



‘Connecting Australian-European Science and Innovation Excellence’ (CAESIE) is a new vehicle for driving collaboration between Australian and European researchers and small-to-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). CAESIE aims to promote collaboration to address some of the world’s grand challenges: covering *Clean Energy*; *Healthy Ageing through enabling technologies*; *Sustainable Cities*

VALUE PROPOSITION

The importance of CAESIE as a bilateral program between Europe and Australia is its ability to build sustainable linkages between SMEs and researchers in the area of science and technology.

Outcomes expected include:

- increased awareness about opportunities for research and innovation collaboration, and
- strong, strategic linkages and increased innovation capacity to advance solutions for key societal challenges.

The acceleration of the collaboration process through CAESIE enhances innovation capacity that benefits both the European Union (EU) and Australian economies.

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?

CAESIE is for SMEs and researchers in Australia and the EU who are seeking support to collaborate on programs or activities within the current **CAESIE priority areas**. The range of activities is broad and it is worthwhile exploring these to see if you are eligible for support.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLICATION?

Whether you are in Australia or the EU you need to determine if you are eligible to apply for assistance through CAESIE. **Take the test.** If this test indicates that you may be eligible then you will be put in touch with a National Contact Point to discuss your proposed idea or activity.

NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCPs)

The National Contact Points (NCPs) are 'networks of networks' set up to assist CAESIE participants.

NCPs have been selected for their expertise and knowledge in the three CAESIE priority areas, and experience in facilitating research and innovation relationships. The NCPs are designed to provide:

- Assistance in searching for partners in Australia or the EU;
- Guidance on funding priorities and sources of matching funds;
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues;
- Advice on proposal writing; and
- Advice on where to find documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Register your interest for more updates
- Test your eligibility for assistance
- Submit an expression of interest at:

www.caesie.org



Australian Government

**Department of Industry, Innovation,
Climate Change, Science, Research
and Tertiary Education**



CAESIE is a bilateral consortium comprising partners from the European Union and Australia. CAESIE is part of the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

CAESIE PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:

- **Free assistance and brokerage to establish early stage collaborative links** between researchers and SMEs in Australia and Europe, for knowledge exchange and R&D product development – through a network of [National Contact Points](#)
- **Funded support** through [Priming Grants](#) for initial contacts between researchers and SMEs that have identified a possible collaborative relationship:
 - **Stage one:** AU\$5,000 / €4,000 (approx.) to support initial meetings and discussions between researchers and SMEs (e.g. travel and meetings focussed on forming a relationship)
 - **Stage two:** AU\$5,000 / €4,000 (approx.) to formalise partnerships (e.g. further travel or legal fees) and/or assist with applying for major R&D funds
- **Free assistance with identifying government-funded programs and incentives in Australia and Europe** for major project development and other opportunities for research and innovation.

THE CAESIE PARTNER MEMBERS

CAESIE activities are supported by a consortium comprising members from Europe and Australia:

- The German Aerospace Centre (DLR)
- The Australian Department of Innovation, Industry, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCS RTE)
- The Australasian Industrial Research Group (AIRG)
- The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE)
- The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V., FhG, (Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation IPA)
- The VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

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