

# Application Form Explanations

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## Explanations for the SME “Application Form”

If your questions are not answered with these explanations or you have any other questions, send an email to [blockstart@oostnl.nl](mailto:blockstart@oostnl.nl). We will come back to you within two workdays.

Questions:

- **The training aims to support SMEs. Are you an SME as defined by the European Commission?**

Before answering, please [read](#) the European Commission’s definition of an SME. The main factors determining whether an enterprise is an SME are:

1. staff headcount
2. either turnover or balance sheet total

Company category	Staff headcount	Turnover	or	Balance sheet total
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 m		≤ € 43 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m		≤ € 10 m
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m		≤ € 2 m

These ceilings apply to the figures for individual firms only. A firm that is part of a larger group may need to include staff headcount/turnover/balance sheet data from that group too.

- **Is your core business within one or more of the following sectors?**

Please click one or more of the following options: Health, Agrofood, Logistics, Supply Chain. If your core business does not fall under one of the above-mentioned sectors, please click Other.

- **Did your SME receive more than a total of €200.000 of De Minimis state aid between 2019 and 2021?**

If you did not receive any subsidy or funding from your national or regional government, you will not run into any problems. For more information about De Minimis aid, please [click here](#). Once you have submitted your application, you will automatically be requested to send us a self-declaration by email.

- **Is your SME in receivership or under liquidation?**

Receivership covers enterprises placing their assets in the custodial responsibility of others in case of bankruptcy.

- **Are you willing to invest time to take part in the workshop (and/or travel) where necessary?**

Please note that travelling will only be limited to Interreg North West Europe [regions](#). (Only if this is allowed, check the governmental rules.)

- **Please provide a brief overview of your current collaborations with other organisations to enhance innovation.**

Please provide current collaborations within the main sectors of Health, Agrofood, Logistics and Supply Chain.

- **Have you collaborated with any organisation located in a different country before and/or do you have the capacity of collaborating internationally?**

If yes, please explain further briefly stating which geographic context and if you would like to continue to collaborate cross-border. Any formal or informal collaborations are accepted.

- **What do you think are the benefits for your company of joining this programme (refers to question 11 of application form)?**

Please list 2-3 aspects that you believe this programme can directly or indirectly benefit your organisation.

- **Please detail your expectations of the training programme (refers to question 12 of application form)**

Briefly list your organisation's specific and realistic expectations from this training programme.