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TUBITAK – The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, Turkey.

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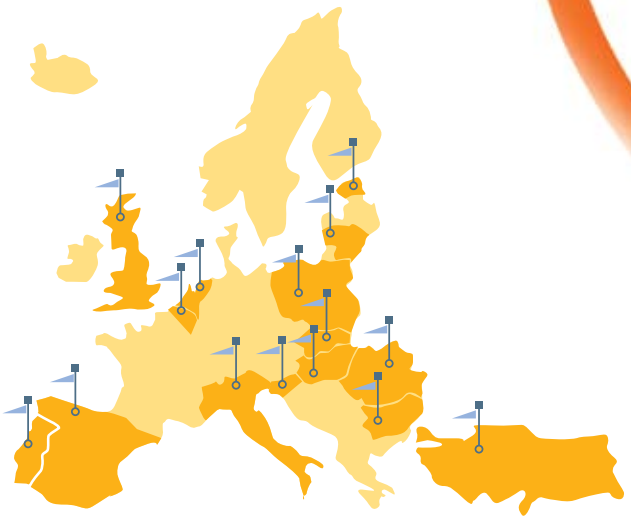
THE PROJECT IN BRIEF

The main objective of the Star-net Transport project **is to strengthen the competitiveness of SMEs operating within the Sustainable Surface Transport (SST) sector by supporting them to participate in FP7 Research and Technological development activities.**

AN EU- WIDE NETWORK

Star-net Transport is a network built on **15 countries, aimed at assisting SME participation in FP7** by developing a range of service and tools specifically address to their needs.



BENEFITS FOR SMEs

- **Create new skills and job opportunities** by promoting research and development (RTD) activities in the SST sector.
- Promote **industrial-oriented research** across Europe and **connect companies** with similar or complementary needs.
- **Promote international cooperation** among Transport stakeholders.
- Promote the **exchange of best practice** in FP7 SST project proposals.
- **Create awareness of major EU policies** and financial instruments in the SST field.
- **Identify barriers to SME participation in FP7** projects and propose **recommendations to the EC.**
- **Contribute to the Research Agenda in the SST sector.**
- Assure a **wide geographical coverage and impact: 12 countries**, including EU-12 Members and Associated Countries

FREE OF CHARGE SERVICES

- **Identification of the needs and expertise of SMEs** as first step for Fp7 participation.
- **Organisation of targeted FP7 workshops and partnering events** at National and European level.
- **Provision of advice sessions:** answering all queries about Fp7 project proposals, submission procedures and rules.
- Provision of **online thematic groups to** share and solve problems, assisted by SST experts.
- **Access to** an **online tool to support project proposal writing.**
- Be part of the **Star-net Transport database.**
- **Support with consortium building and partner search** for FP7 RTD proposals.
- **Support for writing FP7 RTD project proposals.**