

ICT Policy Support Programme

The ICT Policy Support Programme aims at stimulating innovation and competitiveness.



The ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP) is one of the three specific programmes of The [Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme](#) [1] (CIP) and runs for the years 2007-2013. The ICT PSP aims at stimulating smart sustainable and inclusive growth by accelerating the wider uptake and best use of innovative digital technologies and content by citizens, governments and businesses. It provides EU funding to support the realisation of the [Digital agenda for Europe](#) [2].

The programme addresses obstacles that hinder further and better use of ICT based products and services and barriers for the development of high growth businesses, notably SMEs, in this field. In addition to illustrating and validating the high value of digital technologies for the economy and society, it will foster the development of EU-wide markets for innovations enabling every company in Europe to benefit from the largest internal market in the world.

Particular emphasis is put on areas of public interest given their weight in the European economy and the unique solutions that ICT can bring to the societal challenges that lie ahead such as health and ageing, inclusion, energy efficiency, sustainable mobility, culture preservation and learning as well as efficient public administrations. The main challenges include the relatively slow uptake of ICT innovations in the public sector and the high fragmentation of relevant markets due notably to a lack of interoperability between ICT solutions deployed across the Member States and Associated Countries.

The ICT PSP covers technological and non-technological innovations that have moved beyond the final research demonstration phase. The ICT PSP does not support research activities; it may cover, when needed, technical adaptation and integration work in order to achieve the objectives.

The Work Programme for 2013 is available [here](#) [3].

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