

Innovation and Commercialisation in the NMP thematic area

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INCOMERA's goal is to establish cross-border partnerships between SMEs and their strategic partners, improve and accelerate technology transfer, and strengthen European efforts to achieve sustainable industrial development in the field of NMP: Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies.

VISION:

INCOMERA will address the problem of "valley of death", bringing together 21 different regional or national funding agencies, focusing on successfully ended, research projects with a high potential to become a commercial success. Through a series of transnational joint calls, INCOMERA will fund innovation services, will facilitate the transfer of knowledge on policy mixtures.

OBJECTIVES:

- ✔ To detect and financially support NMP research results likely to provide solutions for innovative products, processes or services.
- ✔ To analyse and assess the lessons from the measures taken and supported in various Member States to exploit transform research results.
- ✔ To provide operational guidance for supporting efficiently the successive steps between research and innovation, paying particular attention to the use of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF), in the context of Smart Specialisation Strategies.

ACTIONS:

- » Develop all synergy required for supporting SME's transnational/regional cooperation, within the context of each region's smart specialisation strategy for enhancing the commercialisation/productivity plans of NMP consortia.
- » Launch an Online Platform for innovation providing tailored made services to NMP research projects that reached TRL4.
- » Launch three joint calls (2015-2017) for proposals to fund innovative industrial research projects close to the market.

*Towards Europe 2020, European Commission adopted a comprehensive innovation strategy to enhance Europe's capacity to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. This strategy concerns the so called concept of **Smart Specialisation Strategy**.*



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