



Trend Chart on Innovation in Europe

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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

CORPORATE VENTURING TAX RELIEF

Information Source/Reference

<http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/home.htm>

Overview (nature, main goals)

To provide tax relief to firms involved in corporate venturing, in order to encourage corporate venturing and the support and investment they can provide for SMEs.

Action Plan objective addressed by measure

II.6. Taxation

III.3. Start-up of technology-based companies

Administering agency

[Inland Revenue](#)

Business Tax Division, United Kingdom

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Name of the manager(s) responsible for the implementation of this measure with address, fax, phone

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Inland Revenue

Business Tax Division, United Kingdom

Description of Scheme

General Information

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

At proposal stage, comments invited. November 1998 in a pre-budget report, the government examined the role of corporate venturing for SMEs. To be included in legislation in Finance Bill 2000

Does the measure receive central funding or regional funding?

Central

Start date

2000

Expected date of completion

Unknown

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

None

Reasons for launching/modifying the new measure

:To kick start cultural change in corporate venturing sector, with benefits to SMEs.

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

Not relevant

What is the predominant role of the government?

Will be to pass legislation

Target Group

Who are the target groups of the measure?

SMEs/Industrial SMEs

Organisation and Implementation

Organisation and Structure

Implemented by the Inland Revenue in existing framework for corporate taxation.

What are the criteria for eligibility?

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What is the mode of delivery of the measure?

Relief on corporation tax payable by companies at 20% of the amount invested, in the form of a reduction in liability. Determined by the inland revenue.

Financing : Overall budget allocated to the measure

No direct funding

Financing : expenditure per year

No direct funding

Financing : other budgetary sources (additional financing)

No direct funding

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?

Too early to say

Observations

Which mechanisms seem to function well in the measure?

The tax relief

Which mechanisms seem to be less successful in the measure?

Awareness amongst companies, esp. with regard to eligibility

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

Will be kept under review after consultation, legislation and implementation.

