

Policy workshop

“Towards enhanced EU-US innovation collaboration through policy measures ”

Panel discussion

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Recommendation

SME research collaborations via common bilateral calls

- Funding of **co-operative research projects** by grants
- Open to **all technologies**
- Applications should be made at any time; open tender, **fast approval processes** (time to contract: 3 months)
- Rate of funding: **up to 50 % for companies, up to 100 % for R&D establishments**

Why?

Strong support of international research co-operations of SMEs

How?

*Common **bilateral calls** in the frame of bilateral collaboration agreements*

▶ *Each country finances its companies/research institutions with respect to **national funding rules***

Example:

***Central Innovation Programme Germany** (about 80 international projects p.a.)*

- *10 % bonus for international co-operations*
- *bilateral collaboration agreements and common calls with:
Alberta (Canada), Vietnam, South Korea, Russia, Finland, Wallonia & Flanders (Belgium), Austria, Czech Republic, Nord-pas de Calais (France)*