

CIP – Competitiveness and Innovation Programme



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Objectives

CIP will foster the competitiveness of enterprises, in particular SMEs; promote innovation including eco-innovation; accelerate the development of a competitive, innovative and inclusive Information Society and; promote energy efficiency, new and renewable energy sources in all sectors including transport.



Relations with EU programmes

- **complementary to FP7**
- **combine Community actions in the fields of entrepreneurship, SMEs, industrial competitiveness, innovation, ICT development and use, environmental technologies and intelligent energy**
- **exclude all research and technological development activities**



Budget structure

Programme	Mil. EUR
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)	2166
of which eco-innovation	430
of which financial instruments	1130
ICT Policy Support Programme	728
Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)	727
TOTAL	3621



Specific Programmes (1) - EIP

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)

- brings together activities on entrepreneurship, SMEs, industrial competitiveness and innovation
- covers industrial and services sectors
- specifically target SMEs and family firms
- encourage entrepreneurship and potential entrepreneurs both generally and in particular target groups, paying special attention to gender issues
- contribute to encouraging young people to develop an entrepreneurial spirit and promoting the emergence of young entrepreneurs



Specific Programmes (1) - EIP

The EIP will support, improve, encourage and promote:

- **access to finance for the start-up and growth of SMEs and investment in innovation activities, including eco-innovation**
- **creation of an environment favourable to SME co-operation**
- **innovation in enterprises, including eco-innovation**
- **entrepreneurship and innovation culture**
- **enterprise and innovation related economic and administrative reform**



Specific Programmes (1) - EIP

The Community financial instruments for SMEs will ease the supply of seed and early stage capital for innovative start-ups and young companies:

- **High Growth and Innovative SME Facility (GIF), operated by the European Investment Fund on behalf of the Commission**
- **GIF will contribute to the establishment and financing of SMEs and the reduction of the equity and risk capital market gap**
- **GIF will also support innovative SMEs with high growth potential, in particular those undertaking research, development and other innovation activities**

Specific Programmes (2) - ICT

The ICT Policy support Programme:

- one of the means to support actions identified in the new initiative called "i2010: European Information Society"
- builds up on previous eTen, eContent and MODINIS programmes
- actions shall be carried out with a particular emphasis on promotion and awareness raising of the opportunities and benefits that ICTs bring to citizens and businesses



Specific Programmes (2) - ICT

The programme provides for the following actions:

- **development of the single European information space and to strengthening of the internal market for information products and services**
- **stimulation of innovation through a wider adoption of and investment in ICTs**
- **development of an inclusive information society, more efficient and effective services in areas of public interest and improvement of the quality of life**





Specific Programmes (3) - IEE

The Intelligent Energy-Europe Programme - IEE:

- **The objective of IEE is to support sustainable development as it relates to energy and to contribute to the achievement of the general goals of environmental protection, security of supply and competitiveness**
- **It aims therefore to accelerate action in the field of sustainable energy**

Specific Programmes (3) - IEE

The IEE will be structured in three specific fields promoting:

- energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources
- new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification
- energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy sources in transport





Implementation

What will be financed?

- Community financial instruments for SMEs managed by the European Investment Fund (EIF)
- networks bringing together a variety of stakeholders
- pilot projects, market replication, projects and other measures to support the take-up of innovation
- policy analyses, development and coordination with participating countries
- information sharing, dissemination and awareness raising
- support to joint actions of member states or regions
- procurement based on technical specifications elaborated in cooperation with the member states
- twinning between authorities at national and regional level



Implementation - management

- Certain tasks relating to the specific programmes are planned to be managed by an Executive Agency on behalf of the Commission
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- The cooperation with international financial institutions will involve international development banks such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)



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How to participate?

- Follow the CIP Workprogrammes to be informed on future calls
- Check open calls on:
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/funding/grants/themes_2007/calls_prop_2007.htm#ipr
- Information path: <http://ec.europa.eu>
- Follow: [European Commission](#) > [Enterprise and Industry](#) > [Funding opportunities](#) > [Calls for proposals 2007](#)

Responsible bodies in Croatia

- Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship (EIP, IIE)
- State Office for E-Croatia (ICT)





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