

# NEWSLETTER

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CORNET is a funding programme that helps to increase the competitiveness of SMEs by funding international pre-competitive Collective Research projects. CORNET combines existing national funding schemes and supports new funding organisations to introduce pilot actions and schemes.

## NEWS FROM THE CORNET FUNDING PROGRAMME

### REGISTER NOW: PARTNERING EVENT ON 11 JUNE 2015 IN BERLIN!



A new round of proposals is coming up in September 2015. Are you interested in carrying out an international collaboration project and looking for a partner? Register now and spend an informative day with CORNET and IraSME in Berlin. If you have any information material from your CORNET project, we will be happy to present it in our booth. The Partnering Event will take place at the open-air ground of the AiF Projekt GmbH, parallel to the 22nd Innovation Day for SMEs of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

[Detailed information](#)

[Registration](#)

### WEBSITE-RELAUNCH IS COMING UP! YOUR PICTURES ARE WELCOME

We are currently working on a brandnew version of [cornet-era.net](http://cornet-era.net). To create this website as close to the actual business as possible we would like to ask you to contribute pictures of your CORNET projects. We have always been amazed to see pictures in reports or Monitoring Meetings and would like to show these assets on our website. If you have material available please get in touch with our new colleague Stephanie Hillmer ([stephanie.hillmer@aif-ftk-gmbh.de](mailto:stephanie.hillmer@aif-ftk-gmbh.de)).



### 19TH CORNET CALL: 28 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

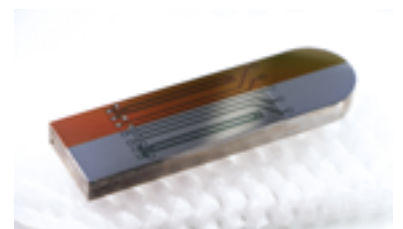


The last CORNET call closed on 27 March 2015. Altogether, 28 proposals were submitted. CORNET will now perform an eligibility check, organise a joint evaluation by international experts and communicate the evaluation results to applicants in October 2015.

## CORNET SUCCESS STORY

### SENSOFUT: INDUSTRY MEETS GLOBAL COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

To stay competitive in global markets the manufacturers need a deeper understanding of in-situ and real-time capture of process data. For example parameters such as temperature and pressure are important for quality and optimisation. Increasing costs are not an option for the production of end components. The CORNET project SensuFut offers the answer to collect these data using a sensor coating which can provide information on the workflow continuously. [Read more](#)



## EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR SMES

### AIF AT HANNOVER MESSE: INDUSTRY 4.0 – 25-29 APRIL 2015



The message at the worldwide renowned industrial Fair HANNOVER MESSE was clear: Networking and the internet are still the most important factors for the industrial revolution 4.0. However the industry needs to work on standardising processes to build new forms of cooperation.

Like last year AiF participated with the German national funding scheme IGF (Industrial Collective Research) at the community booth of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). The BMWi exhibited highlights of funded research projects and provided information about funding programmes. The AiF Projekt GmbH represented the Central Innovation Programme SME (ZIM). The aim of the programme is to provide sustainable support to the innovative capabilities and competitiveness of companies. Presumably ZIM will be open for new proposals starting May 15th, 2015. For more information visit [ZIM Overview](#).

### POLAND: STUDY PROVES THAT R&D INVESTMENT PAYS OFF

The share of revenues generated from R&D results in total revenues of Polish entrepreneurs is growing and it pays off to invest in R&D. As many as 80% of Polish entrepreneurs plan to increase their R&D spending in the short or medium term. Such conclusions stem from the report „Cost-effectiveness of R&D investment“ prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCRD). For more information click [here](#).



## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES – SAVE THE DATE

### 11TH INSME ANNUAL MEETING – 26-28 MAY 2015



This year the annual meeting of the International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (INSME) will take place in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. „We truly look forward to a rich Conference Programme with globally-renowned experts and leaders sharing their knowledge with INSME’s local and international stakeholders (...)\”, states Christin Pfeiffer, INSME Secretary General. [INSME Website](#)

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