2008 | B | 850,000 | No |

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Framework contract | | | | | |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 850,000 | 0 | 850,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 850,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 850,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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INFSO.H.1

DISSEMINATION OF AGRO-FOOD INDUSTRY INNOVATION

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N05S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The objectives of this measure are:

- to disseminate to agro-food SMEs within the participating countries the necessary information for innovation in their field of activities, mainly by way of appropriate thematic conferences;
- to favour the exchange of good practices;
- to favour the cooperation between SMEs and other local, national and international bodies;
- to highlight accomplishments.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

Dissemination of results of the research carried out in the Agri-food sector, for instance during the 'Food for Life' platform (and other working groups), to SMEs by way of 'cascade effect' using monitored focus groups, such as regional conferences as staging posts.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/C/N05S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 400,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|------------------|------------------|---|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|---|---|---------|
| 2008 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 400,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 400,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

EUROPEAN CLUSTER AGENDA CONFERENCE

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/C/N06S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(c) All forms of innovation in enterprises

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The European Cluster Memorandum provides the political endorsement by the Member States of the initiative under PRO INNO Europe to work together to develop a common cluster agenda in support of the development of strong, world-class clusters in Europe.

The objective of this measure is to take stock of progress made on the European agenda for transnational cooperation aimed at defining a common framework for cluster policies at regional, national and European level.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Ad hoc grant

DESCRIPTION

This Ministerial Conference organised jointly with the French EU Presidency will take stock of progress made on the implementation of the common agenda and provide a follow-up to the European Cluster Conference organised in January 2008 by the Swedish government and the Slovenian Presidency which launched the process.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|--------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/C/N06S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 150,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 150,000 |

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| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION |
| 150,000 | | | | | 0 |

AD HOC GRANTS:

TITLE OF THE CALL

European Cluster Agenda Conference

BENEFICIARY

National French Ministry of Enterprises

JUSTIFICATION MONOPOLY

An ad-hoc grant will be granted, without a call for proposals, to a public body (the National French Ministry of Enterprises). The objective of the action is to organise, in the context of the French Presidency, the European Cluster Agenda conference that will bring together more or less 200 participants (made of high-level ministerial officials) to discuss cluster cooperation. As a matter of fact, only the National French Ministry of Enterprises is able to organise this conference (a priority theme for the French Presidency) given that it is the only authority having the required competency on this subject in France and has consequently a *de facto* monopoly. This ad-hoc grant will be subject to an award decision by the responsible Authorising Officer by sub-Delegation to be based on an evaluation report. A budget of 150.000 EUR corresponding to a maximum of 50% of the eligible costs is foreseen.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

50%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

150,000

(D) ECO-INNOVATION

ECO-INNOVATION PILOT AND MARKET REPLICATION PROJECTS

YEAR

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| 2008 |
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MEASURE NO

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| ENT/CIP/08/D/N01S00 |
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CIP OBJECTIVE

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| (d) Eco-innovation |
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POLITICAL PRIORITIES

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| Innovation |
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OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

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| To support projects concerned with the first application or market replication of eco-innovative techniques, products or practices of Community relevance, which have already been technically demonstrated with success but which, owing to residual risk, have not yet penetrated the market. Supporting such innovative eco-technologies should contribute to remove obstacles to the development and wide application of eco-innovation, create or enlarge markets for related products and improve the competitiveness of EU enterprises on world markets. The projects should also aim at reducing environmental impacts or improving the environmental performance of enterprises, in particular SMEs. |
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IMPLEMENTATION MODE

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| Call for proposals, |
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DESCRIPTION

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| The measure will support projects connected with eco-innovative products, services or production processes which aim at the prevention or reduction of environmental impacts or which contribute to the optimisation of resources use. Priorities would include: (a) cleaner production processes, with preference for those sectors having an important environmental impact, such as construction, chemicals, food and drink industry, manufacturing, recycling; (b) innovative environmentally-friendly products and services, including innovative approaches to the eco-design of products or eco-labelling; (c) support to enterprises (especially SMEs) in greening their business, products and management methods - especially innovative approaches to environmental management systems or increased eco-efficiency. ⁴ |
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OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q4/2008 |
| Specific Contract | Q1/2008 |

⁴ The "Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation" (EACI) is entrusted with implementing tasks related to the EIP, inter alia with the management of eco-innovation pilot and market replication projects.

