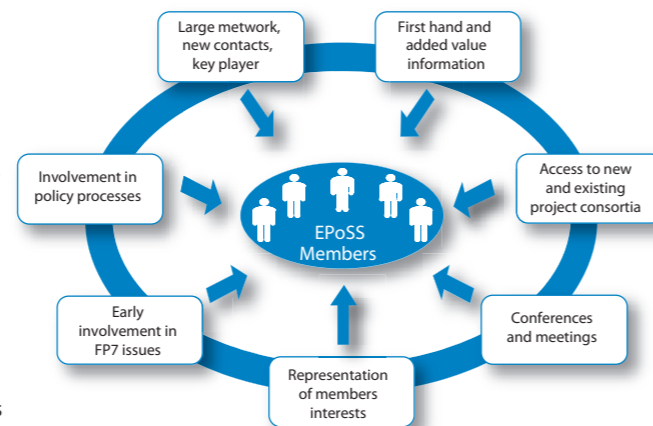




### EPoSS services offer a series of advantages

Being an EPoSS member means to improve your position in the EU policy context and to obtain an efficient forum for networking and interest representation. Furthermore, a number of services will be provided that will allow you

- to access the internal area of the **EPoSS web portal** and fully participate in the EPoSS information flow
- to have **unlimited access** to the EPoSS working groups and to receive **first hand information** on newest developments and on Commission decisions
- to receive the EPoSS **electronic news-letter**
- to participate in EPoSS meetings such as the **annual general assembly** or **expert workshops** organised by EPoSS
- to obtain special conditions for other smart systems events connected to EPoSS.



### How to benefit from EPoSS

You will become eligible for the EPoSS services by contributing to the financing of the EPoSS Office.

This financial contribution per year amounts to (+VAT):

- € 4.000 for large companies
- € 2.000 for SMEs or public research organisations
- € 1.500 for universities.

If you are interested in becoming a member and register for the services please fill in the application form at the EPoSS website:

[www.smart-systems-integration.org/join\\_form](http://www.smart-systems-integration.org/join_form)

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### Founding Members



## Implementing the European Research Area for Smart Systems Integration





## About EPoSS

European industry is the world leader in micro-systems and related advanced technologies. The further enhancement of product capabilities and services through evolving complexity, integration and interconnectivity will help to ensure Europe's competitiveness. The key heading for these developments is Smart Systems Integration.

**Smart Systems** are miniaturised devices which are able to describe and diagnose a situation. They are able to decide or help to decide in critical conditions and to identify and address each other. They also may be energy autonomous and networked.

In this light a group of major industrial companies based in Europe decided to coordinate their R&D activities and to set-up **EPoSS, the European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration**, which was launched in July 2006.

## Priorities

The research priorities of EPoSS were defined while establishing the Strategic Research Agenda. They represent the core fields of interest of the members of the technology platform:

- **Miniaturized and integrated smart systems** with advanced functionality and performance
- **Autonomously operating, power efficient** and networked smart systems
- **Robust systems, compatible and adaptive** to environment and lifetime requirements

Bridging the gap between research and product development EPoSS is addressing technology issues from a strict application point of view.

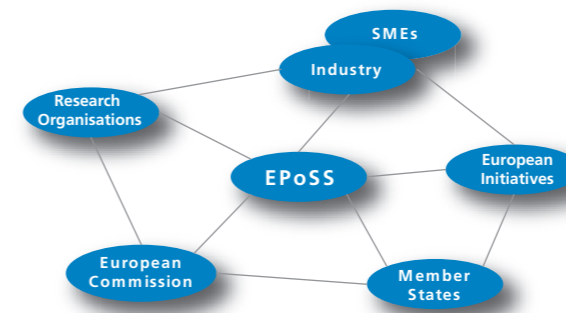
## Objectives

EPoSS is a major, transnational, pan-European, mission-oriented initiative aiming at strengthening Europe's capacity to organise and to deliver innovation in the area of smart systems technologies and integration. EPoSS embraces all key players, public and private, in the value chain so as to

- **provide a common European approach** on innovative Smart Systems Integration
- **formulate a commonly agreed roadmap** and provide a continuously updated strategic R&D agenda
- **define an action and implementation plan** mobilising public and private human, infrastructural and financial resources
- **develop options for** Public Private Partnerships
- **promote Smart Systems applications** in sectors of high economic relevance
- **strengthen global competitiveness** of European industry & SMEs



## The EPoSS Network



The **EPoSS Networks** consists of

- industry representatives including SMEs,
- public & private research organisations,
- representatives of the European Commission,
- representatives of the Member States,
- other European initiatives and key actors in the area of smart systems technologies, micro systems, and/or nanotechnologies or in a related applications area.

## Organisational Structure

The **High Level Group** guides the overall strategic development of the Technology Platform and sets the frame for future priorities of EPoSS. The High Level Group is chaired by a senior industry representative.

The **Steering Committee** deals with cross-sectional issues related to framework conditions for research targets and directions. This group provides an operational link to the European Commission, other public authorities and to the EPoSS working groups.

The **Executive Group** as the central management unit of EPoSS consists of a subset of Steering Group members.

The **Working Groups** – structured according to application areas - are chaired by a representative from industry. The working groups involve representatives from industry, private & public research organisations, universities, public authorities and scientific, industrial and public associations.

The work of the platform is supported by the **EPoSS Office**.

