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General presentation of the measure/scheme/action/regulation

Country

United Kingdom

Geographical coverage, national or regional (state region)

(National)

Title of the measure

Faraday Partnerships

Information Source/Reference

:<http://www.dti.gov.uk/COMMS/dtiexweb/pages/pg05d.htm>

Overview (nature, main goals)

To link businesses, scientists and engineers in universities, research organizations, and capital providers on collaborative research projects and commercialization processes. Faraday Partnerships or centres are technology specific. Also some education and train programmes.

Action Plan objective addressed by measure

III.4. Co-operation Research/Universities/Companies

Administering agency

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Description of Scheme

General Information

Reference to legal basis (e.g. act, public document, ...)

None

Does the measure receive central funding or regional funding?

Central

Start date

1999

Expected date of completion

Three year programme (2002)

Previous measure (name, date, links with the current measure)

Pilot scheme launched by Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council in 1997. Successfully reviewed. Will be extended to incorporate Postgraduate Training Partnerships (PTP) Scheme currently run by EPSRC and due to end 1999.

Reasons for launching/modifying the new measure

:Success of pilot scheme

Have any of the main features of the measure/scheme/action/regulation changed during its implementation

N/A

What is the predominant role of the government?

Funder, catalyser

Target Group

Who are the target groups of the measure?

SMEs/Industrial SMEs
 Research Institutes
 Universities
 Researchers

Organisation and Implementation**Organisation and Structure**

The special role of the intermediate organisations is to develop a pattern of co-ordinated research with the science, engineering and technology base which relates to the requirements of an industrial sector and, in particular, of the SME community within that sector. Four new Faraday Partnerships are to be supported on a competitive basis, but scheme could be expanded with the inclusion of EPSRC's PTP scheme..

What are the criteria for eligibility?

:Competitive basis

What is the mode of delivery of the measure?

Direct grant – each partnership receives up to £50,000 (EURO 80,600) to assist setting and operational costs, and should also receive additional pump-priming up to £1 million (EURO 1.6 million) from EPSRC.

Financing : Overall budget allocated to the measure

£12 million (EURO 19.3 million) of DTI funding over next three years. EPSRC contributi
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Financing : expenditure per year

£4 million (EURO 6.4 million) (DTI)

Financing : other budgetary sources (additional financing)

Shared between DTI and EPSRC.

Results**Result Measurement****What are the main indicators for the measurement of the results ?**

Not known

Where an evaluation has taken place, what were the main results achieved?

No evaluation

If no official evaluation has been undertaken, have there been any indicators of success?

Scheme has been continued and funding doubled

Observations**Which mechanisms seem to function well in the measure?**

Projects are successful

Which mechanisms seem to be less successful in the measure?

Not known

Are there any other measures planned or in operation as a follow up to this measure? Direction of the planned measures? Objectives? Target groups?

Yes - doubled size of scheme