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Calls for proposal | ENT/CIP/08/D/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 27,850,000 | YES |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|------------------------|------------|----|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 27,850,000 | | 27,850,000 | Calls for proposal | 27,850,000 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL 27,850,000 | | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION 0 | |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENT/CIP/08/D/N01S00/1
TITLE OF THE CALL

Eco-innovation pilot and market replication projects

PRIORITIES

- 1) Innovative character of the project, presenting clear and substantial environmental benefits and supporting policy objectives;
- 2) Potential for replication, potential to create or enlarge markets
- 3) Quality of the technical and economic performances
- 4) Soundness and coherence of project from the financial, technical and project management perspective

OBJECTIVES

- 1) promoting new and integrated approaches to eco-innovation in fields as environmental management and the environmentally friendly design of products, processes and services
- 2) removing obstacles to the wide application of eco-innovation

- 3) creating an enlarged market for eco-innovative products and services
- 4) increase innovation capacities of SMEs

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

40% for a large enterprise; 50% for a medium enterprise; 60% for a small enterprise (to be aligned with the final version of the Community guidelines for the State aid for environmental protection). SMEs defined as in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (Text with EEA relevance), Official Journal L 124, p. 36-41, of 20 May 2003

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q1/2008 |
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 36 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

27,850,000

(E) ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION CULTURE

SME PERFORMANCE REVIEW

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N01S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The general objective of the SME Performance Review is to provide an empirical tool to monitor SME performance and guide policy making. Its specific objective is to increase and disseminate information on the characteristics and specificities of SMEs in Europe through the supply of comprehensive data, the description and analysis of economic performance as well as its main determinant factors. Its operational objectives are the publication of key statistics on SMEs together with an economic analysis and policy conclusions.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The SME Performance Review will be made up essentially of the following elements: main statistics on European businesses by size classes and a series of reports on thematic SME issues.

The project will be split up into sub-projects corresponding to different tasks:

- key statistics on EU 27 and candidate countries
- thematic reports on issues crucial for economic development of SMEs providing key statistics on EU 27 and candidate countries, including economic and political analysis

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sub-delegation/agreement | Q3/2008 |
| Publication | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Use of existing framework | ENT/CIP/08/E/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 720,000 | No |

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO- INNOVATION |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| contract | | | | | |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 720,000 |
| 2008 | 720,000 | 0 | 720,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 720,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

ESKILLS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Innovation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

(1) monitoring the supply and demand of e-skills with a focus on ICT practitioners, including the delivery of a statistical report; (2) developing new e-competence curriculum guidelines, with a view to strengthening Industry and University cooperation, and exploring the opportunity to develop a new discipline on services science; (3) studying efficient instruments such as financial and fiscal incentives with a focus on ICT practitioner and e-business skills; (4) developing exchange mechanisms for e-learning courses for e-skills and the networking of training and research centres.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for tenders, Expert reimbursement

DESCRIPTION

This measure covers five actions under the responsibility of DG Enterprise and Industry related to the policy Communication on "e-Skills for the 21st Century: Fostering Competitiveness, Growth and Jobs" adopted in July 2007.

