

COMPETITIVENESS INNOVATION PROGRAMME

The participation of Albania in the community programme on **Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)**, for the period 2007-2013.

According the decision of European Parliament No. 1639/2006/EC regarding the starting of the programme for **Competitiveness and Innovation**, Competitiveness Innovation Programme, (**CIP**) for the period 2007-2013 it is allowed to apply even Albania.

Within CIP programme there are three main sub-programmes which are focused in SMEs with that type of technology that protect the environment:

- ❑ **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP).**
- ❑ **ICT policy support programme**
- ❑ **The intelligent energy-europe programme(IEE).**

METE has agreed in participating in the first and third sub-programme, respectively EIP and IEE.

Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy Mr. Genc Ruli and Vice/President of European Commission Mr. Günter Verheugen, on 27 June 2008, have signed the memorandum of understanding for the participation of Albania in the first sub-programme Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP).

MoU was ratified with the Law no. **9984, dated 11.09.2008** “On ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Albanian Republic and European Community on the participation of Albanian Republic in the community programme **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)** of the framework programme of competitiveness and Innovation, 2007-2013 which was published on the Official Journal no.143 dated 22 September 2008 and has entered into force on 7 October 2008.

On 16 December 2008, METE for the participation to EIP, has paid the financial contribution to EU General Budget, in the value of 36,738 EUR.

For more information about the programme and the way of application please visit

http://ec.europa.eu/cip/index_en.htm