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The draft work programme of the last call in FP6 "Life sciences, Genomics and Biotechnology for Health" is available.

The 4th call will be published in June 2005, and submission date will be in November 2005. The total budget contains 539 Mio. Euro, with 171 Mio. Euro dedicated to SME STREPs!
Please find more information and the draft work programme [here >](#)



European information and partnering event for SME participation in the 4th FP6 calls for proposals in "Life sciences, Genomics and Biotechnology for Health" and in "Food Quality and Safety" taking place in Paris on 31 May, 2005

A European information and partnering event is planned in Paris on 31. May, 2005, covering the 4th FP6 calls for proposals in "Life sciences, Genomics and Biotechnology for Health" and in "Food Quality and Safety". 3 parallel workshops supported by EC representatives are focusing on Life Sciences European partnering, Research in animal sciences and partnerships with the New Member States, and practical issues on European projects and partnership building.
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Specific "SME Call" Workshop organised by EBE, in cooperation with the European Commission, in Brussels on 28 June, 2005

This workshop aims to explain how the specific 'SME call', announced by the EC in the last part of FP6, will work in practice. It will be an unique opportunity to learn how to gain access to these funds. "SMEs go LifeSciences" will be represented at the workshop providing advice and information on the initiative's support services, experts and database. Download the draft agenda and find more links [here >](#)



BioPerspectives 2005 in Wiesbaden, Germany, between 10-12 May 2005

BioPerspectives 2005 is a joint initiative of Germany's Life Sciences Associations with Switzerland as partner country. The conference brings together science and industry, offering insights into the latest results and developments as well as providing the opportunity to identify emerging trends

and requirements.

On a booth "SMEs go LifeSciences" will provide information about the initiative itself and about FP6 participation in TP1. Furthermore, visitors will have the opportunity to enter their profiles into the online company/researcher profile database.

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"SMEs go LifeSciences" partnership with Bio-Venture Academy

The Bio-Venture Academy East Programme is an initiative of the European Commission's Life Sciences Programme and aims at preparing 25 selected biotech and life sciences start-up companies from the New Member States and the Accession countries for meetings with and presentation to potential clients, partners or investors. "SMEs go LifeSciences" is supporting the Bio Venture Academy East events, with the next coaching event taking place in Budapest, on June 14th, 2005.

For further information on this Programme and on its planned events [click here >](#)



Next Biobiz Workshops on “How to raise capital with a realistic and viable Biotech Business Plan” will be held in Budapest between 24-26 May, 2005 and in Vienna between 7-9 June, 2005

Biobiz aims at facilitating scientists' access to capital through better business planning, thus increasing the number of successful start-up companies in Europe.

Workshops will cover all issues concerning the creation of successful biotech start-ups, considering all aspects of company creation, such as choosing the right business model or finding subsidies, etc. Read more [here >](#) and [here >](#)



**FP7 EU research – Building Knowledge Europe:
The EU's new Research Framework Programme 2007-2013**

In April 2005 the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new EU programme for Research, for 2007-2013. Recognising that knowledge is Europe's greatest resource, the proposal provides new impetus to foster Europe's economic growth and competitiveness, create more and better jobs, while ensuring social progress and environmental sustainability.

One priority will be to make participation in the coming programme easier, simplifying the administrative and financial rules and procedures. For in-depth information please download the draft proposal [here >](#)

