



Small and Medium-sized Enterprises that are EU-based can now get **EU funding and support for innovation projects** that will help grow and expand their activities.

Information Seminar  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 10.30 – 11.30am  
DCU Alpha, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9  
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## What support is available?

The SME instrument's supports close-to-market activities, with the aim to give a strong boost to breakthrough innovation. Highly innovative SMEs with a clear commercial ambition and a potential for high growth and internationalisation are the prime target.

The SME Instrument offers small and medium-sized businesses the following:

- Business innovation grants for [feasibility assessment purposes](#): €50,000 (lump sum) per project (70% of total cost of the project);
- Business innovation grants for [innovation development & demonstration purposes](#): an amount in the range of €500,000 and €2.5 million (70% of total cost of the project);
- [Free-of-charge business coaching](#), in order to support and enhance the firm's innovation capacity and help align the project to strategic business needs;
- Access to a wide range of innovation support services and facilitated [access to risk finance](#), to facilitate the commercial exploitation of the innovation.