- 1) A report will present a synthesis of the situation and forecasts focusing on ICT practitioner and e-business skills (including major trends).
- 2) The proposal for a new discipline on services sciences, management and engineering will be explored.
- 3) Investigating appropriate financial and fiscal incentives related to e-skills training, especially for SMEs, and studying the potential of a human capital investment tax credit for individuals.
- 4) Development of exchange mechanisms of e-skills learning and training resources for the European workforce.
- 5) Organising a high-level conference to report on progress and discuss the way forward.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
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| Publication of call (supply and demand evolution study) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (supply and demand evolution study) | Q4/2008 |
| Final report (supply and demand evolution study) | Q1/2009 |
| Publication of call (e-competence study) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (e-competence study) | Q3/2009 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|--|---------------------------|
| Final report (e-competence study) | Q4/2009 |
| Publication of call (financial and fiscal incentives study) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (financial and fiscal incentives study) | Q3/2009 |
| Final report (financial and fiscal incentives study) | Q4/2009 |
| Publication of call (e-learning exchange mechanisms study) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (e-learning exchange mechanisms study) | Q4/2009 |
| Final report (e-learning exchange mechanisms study) | Q1/2010 |
| Total duration (months) 24 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/1 | 2008 | B | 200,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/2 | 2008 | B | 300,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/3 | 2008 | B | 200,000 | No |
| Calls for tender | ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/4 | 2008 | B | 400,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/5 | 2008 | B | 100,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 1,100,000 |
| 2008 | 1,200,000 | 0 | 1,200,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 100,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,200,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

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CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/1**TITLE OF THE CALL**

Study of the evolution of the supply and demand of e-skills

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2008 |
| Final report | Q1/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 9 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

200,000

CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/2**TITLE OF THE CALL**

Study on the development of e-competence curriculum guidelines and on services science

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2009 |
| Final report | Q4/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

300,000

CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/3**TITLE OF THE CALL**

Study on efficient financial and fiscal incentives in the field of e-skills

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2009 |
| Final report | Q4/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 18 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

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| 200,000 |
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CALL FOR TENDERS: ENT/CIP/08/E/N02S00/4**TITLE OF THE CALL**

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| Study on the development of exchange mechanisms for e-learning courses for e-skills and networking of training and research centres |
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OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q4/2009 |
| Final report | Q1/2010 |
| Total duration (months) 24 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

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| 400,000 |
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EUROPEAN SME WEEK AND INITIATIVES TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG TARGET GROUPS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Qualitative objectives:

- to make Europe more entrepreneurial by promoting entrepreneurship to the public in a joint effort with the participating countries;
- to identify successful European initiatives to promote entrepreneurship in general, and in particular entrepreneurship amongst women and ethnic minority groups, as well as family businesses;
- to showcase and share examples of best SME policies and practices;
- to analyse the need for and shape of possible future policy initiatives in favour of family businesses;
- To raise awareness of entrepreneurship and SME policies.

Quantitative objectives:

1. A European SME Week and related national events
2. A European Enterprise Awards competition and awards ceremony
3. Expert meetings on family businesses and women's and ethnic minority entrepreneurship networks
4. Reports and updates on related websites

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing framework contract, ad hoc grant, Expert reimbursement, other

DESCRIPTION

The measure will:

1. prepare the launch of the European SME Week (ESW) as a campaign of events for promoting entrepreneurship to the public in a joint effort with the participating countries;
2. run the European Enterprise Awards competition at national and European level and organise the awards ceremony in 2009 in connection with the European SME Week (meetings of national coordinators of the Awards, nominated by their country to manage the national selection process, will be organised;
3. with the aim of disseminating information and promoting best practices in connection with the ESW, organise meetings of the European network of women's entrepreneurship and expert groups on ethnic minority entrepreneurship as well as family businesses.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
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| Publication of call (European SME Week) | Q4/2007 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q1/2008 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|--|---------------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q3/2008 |
| Use of existing Framework Contract (European SME Week) | Q3/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q4/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q1/2009 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Enterprise Awards) | Q2/2009 |
| Final report (European SME Week) | Q3/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 20 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Use of existing framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00/1 | 2008 | B | 545,000 | No |
| Use of existing framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00/ | 2008 | BA | 790,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00/2 | 2008 | B | 140,000 | No |
| Ad hoc grant | ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00/ | 2008 | B | 250,000 | No |
| others | ENT/CIP/08/E/N03S00/ | B2008 | B | 150,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 1,870,000 | 790,000 | 1.085.000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 1,335,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 250,000 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 140,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 150,0000 |
| TOTAL | 1,875,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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ENTR.E.3
ENTR.E.4
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RESPONSIBLE COMPETITIVENESS: FOSTERING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Industrial policy

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Social and environmental issues are increasingly part of the competitiveness and innovation agenda of enterprises. Against this background the Commission has adopted a policy to make Europe a pole of excellence in corporate social responsibility (CSR) and to encourage the uptake of CSR as an important business contribution to the Growth and Jobs Strategy.

