



**Project Acronym : FIRE**

**Project Title : Facilitating Innovation in Renewable Energies**

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## ABSTRACT

The main objective of the FIRE (Facilitating Innovation in Renewable Energies) is to stimulate interest of European SMEs in EC's Framework Programme 7. We have so far incorporated 30 SMEs into research proposals.

The overall strategic aim of this proposal, in keeping with the EU policy, which attaches significant importance to the participation of SMEs in EU R&D projects, is to facilitate and foster the participation of SMEs from the Renewable Energy sector (RES) in the framework programme, with a clear focus on the upcoming FP7.

The strategic approach will be based on:

- the identification of innovation potential in SMEs
- a "bottom-up" approach in mobilising SME participation
- the creation of Interactive European sectoral workshops
- a complete guidance and follow-up programme to ensure that SMEs are provided with the proper continuous support and guidance from a panel of experts.

To this end the following operational objectives and goals will be met:

- Identification and targeting of SMEs to participate in FIRE.
- Preparation of Innovation Audits
- Organisation of European Sectoral Workshops.
- Promote SME participation in existing and future RTD.
- SME Clustering.

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