

**Programming Period:** 2014 to 2020

**Instrument/Program level:** European

**Name of the instrument/Program:** COSME

**Instrument/Program website:** <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme/>

**Instrument/Program eligible areas:** BELGIUM; CZECH REPUBLIC; DANMARK; GERMANY; EESTI; IRELAND; SPAIN; FRANCE; CROATIA; ITALY; LATVIA; LITHUANIA; LUXEMBOURG; HUNGARY; MALTA; NETHERLANDS; AUSTRIA; POLAND; PORTUGAL; ROMANIA; SLOVENIA; SLOVAKIA; FINLAND; SWEDEN; UNITED KINGDOM; GREECE; CYPRUS; BULGARIA

**Managing authority:**

Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)

### **Objectives:**

- a. To improve access to finance for SMEs in the form of equity and debt;
- b. To improve access to markets, particularly inside the Union but also at global level;
- c. To improve framework conditions for the competitiveness and sustainability of Union enterprises, particularly SMEs, including in the tourism sector;
- d. To promote entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial culture.

**Eligible thematics in line with S3:** Entrepreneurship & Growth of young companies

**Action typologies:** Cluster cooperation; Enhancing and developing transnational (self-sustaining) clusters or networks; Foster cooperation and clustering between projects and monitor technology advances and developments in the specific field; Improve access to finance for SMEs in their start-up, growth and transfer phases; Improve cross-border and multi-country financing; Increasing skills of employees and entrepreneurs regarding new technologies, innovative products, services, processes and social innovation; Creation of joint cross-border platforms for know-how and technology transfer as basis for R&I, applied science projects, etc; Implementation of services for knowledge intensive startups with the strong potential to internationalize

**Beneficiaries:** Local public authority; Regional public authority; National public authority; Higher education and research; Large enterprise, enterprise excluding SME; SME; Business support organisation

**Status of the eligible institutions:** Public; Private; Public equivalent body; International organisation

**Programme contribution maximum:** 90%

**Programme Budget:** 2 298 243 000,00 €

**Project budget maximum:** 500 000,00 €

**Project duration maximum:** 24 months

**Events organized by this Program:** [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/events\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/events_en)