The overall objective is to improve the CSR performance of European industry, thereby contributing to its competitiveness. Specific objectives are: to promote a greater uptake of CSR amongst enterprises, including SMEs, in a limited number of industrial sectors; to facilitate joint action between industry and other stakeholders on CSR issues; and to further explore the links between CSR and competitiveness on a sectoral basis, feeding these findings back into the policy-making process.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Call for proposals, Expert reimbursement, Negotiated procedure

DESCRIPTION

A call for proposal will be published to select a limited number of multi-stakeholder initiatives that promote CSR on a sectoral basis. Activities supported could include: the development and implementation of sector-wide responsible competitiveness strategies, awareness-raising, education and training, the development of codes of conduct or joint reporting methodologies, as well as other solutions proposed by stakeholders.

Each initiative will involve business and non-business stakeholders. The specific needs and capacities of SMEs will be taken into account. The focus will be on EU industry, but some initiatives may also have a global dimension.

A negotiated procedure will result in a service contract with a consultant who will further examine the concept of responsible competitiveness on a sector basis, identify lessons learned from the selected initiatives and suggest recommendations on that basis. The Commission will convene stakeholder meetings to guide the selected initiatives and disseminate the results.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Negotiated Procedure | Q2/2008 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q1/2009 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2010 |
| Final report | Q4/2010 |
| Total duration (months) 30 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Calls for proposal | ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00/1 | 2008 | B | 385,000 | No |
| Negotiated procedure | ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00/2 | 2008 | B | 50,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00/3 | 2009 | BA | 20,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00/4 | 2010 | BA | 20,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---|----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 435,000 | 0 | 435,000 | Calls for proposal | 385,000 |
| 2009 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 0 |
| 2010 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 40,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 50,000 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 475,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: ENT/CIP/08/E/N04S00/1

TITLE OF THE CALL

Responsible competitiveness - fostering CSR in European industrial sectors

PRIORITIES

The Commission has adopted a policy to make Europe a pole of excellence in corporate social responsibility (CSR) and to encourage the uptake of CSR as a business contribution to the Growth and Jobs Strategy.

OBJECTIVES

Support for multi-stakeholder initiatives to promote CSR in a limited number of industrial sectors. Specific objectives: greater uptake of CSR amongst enterprises, including SMEs; facilitate joint action between industry and other stakeholders; further explore the links between CSR and competitiveness.

RATE OF CO-FINANCING

50%

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Publication of call | Q2/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2010 |
| Total duration (months) 30 | |

TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CALL

385,000

EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES: DISSEMINATION OF GOOD PRACTICES AND INFORMATION

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N05S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Qualitative objectives:

- Raise awareness of SME policy issues covered by the Charter and trigger action by the participating countries through identification and exchange of good practice and learning from each other.
- Identification and assessment of good practices, ad-hoc expert meetings and dissemination and promotion of deliverables.
- Follow-up on the conclusions of the Annual Progress Report under the Growth and Jobs Strategy and the subsequent Spring European Council.

Quantitative Objectives:

- A Charter conference on European level,
- a cross-border Charter conference,
- a printed good practice brochure and further communication material.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Expert reimbursement, Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The project will include the following components:

1. Organisation of a European Charter conference to exchange good practice in May/June 2009 inviting representatives of national, regional and local governments, European and national business organisations and business support providers from all participating countries.
2. Following invitations to all participating countries, good practices related to particular areas will be collected. Ad-hoc expert meetings are foreseen to assess the good practices submitted and to analyse specific topics.
3. A selection of the best practice cases will be published in an easy-to-read and use brochure, in printed and electronic format. Production of further communication material to promote good practices (e.g. CD's, DVDs, expert group reports, practical guides, websites).
4. Organisation of a cross-border Charter conference closer to the level on which policy is implemented.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific contract | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q2/2009 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total duration (months) 10 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N05S00/1 | 2008 | B | 350,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N05S00/2 | 2008 | B | 50,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 400,000 | 0 | 400,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 350,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 50,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 400,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

