

WHAT IS THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



The **Framework Programme** (FP) is the European Union's main instrument for funding research and development.

FPs have been implemented since 1984 and cover a period of five years with the last year of one FP and the first year of the following FP overlapping. FP7, covers the period 2007 to 2013, and is one of the most important elements in realising the Lisbon agenda for growth and competitiveness.

WHAT IS ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE

The aim of the Economic and Technological Intelligence (ETI) measures of the Framework Program is to stimulate SME participation in European research by:

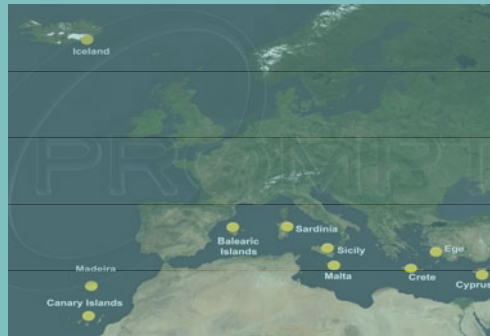
- Promoting innovation in SMEs.
- Gathering, analysing and disseminating information on science and technology developments, applications and markets.
- Identifying and disseminating 'best practice'.

For more information about the FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME:

Community Research & Development Information Service – CORDIS

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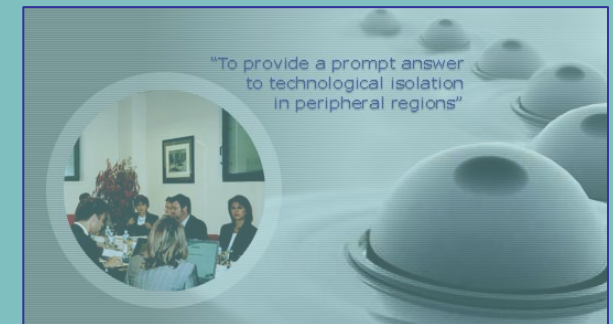


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Peripheral Regions Oriented Measures for Promotion of Technological Intelligence



PROMPT is a 30 month initiative supported within the framework of the "Stepping up Economic and Technological Intelligence" (ETI) actions of the Sixth Framework Programme

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For SMEs and organisations located in the peripheral regions of Europe, to join the very best of Europe's technological organisations in complex and high-tech research projects aiming at results of world level excellence is of course no easy task, and this is the main objective of the **PROMPT project**.

In order to create the necessary conditions for successful participation of local SMEs from European peripheral regions in research projects, PROMPT partners will identify and select:



INNOVATIVE SMES LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

Taking into account their potentiality to participate in Research Projects together with the Top European Research Centres, enterprises from every participant region will be selected within the organizations who answer the Simplified Audit Questionnaire (available at www.promptnet.org) and their specific profiles, capabilities and innovative ideas will be presented to these Top European Research Centres which are working in their respective sectors to promote joint projects.



INNOVATIVE IDEAS LOOKING FOR SMES

The project is creating a Think-Tank composed of regional groups of researchers, scientists and industrialists and invited personalities from all around Europe, in order to generate ideas for technological development in sectors relevant to the addressed regions, suitable to be led and exploited by local SMEs.

The PROMPT project will provide the SMEs, including those which have taken part in the previous action, with key documentation, information and training services about the Framework Program, the rules of participation, the project management and the search for partners.



RESEARCHERS, INNOVATION MANAGERS AND TECHNICIANS

PROMPT partners will develop a campaign aimed at European research organisations and high-tech SMEs within the identified sectors in order to identify researchers, innovation managers and technicians with experience of EU project participation who are willing to take part on "staff-exchange" schemes with researchers and technicians from peripheral regions organisations and SMEs and support the submission of "Marie Curie outgoing and incoming" fellowship schemes involving the interested organisations and fellows, in order to financially support the staff-exchange schemes.