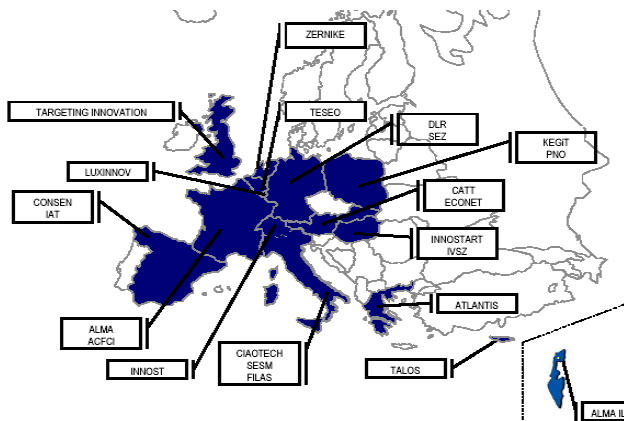


## Pro-active intelligence and support programme to stimulate European SMEs Faced with research issues in the field of ICT security



The aim of **SECURE-FORCE** is to promote the involvement of SMEs / SMEs grouping in existing and new European R&D Projects in the field of security, through an innovative methodology based on awareness creation, knowledge sharing, support, training and match-making actions, involving the world leaders in the sector.

The **SECURE-FORCE** ETI project addresses the global ICT security issues that represented more than 13 billion Euro in 2004.

Specific attention will be paid to :

- The cyber crime & terrorism related issues (privacy and data protection and network and info security).
- Hardware management
- Crisis management

**SECURE-FORCE** will contribute to reduce the fragmentation of IST sectors, and particularly in the domain of security by creating synergies and interactions between research and innovation activities carried out at national, regional and European level. The SECURE-FORCE project targets active SMEs/SMEs groupings dealing with research issues in the mentioned sectors.

The final objective is to disseminate the project results to 3000 relevant SMEs (within 3 years) in at least 14 EU countries.

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### WP 0: Consortium Management (ALMA F)

This WP deals with the co-ordination aspect of the project and will include the following items :

- Day to day management
- Coordination of Knowledge Management and Innovation Related Activities
- Coordination of Legal Aspects
- Consortium Animation, Internal and External Communication

### WP 1: Research needs analysis & global methodology setting-up (ALMA F)

- Setting up a common methodology to strengthen the intra-consortium synergy
- Performing survey on FP7 & European standards & policies intelligence
- Preparing guides for audits for the WP2 and WP3

### WP 2: SMEs inventory actions, RTD security needs and CSF identification (INNOST)

- Inventorying potential SMEs
- Identifying RTD projects (FP6 projects) related to Security
- Identifying key market and RTD players in Security sector
- Auditing the project proposers and key players
- Identifying the research needs in the domains of ITC security
- Identifying the Critical Success Factors (CSFs) for SMEs successful involvement in RTD projects

### WP 3: Development of the web based tool (SESM)

- Developing the dedicated web based tool (data base and communication tool) to gather potential SMEs and projects for the projects
- Updating and maintaining the web based tool

### WP 4: Awareness actions and SMES audits (IAT)

- Organizing awareness and training events for SMEs
- Auditing SMEs in order to identify and classify their expertises and needs
- Monitor on-going and to-be-submitted large scale projects to favour SMEs involvement

### WP 5: Integration of SMEs in RTD projects and support actions (PNO)

- Integrating SMEs into relevant FP7 projects
- Providing support to SMEs during their participation into FP7 projects
- Assessing take up actions and proposing alternative innovation actions national funding, FP6 project to SMEs
- Supporting SMEs in RTD projects screening and expansion

### WP 6: Dissemination and exploitation (CTECH)

- Ensuring an efficient dissemination of the project results both in the scope of the consortium (between the partners) as well as outside the project
- Defining the exploitation strategy of the project results

### MAIN OUTPUTS

- 1200 out of 3000 SMEs classified
- Guide of Critical Success Factors for SMEs involvement in RTD projects
- Fully operative Database/Web Portal
- 275 profile of SMEs
- 100 SMEs should be integrated into FP7 projects
- Opportunities for 60 SMEs
- Implementation of 20 Take-Up actions

### OBJECTIVES

Within the **SECURE-FORCE** ETI project, the targeted specific theme is the security, which is crucial in IST area. The main domains that will be investigated are : The cyber crime & terrorism related issues (privacy and data protection and network and info security). Hardware management and Crisis management

The final objective of the **SECURE-FORCE** project is to involve SMEs/SMEs groupings FP7 projects.

**SECURE-FORCE** will enhance their readiness to participate in emerging and future European RTD activities and programmes. In the scope of the **SECURE-FORCE** project, through dedicated events, awareness workshops, face-to-face meeting, the partners will identify the critical success factors for SMEs / SME groupings participation in running FP6 / FP7 projects and to assess the potential for improving it. The SECURE-FORCE project addresses at least 3 categories of SMEs/SMEs groupings faced with research issues in the domain of software and hardware security :

- SMEs grouping having specific needs, particularly in the scope of their relationship with large companies
- High and Medium Technologies SMEs as well as start-ups directly involved in innovation activities in the targeted security areas
- SMEs (mainly involved in software development) which could directly integrate the innovative solutions in their commercial offer.

Through audits activities, the consortium will identify their role in order to integrate them into relevant FP6/FP7 projects.