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Innovation in SMEs - Work Programme 2018-2020

Adoption of the Work Programme for 'Innovation in SMEs' is foreseen in the autumn of 2017. This document, which constitutes the legal basis for action under this specific objective of Horizon 2020, will be drafted on the basis of a variety of inputs collected from stakeholders through different processes.

These inputs will consist of but will not be limited to:

- The Annual Reports of the Advisory Group (AG) on 'Innovation in SMEs', [2016](#) ^[1] and 2017; the 2016 report contains recommendations for customising and improving SME innovation support measures, in particular aimed at facilitating SME access to customers, capital and competences, the latter especially in the domains of business, innovation and intellectual asset management.
- Regular consultations and exchanges with relevant policy stakeholders – such as the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises ([UEAPME](#) ^[2]), the European Patent Office ([EPO](#) ^[3]), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development ([OECD](#) ^[4]), the European Investment Fund ([EIF](#) ^[5]), Enterprise Europe Network ([EEN](#) ^[6]) or National Contact Points ([NCPs](#) ^[7]);
- Surveys and workshops involving experts on topics like [internationalisation](#) ^[8], investment readiness, access to skills or state aid rules for SMEs, and information drawn from the feedback to the call for Ideas for a '[European Innovation Council](#)' ^[9];
- Feedback and first results from implementation of Horizon 2020 actions, as reported by participants, applicants and EU project officers and their management alike, including from and in the context of the Horizon 2020 interim evaluation.

This information will be completed with more reference to documents as they become available.

The [work programme](#) ^[10] is now published.

Please [click here](#) ^[11] for information about previous consultations for the preparation of the Work Programme 2016-2017.

Links

- [1] <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetailDoc&id=25452&no=1>
- [2] <http://www.ueapme.com/>
- [3] <https://www.epo.org/index.html>
- [4] <http://www.oecd.org/>
- [5] <http://www.eif.org>
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