AN SME WITH 11 RUNNING R&D PROJECTS
HI iberia is a Spanish SME with more than 25 years of experience providing ICT solutions and innovating in areas such as: defence, security, health, transport or naval engineering.

Main expertise areas of the company are: Artificial intelligence, natural language processing, big data and applications developments.

The company accounts in 2020 with 110 engineers and a turnover of 5M€.
Running R&D projects

Currently 11 projects running

Projects are around main interests areas of the company

Projects are under different programmes and funding schemes

Many of them are trying to improve existing company products

These is our annual limit of projects, as our department size is limited
Running R&D projects

- Artificial Intelligence
- eHealth and wellbeing
- Security
- Embedded systems and Blockchain
- ECSEL Ju
- ITEA
- CELTIC-NEXT
- Moore4Medical
- MAD@WORK
- Scratch
- NEXT PERCEPTION
- FIT OPT VIS
- COSIBAS
- Penta
- AIDO@Rt
- HL Iberia
What do we analyse when deciding to join a Project?

- Is it aligned with our objectives?
- Does the expected impact of the solution match our plans?
- Which is the funding instrument associated?
- How much should we invest?
- Are there other kind of requirements such as bank guarantees?
- What is the payment procedure?
SMEs have limited resources

Sometimes we can not go ahead with all the proposals or approved projects. We need to decide Domain interest + Funding

R&D is risky

The more funding, the more risks the company can take

More competitive and innovative products will reach the market

SMEs have limited budget for R&D investment

Higher funding rates, more projects and research lines
What is the most important aspect of a funding call?

Do the current funding instruments implement the SME specifics sufficiently?

Is there any no-go for your SME to participate in a funding instrument?

Which funding instrument is best adapted to SME participation?

Suggestions for the future

Funding scheme and payment procedure

Not really, currently the difference is a 10% vs Large Companies for example.

For sure, funding rate is crucial. But it also depends on the TRL

Grants of more than 50%. SMEs have higher risks in R&D projects due to their size, volume, etc.

Better funding rates Initial pre-funding
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