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Funding for transnational collective and collaborative research for SMEs - CORNET and EraSME

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CORNET and EraSME

- between 2005 and 2010 two ERA-NET initiatives
 - funding by EC for network activities, close collaboration
- since January 2011 self-sustained networks of ministries and funding agencies
 - Coordination: AiF F·T·K GmbH
 - Financing for coordination: BMWi - German Ministry of Economics and Technology
- starting January 2012:
 - EraSME: AiF Projekt GmbH Berlin, Felix Richter
 - CORNET: AiF F·T·K GmbH Cologne, Almut Miebach

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Countries and Organisations participating



Country/Region	Programme Owner
Austria	FFG
Belgium-Flanders	IWT
Belgium-Wallonia	SPW
Cyprus	RPF
Germany	BMWi
Poland	NCBiR
The Netherlands	MEZ

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CORNET and EraSME - similarities

- objective: strengthen European **research acquiring SME's innovation capacity** by R&D activities
- Two **joint calls** for transnational project proposals per year with deadlines in March and September
- fund projects with small project consortia
 - min. 2 countries
- bottom-up: no thematic restriction
- ERA-NET principle
 - funding provided by national/regional programs

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Next CORNET and EraSME Call Deadline

March 30, 2012

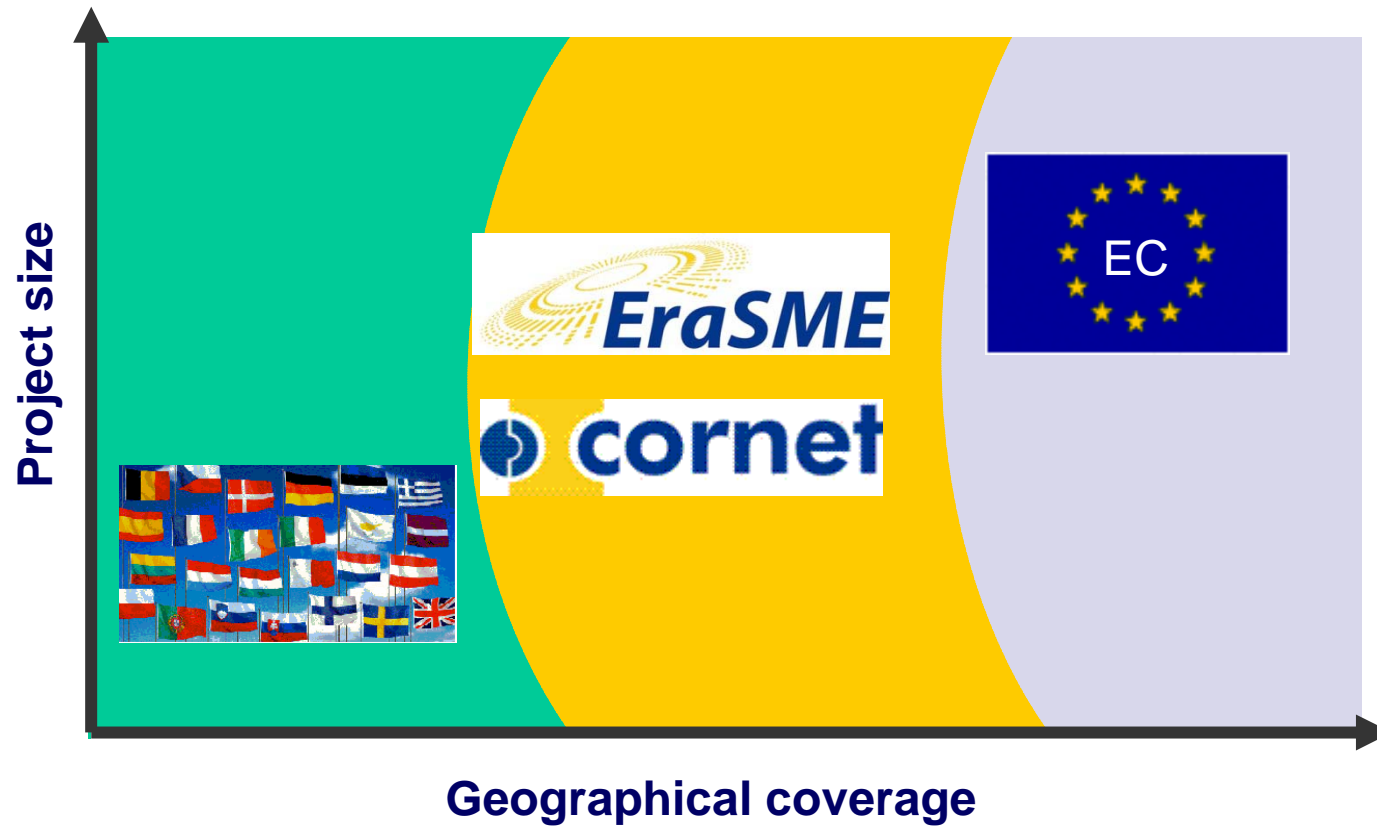
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Positioning in SME funding landscape





