



## SCRATCH IP

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# PUBLISHABLE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Publishable Executive Summary

SCRATCH-IP has focused on SMEs involved in the Aerospace supply chain (around 7,000 SMEs). This action dealt with Integrated Projects led by small enterprises in the field of aerospace (SCRATCH Partnership servicing).

SMEs integrated projects (or large STREPs) proposals have been serviced by the SCRATCH-IP Partnership.

Technical implementation needs and potential SMEs coordinators arose from the SCRATCH already accomplished awareness campaigns, the SCRATCH web site and other up-stream Aerospace accompanying measures which do not plan to service SME IPs/STREPs proposals (like AECMA AeroSME and ECARE stimulation actions).

Partners have serviced free of charge, within the limits of the expected contract, SMEs, Research and Technological Development proposers, without preference for any EU Member State origin.

SCRATCH-IP project lasted 25 months, from December 2004 to December 2006: this duration has permitted to submit proposals of SMEs IPs/Large STREPs in the FP6 Aerospace Programme final call for proposals and to prepare IPs research ideas in view of FP7 SMEs call for proposals.

### **SCRATCH IP objectives**

- To help already audited SMEs (500) to structure their corporate research plan and to point out jointly the Integrated Projects ideas able to be converted into IP proposals within the Aerospace Programme (FP6).
- To set up a list of IPs/STREPs short-term, product oriented, expressed research and implementation needs from aerospace SMEs.
- To offer aerospace SMEs with services in order to have access to FP6 RTD funds dedicated to SMEs
- To bring together aerospace SMEs from the EU Member States and Associated States to prepare in cooperation SMEs technology implementation IPs/STREPs proposals.
- To support the initial management when setting up a serviced SME IP proposal
- To submit at least 2 serviced Integrated Project or Large STREPs proposals (led by small enterprises in the field of the Aerospace Programme) for evaluation to the Commission.
- To remain flexible and negotiate with Large Industry the possibility to select research themes grouped in IP same areas, fitting Large Industry expectations that could be dedicated at SMEs within FP7.

### **SCRATCH-IP Partnership**

**ALROUND** is an association of aerospace SMEs from Germany acting in the field of technology project support in multiple forms. It has supported several SME proposals in former accompanying measures. It is Partner in SCRATCH phase III and IV. It coordinates SCRATCH IP.

**RHEA** from Belgium is an SME, software manufacturer, well involved in aerospace and European RTD. It was already in SCRATCH phase II, III and IV, it will be the link with the European Commission, DG RTD Aero Unit in order to check the technical relevance of the serviced Integrated Project Proposals.

**EUROPUS** is from the United Kingdom, it is a consultant company specialized in European Projects in Automotive, Aerospace and SMEs. It is Partner in SCRATCH phase III and IV.

**Euro Inter** is a French company gathering Aerospace SMEs; it has a deep knowledge of European RTD, Aerospace SMEs, Large Manufacturers and Research Centres, it has coordinated SCRATCH Phases I, II, III and IV. It manages SCRATCH IP.