

The Community Innovation Survey 2008 (CIS 2008)

THE HARMONISED SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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This survey collects information on your enterprise's innovations and innovation activities between 2006 and 2008 inclusive.

An innovation is the introduction of a new or significantly improved product, process, organisational method, or marketing method by your enterprise. The innovation must be new to your enterprise, although it could have been originally developed by other enterprises.

The questions on innovation activities only refer to product and process innovations.

Please complete **all** questions, unless otherwise instructed.

Person we should contact if there are any queries regarding the form:

Name: _____
Job title: _____
Organisation: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

1. General information about the enterprise

Name of enterprise _____

Address: _____

Postal code _____ Main activity² _____

1.1 In 2008, was your enterprise part of an enterprise group? (A group consists of two or more legally defined enterprises under common ownership. Each enterprise in the group can serve different markets, as with national or regional subsidiaries, or serve different product markets. The head office is also part of an enterprise group.)

Yes ☐ In which country is the head office of your group located? ³ _____

No ☐

If your enterprise is part of an enterprise group: Please answer all further questions only for the enterprise for which you are responsible in [your country]. Exclude all subsidiaries or parent enterprises.

1.2 In which geographic markets did your enterprise sell goods and/or services during the three years 2006 to 2008?

	Yes	No
A. Local / regional within [your country]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. National (other regions of [your country])	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Other European Union (EU), EFTA, or EU candidate countries*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of these geographic areas was your largest market in terms of turnover between 2006 and 2008? (Give corresponding letter) _____

*: Include the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

¹ NUTS 2 code

² NACE 4 digit code

³Country code according to ISO standard

2. Product (good or service) innovation

A product innovation is the market introduction of a **new** or **significantly** improved good or service with respect to its capabilities, user friendliness, components or sub-systems.

- Product innovations (new or improved) must be new to your enterprise, but they do not need to be new to your market.
- Product innovations could have been originally developed by your enterprise or by other enterprises.

2.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce:

	Yes	No
New or significantly improved goods. (Exclude the simple resale of new goods purchased from other enterprises and changes of a solely aesthetic nature.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New or significantly improved services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no to both options, go to section 3, otherwise:

2.2 Who developed these product innovations?

Select the most appropriate option only

Mainly your enterprise or enterprise group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mainly your enterprise together with other enterprises or institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mainly other enterprises or institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3 Were any of your product innovations during the three years 2006 to 2008:

	Yes	No
New to your market? Your enterprise introduced a new or significantly improved good or service onto your market before your competitors (it may have already been available in other markets)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only new to your firm? Your enterprise introduced a new or significantly improved good or service that was already available from your competitors in your market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Using the definitions above, please give the percentage of your total turnover⁴ in 2008 from:

New or significantly improved goods and services introduced during 2006 to 2008 that were new to your market	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
New or significantly improved goods and services introduced during 2006 to 2008 that were only new to your firm	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
Goods and services that were unchanged or only marginally modified during 2006 to 2008 (include the resale of new goods or services purchased from other enterprises)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %
Total turnover in 2008	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> %

⁴ For Credit institutions: Interests receivable and similar income, for insurance services: Gross premiums written

3. Process innovation

A process innovation is the implementation of a **new** or **significantly** improved production process, distribution method, or support activity for your goods or services.

- Process innovations must be new to your enterprise, but they do not need to be new to your market.
- The innovation could have been originally developed by your enterprise or by other enterprises.
- Exclude purely organisational innovations – these are covered in section 8.

3.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce:

	Yes	No
New or significantly improved methods of manufacturing or producing goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New or significantly improved logistics, delivery or distribution methods for your inputs, goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New or significantly improved supporting activities for your processes, such as maintenance systems or operations for purchasing, accounting, or computing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no to all options, go to section 4, otherwise:

3.2 Who developed these process innovations?

Select the most appropriate option only

Mainly your enterprise or enterprise group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mainly your enterprise together with other enterprises or institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mainly other enterprises or institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.3 Were any of your process innovations introduced between 2006 and 2008 new to your market?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not know	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Ongoing or abandoned innovation activities for process and product innovations

Innovation activities include the acquisition of machinery, equipment, software, and licenses; engineering and development work, industrial design, training, marketing and R&D when they are *specifically* undertaken to develop and/or implement a product or process innovation. Also include basic R&D as an innovation activity even when not related to a product and/or process innovation.