CORNET and EraSME: ERA-NET Principle

Proposal Submission

- one whole transnational project, consisting of several national/regional sub-projects
- coordinator submits application form and annexes for common project description in English language per e-mail
 - each partner submits supplementary national/regional application forms to respective funding agency

Evaluation

- common evaluation of whole transnational project
- one result for common project: yes or no



CORNET and EraSME: ERA-NET Principle

Project implementation and Reporting

- each participant closes funding contract with his national/regional funding agency
- funding conditions, reporting requirements and payment conditions according to national rules

PLEASE contact your national/regional **funding agency** in an early stadium of project preparation!



Benefits for applicants?

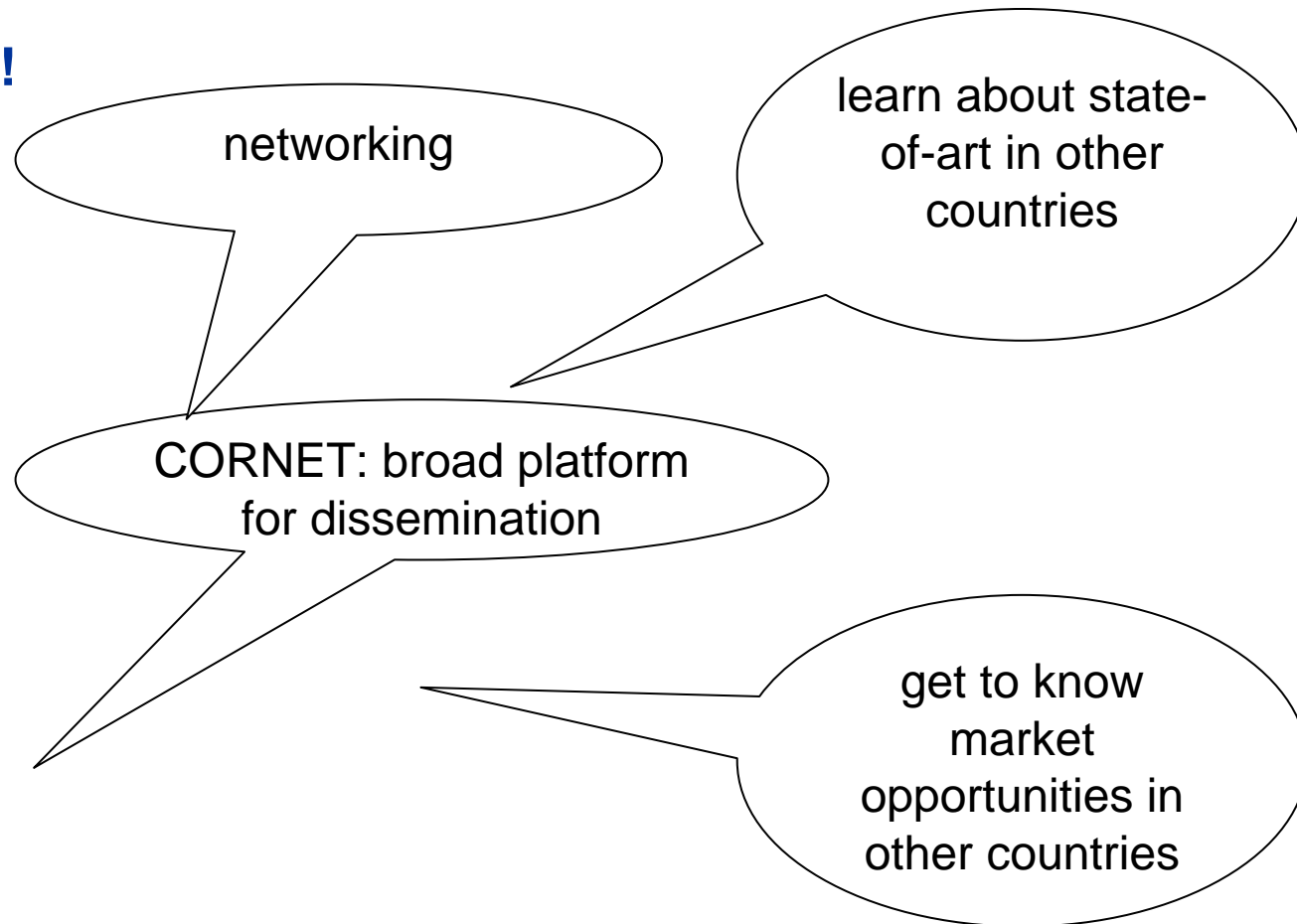
- low threshold for European collaboration
 - small consortia
- familiar national programs and funding agencies
 - advice and support in national language during proposal preparation and funding phase
 - flexibility
- unbureaucratic

