

FP7 Cooperation Work Programme: Theme 4 - *Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies - NMP*

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- **Call identifier:** *FP7-NMP-2007-SME-1*
- **Date of publication:** 22 December 2006
- **Deadline:** For Collaborative projects targeted to SMEs - first stage: 04 May 2007 at 17.00 (Brussels local time)
- **Indicative budget: M€44 in 2007¹** . An amount for the 2008 budget is expected to be added to these calls for which a new financing decision to cover the budget for that year will be requested at the appropriate time.
- **Topics called:**

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Nanotechnologies and converging technologies	NMP-2007-1.2-2 Equipment and methods for nanotechnology	Collaborative projects targeted to SME
Advances in chemical technologies and materials processing	NMP-2007-2.4-1 Flexible efficient processing for polymers	
Development and validation of new industrial models and strategies	NMP-2007-3.1-2 New added-value user-centred products and product services	
Rapid transfer and integration of new technologies into the design and operation of manufacturing processes	NMP-2007-3.4-1 Rapid manufacturing concepts for small series industrial production	
Integration of technologies for industrial applications	NMP-2007-4.0-2 Application of new materials including bio-based fibres in high-added value textile products	
	NMP-2007-4.0-6 Innovative added-value construction product-services	

- **Evaluation procedure:** For SME -targeted projects the evaluation shall follow a two-stage procedure. The first stage proposal, of a maximum of 10 pages (font size 12) should focus on the S&T content and on clear identification of the intended results, their intended

¹ Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2007 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

use and the expected impact (economic, social, environmental, etc.) and 2 additional pages to describe the consortium and the estimated financial resources involved. It will be evaluated on the basis of two evaluation criteria, i.e.: *scientific quality and expected impact*. Stage 1 proposals will be evaluated remotely. Stage 1 proposals shall be submitted at the closure date mentioned above. Coordinators of retained proposals in stage 1 ("go" proposals) will be invited to submit a complete proposal that will be then evaluated against the entire set of evaluation criteria. The closure date of the second submission will be specified in the invitation to submit the complete proposal. The indicative closure date is: 04 October 2007.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:** Evaluation Stage 1 proposals: May/June 2007; Evaluation stage 2 proposals: October 2007. Evaluation results: estimated to be available within two months after the closure date. A reserve list of projects might be established.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants are required to conclude a consortium agreement.
- **Particular requirements for participation, evaluation and implementation:** The minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes is set out in the Rules for Participation.

At least 35% of the EC contribution will be allocated to the participating SMEs.

For SME targeted projects **no upper or lower limits** in EC contribution are applied.

For this call, implemented via a two stage procedure, the following criteria and thresholds are applied:

- Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 1 proposals:

Stage 1 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following two criteria: **S/T quality and Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	8/10

- Evaluation criteria and thresholds for stage 2 proposals:

Stage 2 proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: **1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact**. For each criterion marks from 0 to 5 will be given, with the possibility of half-point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	4/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	12/15

See also Annex 2: Eligibility and evaluation criteria for proposals

- **Forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** for projects funded through the Cooperation work programme are given in Annex 3.