



European Academy
for Taxes, Economics & Law

EU Funding for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Practical Seminar

2nd and 3rd March 2009, Berlin, Germany

Brochure

PRACTICAL SEMINAR

BACKGROUND

Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) face considerable difficulties on the financial market due to the reluctance of the investors to finance them. The European Commission strongly encourages the financing of start-up and growing SMEs. The Community programmes like the 7th Research Framework Programme (FP7) and the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) offer many financing opportunities for SMEs. The complexity of these European programmes makes it difficult for entrepreneurs and SME support organisations to choose the most suitable funding for SMEs. Each programme has different objectives and establishes its own rules for funding application.

SEMINAR CONTENTS

The seminar will focus on detailed presentations of specific measures for SMEs within the 7th Research Framework Programme and the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme. It will provide key information on differences and opportunities within these main programmes relevant to SMEs and will give guidance for SMEs on how to choose the most appropriate funding scheme. It will present the application requirements and procedures of each programme for SMEs.

YOUR BENEFIT

Participants become familiar with the different opportunities for SMEs within the 7th Research Framework Programme and the the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme. They learn how to find the most appropriate EU funding for SMEs and how to apply for EU funding.

TEACHING METHODS

- Lectures
- Q & A – sessions and interactive discussions
- Rich course material and handouts

TARGET GROUP

Representatives from:

- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- SME Support and Advisory Agencies
- Economic Development Agencies
- National, regional and local Chambers of Commerce
- Financial Institutions and Banks supporting SMEs

YOUR SPEAKERS

DR. ANDRE SCHLOCHTERMEIER

Head of Office for the European Research Programme in the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany

Dr. Andre Schlochtermeyer is Head of Office for the European Research Programme in the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Additionally, he coordinates German contact points and acts as the national expert in numerous programme councils for the Seventh Framework Programme. After his promotion in the microbiology and a post doc work at the Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg and at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich, he changed to German Aerospace (DLR) in Bonn in 1994. At first he contributed there as the European programme contact point and was in charge of the international cooperation. His work focuses on the preparation and implementation of the research programmes, tenders consultancy and project management advisory as well as the European research field.

DORIS SCHEFFLER

Advisor at ZENIT – Centre for Innovation and Technology of North Rhine Westphalia, Germany

Doris Scheffler is working at ZENIT – Centre for Innovation and Technology of NRW since 1999. Her main activities focus on advising/consulting services for companies in the field of developing internationalisation strategies and financing innovation and investments from public national and regional funds as well as from European funds. In addition, she is Head of the National Contact Point for the Information and Communication Technologies Programme (ICT PSP) in Germany. Prior to joining the ZENIT, she worked as free-lance consultant as well as officer at the Brussels office of the German Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. She holds a Diploma in Economics.



PROGRAMME

DAY 1

8.30-9.30

Registration and handout of seminar documents

9.30-9.40

Opening remarks from the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

9.40-10.15

Overview of the Community Programmes for SMEs:

- Introduction to EU Funding
- 7th Research Framework Programme for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
- Competitiveness & Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)
- Eurostars Programme
- EU Structural Funds

Dr. Andre Schlochtermeier, Head of Office, European Research Programme, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

10.15-10.30

Q&A

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.15

7th Research Framework Programme - Support for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

- Aim, structure and topics of the 7th Research Framework Programme
- Funding instruments for SMEs of the 7th Research Framework Programme

Dr. Andre Schlochtermeier, Head of Office, European Research Programme, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

12.15-12.30

Q&A

12.30-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-15.00

7th Research Framework Programme for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises – Application Procedure

- Application procedure: call for proposals and call for tender
- Proposal evaluation, evaluation criteria and project selection
- Intellectual property rights - who is the owner of the project results
- Financial planning of projects for involved enterprises

Dr. Andre Schlochtermeier, Head of Office, European Research Programme, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

15.00-15.15

Q&A

15.15-15.45

Coffee Break

15.45-16.45

7th Research Framework Programme for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises – Project Management

- Reporting and Monitoring
- Financial and Technical Audits
- Facing the Irregularities

Dr. Andre Schlochtermeier, Head of Office, European Research Programme, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

16.45-17.00

Q&A

17.00

End of day one

PROGRAMME

DAY 2

9.30-10.30

EU Framework Programme for Competitiveness and Innovation (CIP)

- Aims and budget of the new framework programme for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
- Enterprise Europe Network:
 - Business support at your doorstep
 - Activities and services for SMEs in Europe

Doris Scheffler, Advisor at ZENIT – Centre for Innovation and Technology of North Rhine Westphalia, Germany

10.30-10.45

Q&A

10.45-11.15

Coffee Break

11.15-12.15

CIP – Funding Possibilities and Application I

- Policy Support Programme for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT PSP)
- Call 2009
- Project types and funding schemes
- How to write a good proposal: Evaluation procedure and project selection

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Q&A

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Lunch Break

14.00-15.00

CIP – Funding Possibilities and Application II

- ECO Innovation Programme
- Intelligent Energies Europe Programme (IEE)

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15.00-15.15

Q&A

15.15-15.30

End of seminar and handout of certificates



ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

BOOKING NUMBER

S-137

DATES OF EVENT

2nd and 3rd March 2009

EVENT LOCATION

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EVENT PRICE

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849,- Euro, excl. German VAT (19%)

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- Hand-out documents
- Soft drinks and coffee/tea on both days
- Lunch on both days

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