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On 2 July 2013, the European Commission organised a workshop to discuss the forthcoming €100m funding stream for SMEs and web entrepreneurs, the [3rd call](#) <sup>[1]</sup> of the Future Internet Public-Private Partnership (FI-PPP). The event brought together accelerators, coworking spaces, crowdfunding platforms, business angels, venture capitalists and company investment funds, to discuss the call in detail and connect the different players interested in this opportunity.



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In the context of the [Future Internet PPP](#) [3], the European Union provides participants (e.g. regional development agencies, SME associations, accelerators, company investment funds, etc.) with funding opportunities (100 million euros budget for up to 20 projects) to distribute within networks of SMEs and Web entrepreneurs. At least 80% of the funding should be forwarded to innovative players such as SMEs, Web entrepreneurs, ICT developers, etc. through open calls. The funding to SMEs and Web

entrepreneurs will be used to develop new applications and services on top of innovative technologies, thereby validating those technologies. Funding per SME or Web Entrepreneur will typically be in the order of 50,000 – 150,000 Euros.

The workshop attracted more than 120 participants and was made available via [webstreaming](#) [4].

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