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## [Horizon 2020 SME Innovation Associate: € 7 million to fund 71 innovative projects](#) <sup>[1]</sup>



71 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from 17 countries have been selected for funding in the pilot run of the [Horizon 2020 SME Innovation Associate](#) <sup>[2]</sup> programme.

Spanish SMEs were the most successful in this pilot programme with 14 proposals being funded ([out of 30](#) <sup>[3]</sup>), followed by Netherlands (10) and the United Kingdom(9).

In total, selected SMEs will receive over € 7 million to fund PHD recruitment for their innovation project.

[The call for proposals closed at the end of June with almost 200 proposals](#) <sup>[4]</sup>. More than half of them were rated above threshold, with 38 retained on the reserve list.

