Statistics for the participation of SMEs in 5G PPP Call ICT-18-2018

Thanks to a new portal made available by the European Commission¹, information on the participation of SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in the 2nd call related to Phase 3 of the 5G PPP i.e. Call ICT-18-2018 could be calculated.

In terms of budget, the total cost of the selected projects amounts to 64.3 M€ (49.25 M€ EU contribution). The net contribution from the EC to SMEs is 5.85 M€. The share of SMEs in budget in the selected projects is 11.9% in terms of EU contribution, and 9.1% when compared with the total cost.

In terms of number of participants, there is a total of 107 participants in the selected projects (104 unique participants), including 16 SMEs. The share of SMEs in number of participants in the selected projects is 15%.

The share of SMEs in budget in the selected ICT-18-2018 projects is 11.9% of the net EU contribution, and 9.1% of the total cost. It is merely half of the minimum threshold of 20% that is a KPI of the 5G PPP. A major effort should be made in the upcoming calls to increase significantly the share of SMEs in the 5G PPP.

No figure has been made available by the EC for the proposal stage.