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THINK SMALL FIRST PRINCIPLE: IMPLEMENTATION AT COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL LEVEL

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N06S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

- Assess the implementation of the 'Think Small First' principle at Community and national level, following the March 2006 Spring European Council conclusions
- Identify and share examples of national best practices in the area (simplified reporting requirements, longer transition periods, reduced fees, exemptions, administrative assistance instruments and integration of the SME dimension in IA)

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Expert reimbursement, Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The 2005 Communication on Modern SME policy for Growth and Jobs and the March 2006 Presidency Conclusions reaffirmed that the "think small first" principle must be applied systematically becoming a guiding principle for all relevant legislation at Community and national levels. On the one hand, this project will consist of a study identifying and evaluating SME specific provisions at Community level. On the other hand, it will bring together experts from participating countries in order to assess progresses achieved in the context of the renewed Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs. Best practices such as simplified reporting requirements, longer transition periods, reduced fees, exemptions, administrative assistance instruments and the integration of the SME dimension in impact assessment procedures will be examined. For the study an existing framework contract will be used.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific Contract | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q3/2008 |
| Final report | Q4/2008 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N06S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 170,000 | No |
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N06S00/2 | 2008 | BA | 60,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 230,000 | 230,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 170,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 60,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 230,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

OTHER DGS, DIRECTORATES AND UNITS INVOLVED / CONSULTED

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N07S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

Action 1. Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group

Qualitative objectives:

- Set a framework for the targets to be achieved
- Ensure consistency between different actors
- Define targets
- Ensure that action is taken at the national level

Quantitative objectives:

- Publication of a final document, including a set of recommendations and some specific proposals to set up national steering groups.

Action 2: Entrepreneurship in vocational education and training

Qualitative objectives:

- Identify supporting policy measures
- Review existing programmes and most-used teaching methods
- Highlight and exchange best practices

Quantitative objectives:

- Report of the expert group assessing the current situation in Europe, identifying best practices and proposing recommendations for action at all levels.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Expert reimbursement, Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The measure will:

1) create a Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group, which will bring together political actors from all relevant contributors (enterprise, education, employment, EESC, CoR, etc) from European and national level. Relevant stakeholders at European level will be represented, including business organisations. The aim of the Steering Group will be to set a framework to define an implementation plan of measures to be taken and to highlight progress in this area.

2) within the above-mentioned framework, create a specific group of national experts with the aim of identifying existing policies and programmes that promote learning about entrepreneurship within vocational education and training systems. The project will focus on teaching entrepreneurship to young people, seeking to identify good practice and proposing policy action.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|--|---------------------------|
| Specific contract | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Entrepreneurship in vocational education and training) | Q2/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group) | Q3/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Entrepreneurship in vocational education and training) | Q3/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group) | Q4/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Entrepreneurship in vocational education and training) | Q4/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Joint Entrepreneurship Education Steering Group) | Q1/2009 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop (Entrepreneurship in vocational education and training) | Q1/2009 |
| Final report | Q2/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Expert reimbursement | ENT/CIP/08/E/N07S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 150,000 | No |
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N07S00/2 | 2008 | BA | 50,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| Year | All | BA | B | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender 0 |
| 2008 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract 50,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement 150,000 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure 0 |

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| Administrative arrangement | | 0 |
| Other | | 0 |
| TOTAL 200,000 | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION 0 | |

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STUDY ON SME ORGANISATIONS' REPRESENTATIVENESS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/E/N08S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(e) Entrepreneurship and innovation culture

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

- To strengthen the dialogue with SME stakeholders in order to implement the Think Small First principle by identifying relevant SME organisations and by assessing their representativeness especially in new Member states
- To improve communication with SME stakeholders by drawing up a database of SME organisations in participating countries

