

NetWorld2020 SME Working Group

Participation of SMEs in 5G PPP Call ICT-17-2018

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The European Commission provided information on the participation of SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in 1st call related to Phase 3 of the 5G PPP i.e. Call ICT-17-2018. The outcome of the analysis of those figures is detailed below.

In terms of budget:

- The requested EC contribution for all the proposals submitted is 252.5 M€. The share of SMEs in those proposals is 48.3 M€. **The share of SMEs in budget at proposal stage is 19%.**
- The requested EC contribution for the selected projects is 51.5 M€. The share of SMEs in the budget of the selected projects is 8.5 M€. **The share of SMEs in budget in the selected projects is 16.7%.**

In terms of number of participants:

- There is a total of 80 participants in the selected projects, including 15 SMEs. **The share of SMEs in number of participants in the selected projects is 18.8%.**
- There are 401 participants at proposal stage, including 98 SMEs. **The share of SMEs in number of participants in the proposals is 24.4%.**

The share of SMEs in budget in the selected ICT-17-2018 projects is 16.7%. It fails to reach the minimum threshold of 20%, although the share of SMEs at proposal stage was 19% in budget and 24.4% in number of participants. More effort shall be made in the upcoming calls (ICT-18, ICT-19) to ensure that the 20% SME participation KPI is achieved.

Notes:

- *The validation of the SME status is performed only when the proposal is accepted. Therefore, the numbers at proposal stage should be considered with caution.*
- *Some organisations participated in more than one proposal and/or are participating in more than one selected project. Each beneficiary is accounted for as one participant, for the statistics shown above.*