

# Collective Research for the benefit of SMEs

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## 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



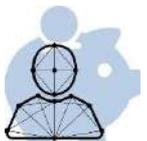
### Experience since 2005

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**



Gaining an overall coverage of at least

**3 400** SUPPORTED

**SMEs**



Applicants requested more than a total of

**€ 130 M**

**FOR FUNDING**



On average, project participants requested

**€ 150 000**

**PER YEAR / COUNTRY**

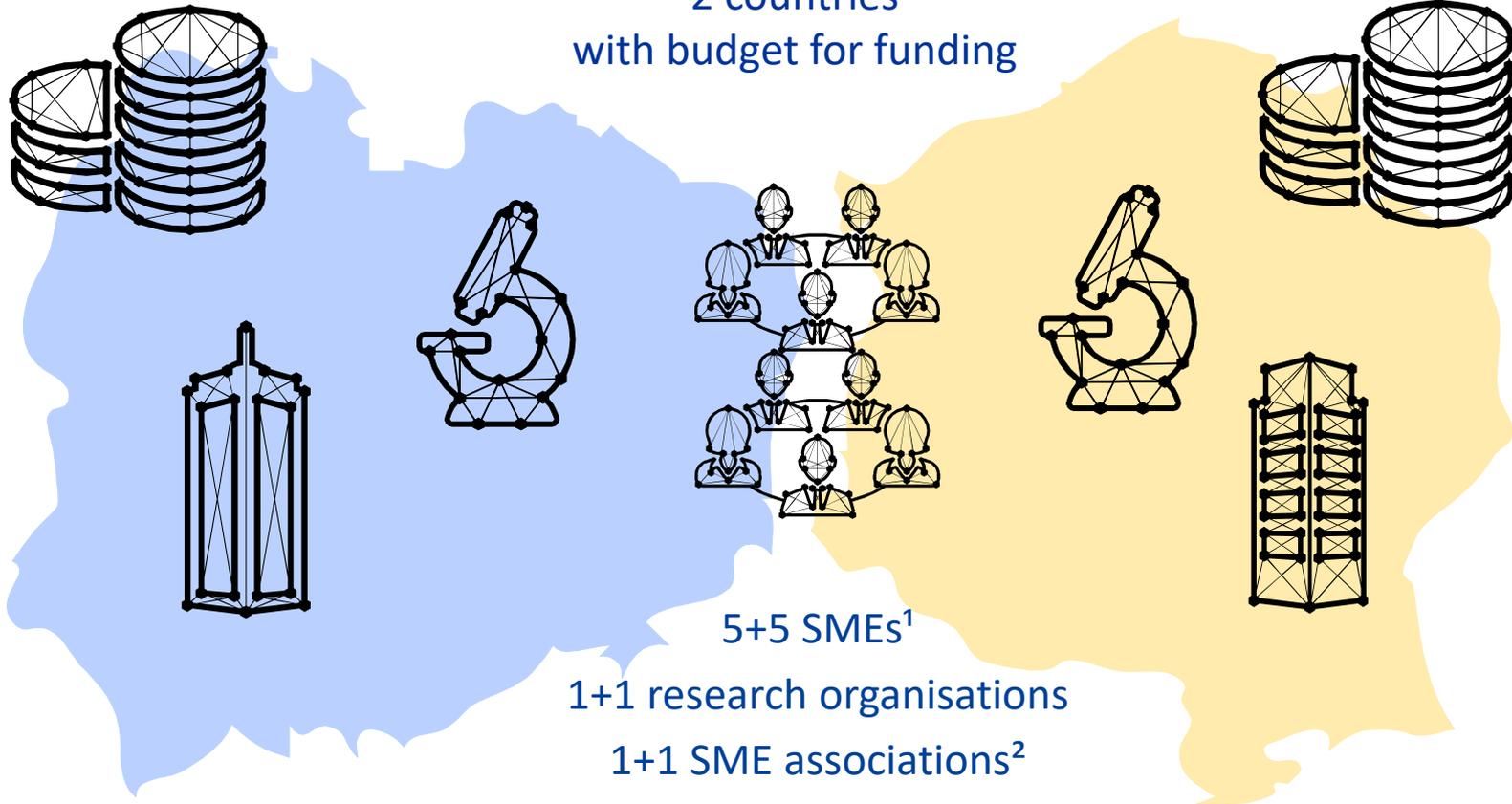
(project duration 24 months)

2018: 60 running projects; for Germany € 10 M funds spent



# Structure of Projects

1 relevant topic  
2 countries  
with budget for funding



<sup>1</sup> depending on national rules · <sup>2</sup> tasks can be provided by RTO or other entity



## Independent Network of Funding Organisations

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



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