

ANNOUNCEMENT

INTAS Collaborative Call 2006

with FASIE - Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises,
Russia

In 2006 INTAS launches a collaborative **call for Innovation Grants (Innovation Partnering Projects)** with the Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE)¹, Russia, with an indicative budget of **€ 500,000**, shared equally between FASIE (approximately **€ 250,000**) and INTAS (approximately **€ 250,000**).

Scope:

Innovation Partnering Projects – for use of research results within enterprises:

INTAS and FASIE support technology-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in INTAS Member States and in the NIS wishing to innovate and to create international partnerships. INTAS and FASIE will provide severally financial support for the exploitation, by such enterprises, of research results with the potential to lead to innovative products, technologies or services of significant economic and/or societal value.

An Innovation Grant will help a consortium made of NIS and INTAS partners, in a mutually beneficial approach, to further develop and protect results of research and technology development and to orient their use towards clearly specified needs of the market and/or of society at large in the INTAS member states and the NIS.

Consortium:

The project consortia must comprise **at least three contractors**: namely one small innovative enterprise from Russia and two organisations from different INTAS member states including a technology-oriented SME. One of the INTAS member organisations should serve as co-ordinator of the project. Additional contractors from Russia, other NIS and INTAS member states can be included in the consortium. The consortium must include one of the main authors of the innovation.

Duration of projects:

The project duration must be 12, 18, or 24 months.

Maximum allowable funding:

The maximum project grant to be provided by INTAS and FASIE is **50,000€**, contributed in equal shares. FASIE's contribution must be used to support Russian small innovative enterprises for Research and Technology Development activities. INTAS' contribution will be provided to members of the consortium from INTAS countries or NIS contractors not funded by FASIE. The SME from an INTAS member state must *additionally* contribute to the project not less than INTAS' contribution.

Indicative Timetable:

Opening of the call:	16 March 2006, 10H00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submission:	30 May 2006, 13H00 (Brussels time)
Results of the selection:	November 2006
Earliest start of the projects:	December 2006

Proposals must be submitted through the INTAS internet-based Submission System.

¹ <http://www.fasie.ru>