Collective Research for the benefit of SMEs
Aims, Objectives, Beneficiaries

CORNET funds international pre-competitive Collective Research projects ...

- ... for the benefit of Groups of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME)
- ... to support SMEs with limited own research capacities
- ... tackling an identified common challenge
- ... by supporting pre-competitive R&D activities
- ... without thematic restriction
Essential Characteristics

- Combination of national and regional funding schemes for pre-competitive Collective Research
- Self-sustaining network following the ERA-NET principle:
  - Projects are funded country-by-country with national budget
- Cooperation on eye-level
- Synchronisation of national procedures:
  - Joint calls for proposals (2 calls per year / approx. 25 applications each)
  - Common criteria for evaluation
  - One common ranking list of proposals
  - Synchronised funding of projects
Benefits for Funding Organisations

**Bottom-up and thematically open**
SMEs are responsible to identify their collective research needs

**Coverage and Return of Investment**
With one funded project at least 10 SMEs benefit, plus potentially many more

**Experience since 2005**
Stable network offering a reliable call scheme ready to use with 2 calls per year

**Quality assurance**
Proven evaluation process, field-tested network collaboration measures

**Free access and reliable support**
No member fee, network coordination costs are covered by BMWi
Facts and Figures

Since 2005, CORNET funded more than **200 PROJECTS**

Applicants requested more than a total of **€ 130 M FOR FUNDING**

Gaining an overall coverage of at least **3 400 SUPPORTED SMEs**

On average, project participants requested **€ 150 000 PER YEAR / COUNTRY**
(project duration 24 months)

2018: 60 running projects; for Germany € 10 M funds spended
Structure of Projects

1 relevant topic
2 countries
with budget for funding

5+5 SMEs¹
1+1 research organisations
1+1 SME associations²

¹ depending on national rules · ² tasks can be provided by RTO or other entity
Independent Network of Funding Organisations

- Austria (FFG)
- Belgium-Flanders (VLAIO)
- Belgium-Wallonia (SPW-DGO6)
- Brazil (EMBRAPPII)
- Canada-Québec (MESI)
- Czech Republic (MPO)
- Germany (BMWi/AiF)
- Japan (NEDO)
- The Netherlands (NL Agency)
- Peru (CONCYTEC)
- Poland (NBCR)
- Switzerland (BFE)
- Turkey (TÜBITAK)

New partners welcome!
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