



PROJECT OVERVIEW

ECARE+

European Communities Aeronautics REsearch+

ECARE+ is a Specific Support Action funded under the Aeronautics & Space priority [4] of FP6. It follows up on the ECARE project (2003-2005) and its goal is to capitalize on the first project and deliver better service to European aeronautical SMEs.

AMBITION

ECARE+ is the only bottom-up Specific Support Action in the Aeronautics field, with a twofold ambition:

- Better involve research-intensive aeronautical SMEs into EC funded research during the Seventh Framework Programme.
- Further establish the ECARE Group of local clusters as the voice of the European aeronautical SMEs.

OBJECTIVES

ECARE+ aims at structuring SME technological offer at European level. ECARE+ is based on a dynamic pan-European network of local Aeronautics clusters working together following a common methodology to establish a high quality database and provide project co-ordinators with a shortlist of research-intensive SMEs.

ECARE+ also supports specific measures for SMEs: mapping of European Aeronautical SMEs, development of dialogue between ECARE+ and the European aeronautical Regions and incitation to trans-regional partnerships between aeronautical clusters of different countries.

METHOD

The methodology of the ECARE+ project is based on 5 main steps:

- 1/ Expansion of the ECARE group from 19 to 30 clusters
- 2/ Training of Regional Contact Points on FP7 opportunities
- 3/ Regional Sessions for SMEs on FP7 opportunities
- 4/ Technological capability assessment of 350 SMEs
- 5/ Pre-matching with large collaborative projects proposals

RESULTS

Figures made available by the EC for FP6 show that between Call1 (ECARE not yet involved) and Call2&3 (ECARE involved), the SME share of funding in IPs grew from 5% to 9 %.

CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

European Federation of high tech SMEs (Belgium)
ANRT (France)
Aerospace Wales Forum (United Kingdom)
Comité Richelieu (France)
Linköping University (Sweden)
HEGAN (Spain)

CeTIM (Germany)
Technapoli (Italy)

MEMBERS OF THE ECARE GROUP (to be extended)

Hanse Aerospace (Germany)
Farnborough Aerospace Consortium (FAC, United Kingdom)
Walloon Aeronautical Industries (EWA, Belgium)
Berlin Brandenburg Aerospace Alliance (BBAA, Germany)
Barcelona Aeronautics and Space Association (BAIE, Spain)
Istituto nazionale per il Commercio Estero (ICE, Italy)
Enterprise Ireland (EI, Ireland)
National Technical University of Athens (NTUA, Greece)
Romanian Aeronautical Industry (IAROM, Romania)
Association of the Aviation Manufacturers of the Czech Republic (ALV, Czech Republic)
Hungarian Aviation Industry Foundation (Hungary)
Aviation Valley (Poland)
Fundacion Hélice (Spain)
Norwegian Defence and Security Industries Association (NHO / FSi, Norway)
Torino Chamber of Commerce (Italy)
TEREM Share Holding Company (Bulgaria)
PEMA (Portugal)
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK, Turkey)
Vilnius Gediminas' Technical University (Lituania)
Aerospace Cluster in Rhône-Alpes (France)
IUC Skåne AB (Sweden)
IUC Bothnia AB (Sweden)
Madrid Plataforma Aeronautica y del Espacio (Spain)
Northwest Aerospace Alliance (United Kingdom)
Midlands Aerospace Alliance (United Kingdom)
Netherlands Aerospace Group (NAG)

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