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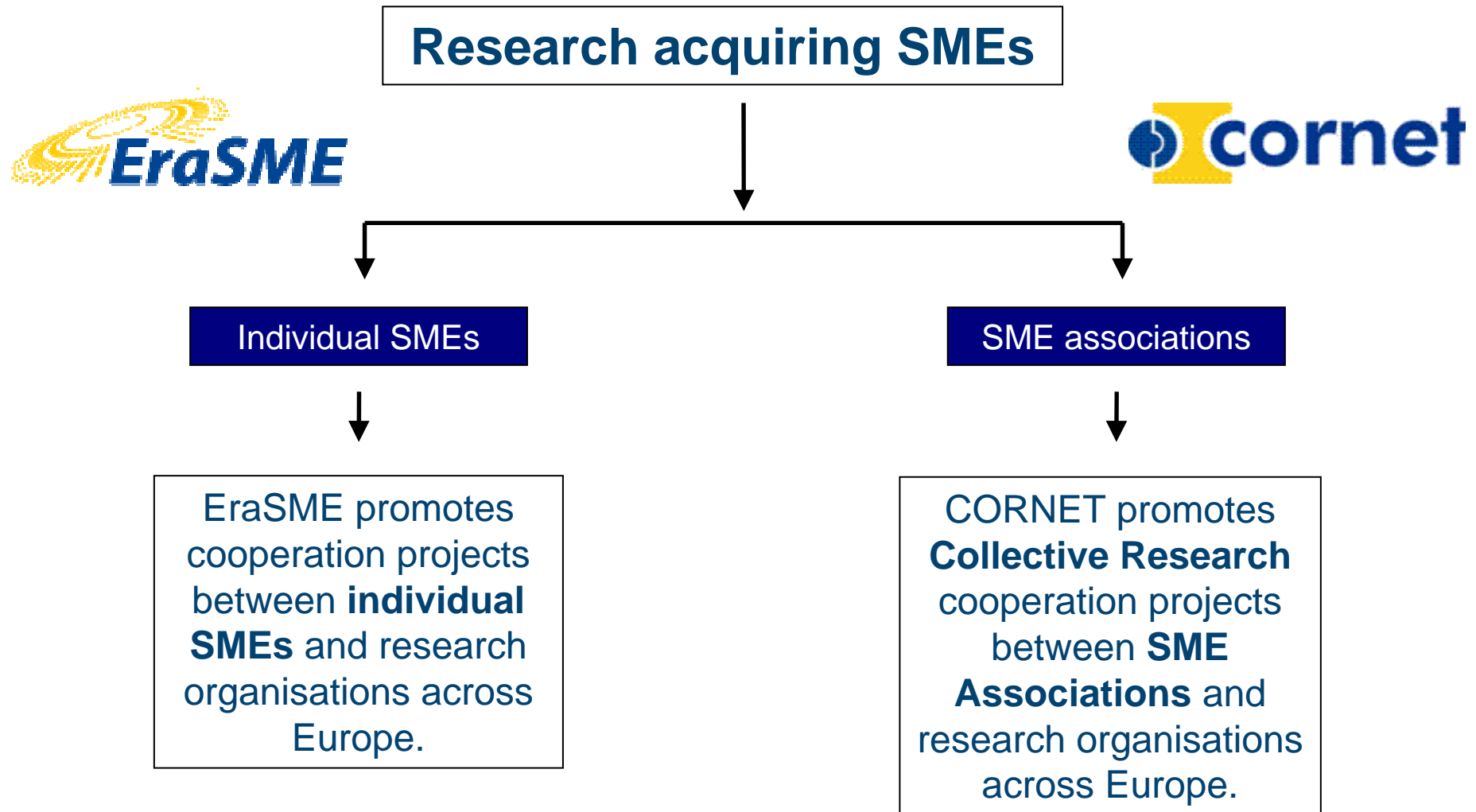
Side effects!



