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CALL FOR PROJECTS

Funds opportunities



HORIZON 2020 : Transport/Energy

On May 5th, the FCH2 JU call for proposals has been launched by the European Commission.

This call for proposal has a €123,000,000 budget.

20 topics on Energy and Transport, including "Low cost and durable PEMFCs for transport applications" or "Development of co-electrolysis using CO2 and water" are defined in agreement with the Horizon 2020 Societal Challenges objectives.

A proposal must be submitted to a specific topic. The full set of information for preparing a proposal (eligibility and evaluation conditions, evaluation forms, etc.) is specific to each topic.

The deadline date is 27/08/2015 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time).

SME Instrument Call

A list of 19 topics is now available. From space, to smart transport and efficient energy, the range of topic is broad. These are two examples :

Small business innovation research for Transport :

The European transport sector must have the capacity to deliver the best products and services, in a time and cost efficient manner, in order to preserve its leadership and create new jobs, as well as to tackle the environmental and mobility defies. Enhancing the involvement of weaker players in innovation activities as well as facilitating the start-up and emergence of new high-tech SMEs is of paramount importance.



Engaging SMEs in space research and development :

The actions under this topic could cover any aspect of the Specific Programme for Space. However, it is considered that actions in the areas of applications, especially in connection to the flagship programmes Galileo and Copernicus, spinning-in and the development of certain critical technologies could be adequately suited for this call.

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The Eurostars Programme

Eurostars is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to research-performing SMEs.

It aims to stimulate these SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding.

The projects are bottom-up : they will be accepted in all areas but must have a clear market orientation.

A minimum of a two partners consortium consisting of two members of EUROSTARS may submit a proposal and it can involve as many partners as needed.

Next call end : 09/17/2015.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MARKETS

Export opportunities

CHINA : A KEY PARTNER

In 30 years, China has gone from darkness to light. Chinese industry is now the world leader in a growing number of sectors. Every international strategy must take into account this country - continent , its businesses and its consumers.

These are some growth sectors :

The development of the Chinese **aviation industry** is one of the Government priorities. Helicopters and business jets market are also expected to explode over the next few years.

The **agribusiness** is also an important sector, especially regarding dry grocery and meat.

Finally the **transport industry** : in 2013, 22.1 million vehicles were produced in the country. And the potential is huge : the motorisation rate is only 188 for 1,000



NEWS



AUSTRALASIA

According to Airbus forecasters, Australasia (the South Australia-Pacific region) will increase its airliner fleet from 700 to over 1200 airplanes by 2033. The main reason is that traffic to and from neighboring developing markets will have a growth above the world average (+ 4.7% per year).

For example, China is already the main export market for Australia, which also is one of the major destinations for Chinese tourists. According to some forecasts, Australia will receive nearly 10 million visitors per year by 2022. Those visitors have nearly no choice expect to fly to Australia. The demand for new aircraft focuses on high-capacity Airbus A330neo type, A350 XWB and A380.

The number of high-capacity aircrafts will more than double from approximately 290 to more than 640 in the 2033 horizon.

Czech Republic: Praha will invest €128 million in road infrastructure

Apart from the completion of the Blanka tunnel, about 235 other construction work will be financed from the city budget , the state budget and through the European funds. The most important investment of €18.2 million, will be the reconstruction of the railway bridge in the street Průmyslová.



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