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Innovation Relay Centre Stuttgart-Erfurt-Zürich

EPISTEP

Enhanced participation
of small and medium-sized enterprises
In the European Technology Platforms



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- ❖ *Operational Unit supporting the Commissioner for Europe*
- ❖ *Non-profit, Budget >1.5 Mio. EUR, financed to 85% by projects*
 - *Publicly funded projects: EU, national and regional ministries*
 - *Approx. 20 Company projects per year*
- ❖ *EU Project Experience*
 - *50 EU project participation, of which 20 as Coordinator*
 - *EU Project management service to SMEs et al.*
- ❖ *Innovation Relay Centre (transnational technology cooperations)*
 - *More than 1000 clients assisted per year*
 - *25 transnational Co-operation agreements per year*
 - *400 clients visited per year*
 - *150 clients trained in innovation and technology cooperation*

EPISTEP – Aims & Objectives

Key Objective

- ❖ to enable greater SME participation in the EU's Framework Programmes

Main Aim

- ❖ to enhance SME access to 3 IST European Technology Platforms (ETPs)

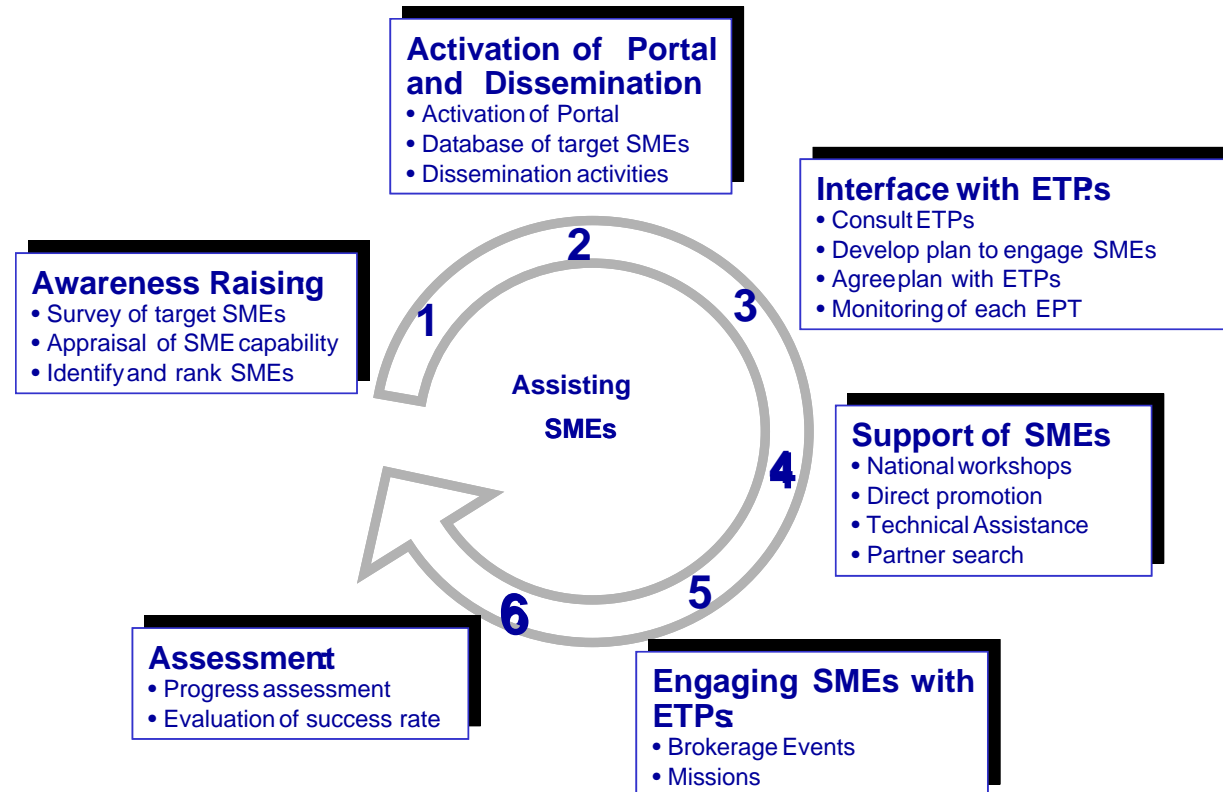
EPISTEP seeks to co-operate with different ETPs like:

- ❖ Mobile Communications (e-Mobility)
- ❖ Embedded Systems (ARTEMIS)
- ❖ Nano-electronics (ENIAC)



EPISTEP – Project Plan

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EPISTEP – Support for SMEs

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Information dissemination

- ❖ Monthly newsletter/forthcoming events
- ❖ Advance notification of FP7 Calls
- ❖ ETP information

National workshops

- ❖ Training
- ❖ Awareness raising

Technical assistance

- ❖ Help desk

Identification of IST ETP projects

- ❖ Partner searches



EPISTEP – Targets & Outputs

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Survey of target SMEs

- ❖ Appraisal of SME capability
- ❖ SME ranking (high/low tech)

Identification of 700 high tech SMEs:

- ❖ to go on missions
- ❖ to participate in brokerage events
- ❖ to attend relevant conferences
- ❖ to meet key actors in the ETPs

Organisation of:

- ❖ 10 missions
- ❖ 2 brokerage events





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