4.1 During 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise have any innovation activities that did not result in a product or process innovation because the activities were:

	Yes	No
Abandoned or suspended before completion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Still ongoing at the end of the 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your enterprise had no product or process innovations or innovation activity during 2006 to 2008 (no to all options in questions 2.1, 3.1, and 4.1), go to section 8.

Otherwise, go to section 5

5. Innovation activities and expenditures for process and product innovations

5.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise engage in the following innovation activities:

		Yes	No
In-house R&D	Creative work undertaken within your enterprise to increase the stock of knowledge for developing new and improved products and processes (include software development in-house that meets this requirement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, did your enterprise perform R&D during 2006 to 2008:		
	Continuously (your enterprise has permanent R&D staff in-house)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Occasionally (as needed only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
External R&D	Same activities as above, but performed by other enterprises (including other enterprises or subsidiaries within your group) or by public or private research organisations and purchased by your enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquisition of machinery, equipment and software	Acquisition of advanced machinery, equipment and computer hardware or software to produce new or significantly improved products and processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquisition of external knowledge	Purchase or licensing of patents and non-patented inventions, know-how, and other types of knowledge from other enterprises or organisations for the development of new or significantly improved products and processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training for innovative activities	Internal or external training for your personnel specifically for the development and/or introduction of new or significantly improved products and processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market introduction of innovations	Activities for the market introduction of your new or significantly improved goods and services, including market research and launch advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Other activities to implement new or significantly improved products and processes such as feasibility studies, testing, routine software development, tooling up, industrial engineering, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2 Please estimate the amount of expenditure for each of the following four innovation activities in 2008 only. (Include personnel and related costs)⁵

If your enterprise had no expenditures in 2008, please fill in '0'

In-house R&D (Include capital expenditures on buildings and equipment specifically for R&D)	<input type="text"/>
Purchase of external R&D	<input type="text"/>
Acquisition of machinery, equipment and software (Exclude expenditures on equipment for R&D)	<input type="text"/>
Acquisition of external knowledge	<input type="text"/>
Total of these four innovation expenditure categories	<input type="text"/>

⁵ Give expenditure data in 000's of national currency units to eight digits.

5.3 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise receive any public financial support for innovation activities from the following levels of government? Include financial support via tax credits or deductions, grants, subsidised loans, and loan guarantees. Exclude research and other innovation activities conducted entirely for the public sector under contract.

	Yes	No
Local or regional authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central government (including central government agencies or ministries)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The European Union (EU)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, did your enterprise participate in the EU 6 th or 7 th Framework Programme for Research and Technical Development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Sources of information and co-operation for innovation activities

6.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, how important to your enterprise's innovation activities were each of the following information sources? Please identify information sources that provided information for new innovation projects or contributed to the completion of existing innovation projects.

		Degree of importance			
		<i>Tick 'not used' if no information was obtained from a source.</i>			
	Information source	High	Medium	Low	Not used
Internal	Within your enterprise or enterprise group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market sources	Suppliers of equipment, materials, components, or software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Clients or customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Competitors or other enterprises in your sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultants, commercial labs, or private R&D institutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institutional sources	Universities or other higher education institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Government or public research institutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other sources	Conferences, trade fairs, exhibitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scientific journals and trade/technical publications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Professional and industry associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.2 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise co-operate on any of your innovation activities with other enterprises or institutions? Innovation co-operation is active participation with other enterprises or non-commercial institutions on innovation activities. Both partners do not need to commercially benefit. Exclude pure contracting out of work with no active co-operation.

Yes ☐

No ☐ (Please go to question 7.1)

6.3 Please indicate the type of innovation co-operation partner by location

(Tick all that apply)

Type of co-operation partner	[Your country]	Other Europe*	United States	China or India	All other countries
A. Other enterprises within your enterprise group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Suppliers of equipment, materials, components, or software	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Clients or customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Competitors or other enterprises in your sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Consultants, commercial labs, or private R&D institutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Universities or other higher education institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Government or public research institutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*: Include the following European Union (EU) countries, EFTA, or EU candidate countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

6.4 Which type of co-operation partner did you find the most valuable for your enterprise's innovation activities? (Give corresponding letter) _____

7. Innovation objectives during 2006-2008

7.1 How important were each of the following objectives for your activities to develop product (good or service) or process innovations between 2006 and 2008?

If your enterprise had several projects for product and process innovations, make an overall evaluation

	High	Medium	Low	Not relevant
Increase range of goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replace outdated products or processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enter new markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase market share	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve quality of goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve <i>flexibility</i> for producing goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase <i>capacity</i> for producing goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce labour costs per unit output	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Organisational innovation

An organisational innovation is a new organisational method in your enterprise's business practices (including knowledge management), workplace organisation or external relations that has not been previously used by your enterprise.