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The project will consist of a study to identify the relevant SME organisations and assess their representativeness. The study will cover all participating countries with a special focus on new Member States (EU12). Their representativeness will be assessed, for example, by evaluating the number of SMEs represented and the predominance of sectors or categories represented (craft, cooperatives, etc...).
As a follow up to the evaluation of communication with SME stakeholders (MAP project ENT/6/2.1), the project will include the creation of a user-friendly database of the SME organisations identified.
An existing framework contract will be used.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific Contract | Q1/2008 |
| Final report | Q1/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 12 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/E/N08S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 200,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|------------------|------------------|---|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |

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| 2008 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 200,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 200,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

(F) ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION RELATED ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME FOR THE REDUCTION OF REGULATORY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/F/N01S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(f) Enterprise and innovation related economic and administrative reform

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

Better regulation

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

- Carry out mapping and measurements of administrative costs deriving from specific EU legislation in 13 policy areas.
- Provide assistance to Member States where administrative costs measurements have not yet been carried out.
- Provide input for the common 25% reduction target in administrative burdens set for EU as proposed by the Commission in January 2007 and endorsed by the Spring 2007 European Council.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The implementing measure proposed for 2008 follows from a measure that has started in 2007. It aims at:

1- mapping and measuring the administrative costs generated by specific provisions in identified pieces of EU legislation and comparing cost estimates across all Member States;

2- distinguishing between policy areas where administrative burdens are attributable to national/regional regulations on the one hand and EU legislation on the other.

The origins of administrative burdens identified will be analysed on the basis of Information Obligations, in particular costs linked to transposition & implementation will be recorded. The most burdensome provisions will be analysed and proposals for reductions made. This will contribute to the 25% cost reduction target set at EU level. The pilot project will provide for the possibility of interactive complaints through a website as well as through stakeholder consultations. In addition, conferences and workshops will be organised.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Specific contract | Q1/2008 |
| Conferences/meeting/workshop | Q2/2008 |
| Final report | Q3/2008 |

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total duration (months) 24 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/F/N01S00/1 | 2008 | B | 6,700,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 6,700,000 | 0 | 6,700,000 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 6,700,000 |
| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 6,700,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

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INTERIM EVALUATION OF THE EIP

YEAR

2008

MEASURE NO

ENT/CIP/08/F/N02S00

CIP OBJECTIVE

(f) Enterprise and innovation related economic and administrative reform

POLITICAL PRIORITIES

SMEs

OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

The evaluation should provide recommendations regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of the EIP, on whether or not there is a need to readjust to the implementing methods and/or means, and on improving the quality and utility of programme monitoring.

IMPLEMENTATION MODE

Use of existing Framework contract

DESCRIPTION

The interim evaluation will assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the actions implemented in the framework of the EIP. It will encompass the continuation from MAP to EIP. The evaluation should provide useful recommendations regarding the possible needs for readjustments and for improving monitoring.

The interim evaluation will be performed through two studies, one concerning the financial instruments, the other covering the rest of the programme.

OPERATION TIMETABLE

| MILESTONE DESCRIPTION | INDICATIVE QUARTER |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Specific contract | Q4/2008 |
| Final report | Q2/2009 |
| Total duration (months) 8 | |

BUDGET (OUT OF WHICH ECO-INNOVATION)

| ACTION | ABAC PROJECT REFERENCE | YEAR | BUDGET TYPE | BUDGET | ECO-INNOVATION |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Use of existing Framework contract | ENT/CIP/08/F/N02S00/1 | 2008 | BA | 250,000 | No |

| TOTAL PER YEAR/CREDITS | | | TOTAL PER ACTION | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Year | All | BA | B | | |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Calls for tender | 0 |
| 2008 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 0 | Calls for proposal | 0 |
| 2009 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Use of existing Framework contract | 250,000 |

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| 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | New framework contract | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ad hoc grant | 0 |
| 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Expert reimbursement | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sub-delegation | 0 |
| | | | | Negotiated procedure | 0 |
| | | | | Administrative arrangement | 0 |
| | | | | Other | 0 |
| TOTAL | 250,000 | | | TOTAL FOR ECO-INNOVATION | 0 |

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