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Distinct Features



EraSME: individual SMEs collaborating with RTO

- target-group: **individual SMEs** with limited research capacities
- SMEs are eligible for submitting proposals
- cooperation with **RTOs** in order to acquire knowledge to be incorporated into the development of new **products, processes and services**

EraSME - National/Regional Programmes Involved

Country/Region	Funding Agency	Logo	National/Regional Programme
Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency		Cooperation and Innovation
Belgium-Flanders	Agency for Innovation by Science and Technology		SME Innovation Projects
Belgium-Wallonie	Service Public de Wallonie		General Program / Marshall Plan
Czech Republic	Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade		Operational Programme Enterprise and Innovation
Germany	AiF Projekt GmbH		Central Innovation Programme SMEs
The Netherlands	Agentschap NL		IPC Programme

Call Statistics



Call	Proposals	Funded Projects	Budget Funded Projects in Mio €	Funding in Mio €	Success Rate	Average Project Duration	Average Project Budget
Call 1	9	7	7,2	4,4	78	23 months	1.032.000 €
Call 2	5	4	2,5	1,5	80	24 months	617.597 €
Call 3	40	12	10,4	4,2	30	24 months	867.836 €
Call 4	7	5	5,3	2,6	71	24 months	1.062.542 €
Call 5	27	12	11,2	6,3	44	25,3 months	930.980 €
Call 6	45	19	21,0	12,3	42	24 months	1.104.356 €
Call 7	17	10	12,5	8,2	59	24 months	1.247.683 €
Call 8	10	5	4,7	2,9	50	24 months	935.283 €
Call 9	13						
ALL CALLS	173	74	74,7	42,4	43 %		970.988 €

CORNET: Collective Research

- R&D activities performed for large groups of SMEs
- only **SME associations** are eligible for submitting proposals:
 - professional federations
 - clusters
 - trade organisations
- objectives: **pre-competitive, pre-normative**
 - norming, standardisation
 - innovation in processes or materials
 - health and safety standards



CORNET: Collective Research

- research performed by RTOs via outsourcing
- obligatory SME Users' Committee (5 SMEs per country/region)
- dissemination is important



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Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency		Basic Programme
Belgium-Flanders	Agency for Innovation by Science and Technology		VIS-CO and TETRA
Belgium-Wallonie	Service Public de Wallonie		Programme
Cyprus - not 13th call	Research Promotion Foundation		KOINA 0511
Germany	German Federation of Industrial Research Associations		IGF
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development		NCBIR_Inicjatywa CORNET
The Netherlands	Agentschap NL		IPC Programme



Next Partnering Event

- next Partnering Event and CORNET Monitoring Meeting combined with “Innovationstag”
- Innovation Day in Berlin, facilities AiF Projekt GmbH
- yearly exhibition of projects funded within German funding programme ZIM
 - in 2011: 1400 visitors, 350 companies with exhibits
- **June 14, 2012, Berlin - Save the date!**



Thank you for your attention.

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