- It must be the result of strategic decisions taken by management.
- Exclude mergers or acquisitions, even if for the first time.

8.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce:

	Yes	No
New business practices for organising procedures (i.e. supply chain management, business re-engineering, knowledge management, lean production, quality management, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New methods of organising work responsibilities and decision making (i.e. first use of a new system of employee responsibilities, team work, decentralisation, integration or de-integration of departments, education/training systems, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New methods of organising external relations with other firms or public institutions (i.e. first use of alliances, partnerships, outsourcing or sub-contracting, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no to all options, go to section 9.

Otherwise, go to question 8.2

8.2 How important were each of the following objectives for your enterprise's organisational innovations introduced between 2006 and 2008 inclusive?

If your enterprise introduced several organisational innovations, make an overall evaluation

	High	Medium	Low	Not relevant
Reduce time to respond to customer or supplier needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve ability to develop new products or processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve quality of your goods or services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce costs per unit output	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve communication or information sharing within your enterprise or with other enterprises or institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Marketing innovation

A marketing innovation is the implementation of a new marketing concept or strategy that differs significantly from your enterprise's existing marketing methods and which has not been used before.

- It requires significant changes in product design or packaging, product placement, product promotion or pricing.
- Exclude seasonal, regular and other routine changes in marketing methods.

9.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce:

	Yes	No
Significant changes to the aesthetic design or packaging of a good or service (<i>exclude changes that alter the product's functional or user characteristics – these are product innovations</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New media or techniques for product promotion (<i>i.e. the first time use of a new advertising media, a new brand image, introduction of loyalty cards, etc</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New methods for product placement or sales channels (<i>i.e. first time use of franchising or distribution licenses, direct selling, exclusive retailing, new concepts for product presentation, etc</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New methods of pricing goods or services (<i>i.e. first time use of variable pricing by demand, discount systems, etc</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no to all options, go to section 10.

Otherwise, go to question 9.2

9.2 How important were each of the following objectives for your enterprise's marketing innovations introduced between 2006 and 2008 inclusive?

If your enterprise introduced several marketing innovations, make an overall evaluation

	High	Medium	Low	Not relevant
Increase or maintain market share	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduce products to new customer groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduce products to new geographic markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Innovations with environmental benefits

An environmental innovation is a new or significantly improved product (good or service), process, organisational method or marketing method that creates environmental benefits compared to alternatives.

- The environmental benefits can be the primary objective of the innovation or the result of other innovation objectives.
- The environmental benefits of an innovation can occur during the production of a good or service, or during the after sales use of a good or service by the end user.

10.1 During the three years 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce a product (good or service), process, organisational or marketing innovation with any of the following environmental benefits?

	Yes	No
<i>Environmental benefits from the production of goods or services within your enterprise</i>		
Reduced material use per unit of output	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced energy use per unit of output	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced CO ₂ 'footprint' (total CO ₂ production) by your enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replaced materials with less polluting or hazardous substitutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced soil, water, noise, or air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycled waste, water, or materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Environmental benefits from the after sales use of a good or service by the end user</i>		
Reduced energy use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced air, water, soil or noise pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved recycling of product after use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.2 During 2006 to 2008, did your enterprise introduce an environmental innovation in response to:

	Yes	No
Existing environmental regulations or taxes on pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental regulations or taxes that you expected to be introduced in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of government grants, subsidies or other financial incentives for environmental innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current or expected market demand from your customers for environmental innovations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary codes or agreements for environmental good practice within your sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.3 Does your enterprise have procedures in place to regularly identify and reduce your enterprise's environmental impacts? (For example preparing environmental audits, setting environmental performance goals, ISO 14001 certification, etc).

- ☐ Yes: implemented before January 2006
☐ Yes: Implemented or significantly improved after January 2006
☐ No

11. Basic economic information on your enterprise

11.1 What was your enterprise's total turnover for 2006 and 2008?⁶ Turnover is defined as the market sales of goods and services (Include all taxes except VAT⁷).

2006									2008								
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

11.2 What was your enterprise's total number of employees in 2006 and 2008?⁸

2006						2008					
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

⁶ Give turnover in '000 of national currency units to nine digits.

⁷ For Credit institutions: Interests receivable and similar income; for Insurance services: Gross premiums written

⁸ Annual average. If not available, give the number of employees at the end of each year. Give figures to six digits.