

Project Summary Data

"Enhancing the Innovation Management Capacity of SMEs in Bavaria"

Call: H2020-Adhoc-2014-20
Type of Action: SGA -CSA
Acronym: InnoBavaria
Grant agreement no: 674871
Duration: 2 years
Start Date: 01.01.2015 - 31.12.2016
Partner: Bayern Innovativ GmbH, Nuremberg
BayFOR GmbH, Munich

Overall objective of this proposed project is to contribute to smart growth in the European Union by increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of investments in research, development and innovation (both - private or public) and by contributing to a better and more efficient connection of actors along the value chain.

Specifically, this proposal will contribute to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of innovation projects in SMEs in the region of Bavaria. This will be achieved by the delivery of well-defined services packages to the SMEs, targeting specifically the enhancement of their innovation management capacity and the removal of potential innovation gaps and bottlenecks.

Target groups of the service packages will be:

1. SME beneficiaries in Bavaria participating in Phase 1 and/or Phase 2 of the Horizon 2020 SME Instrument ("Key Account Management")
2. Other internationally oriented SMEs in Bavaria with strong ambitions in innovation and growth ("Enhancing SME Innovation Management Capacity")

Innovation management, as addressed by this project, comprises a company's complete innovation process from the idea generation to innovation result. It includes internal enabling factors like leadership, management skills, financial situation, market knowledge etc, as well as external cooperation with third parties like suppliers, R&D partners, potential clients, and investors. This understanding of innovation management follows the specifications of innovation management systems provided by the European Committee for Standardisation in CEN/TS 16555-1.