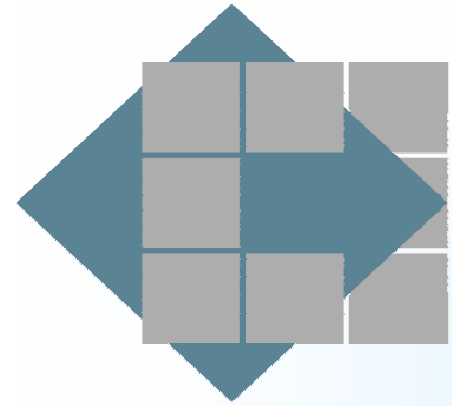


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**THE ROLE OF SMES IN MODERN ECONOMY  
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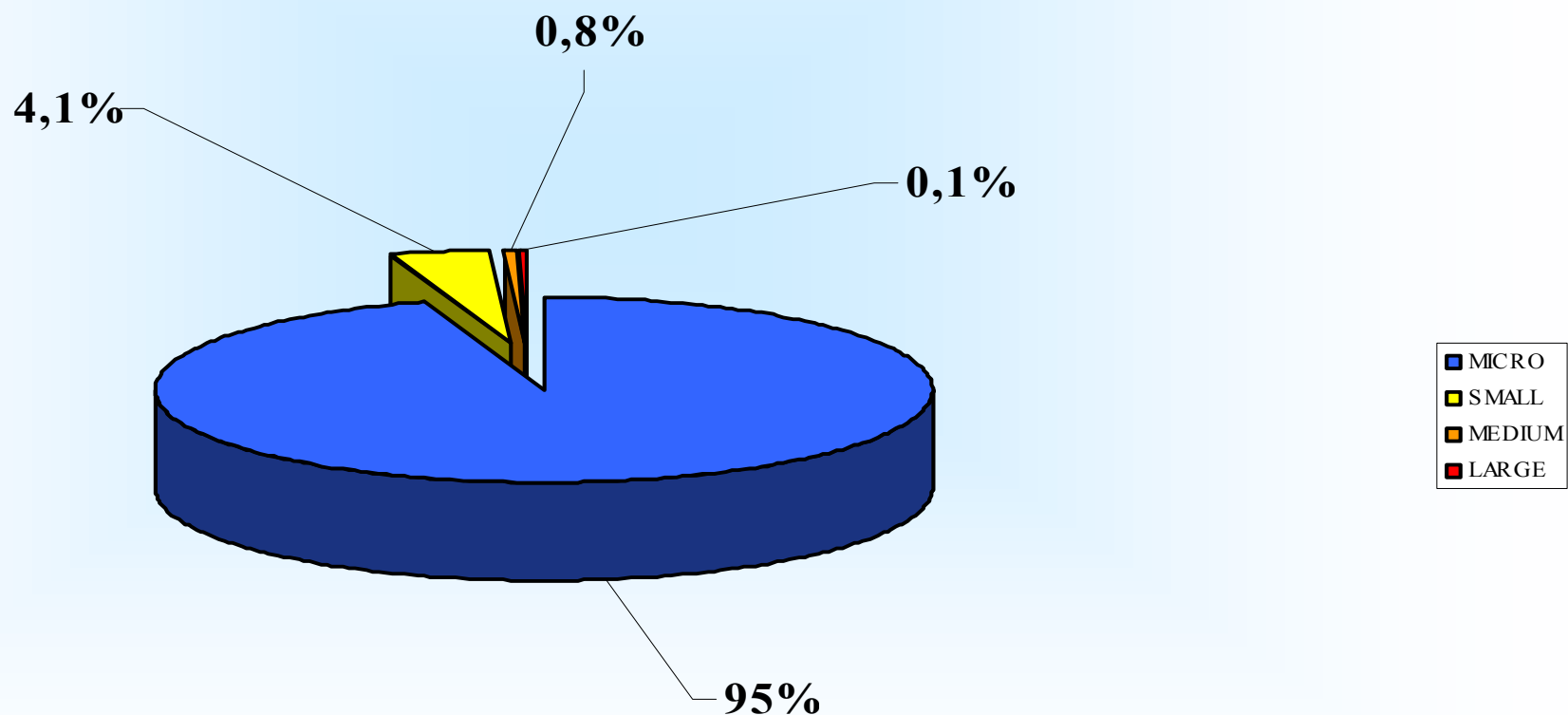
Its main responsibility is the management of funds assigned from the State Budget and European Union for the support of entrepreneurship and the development of human resources, with particular consideration given to the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

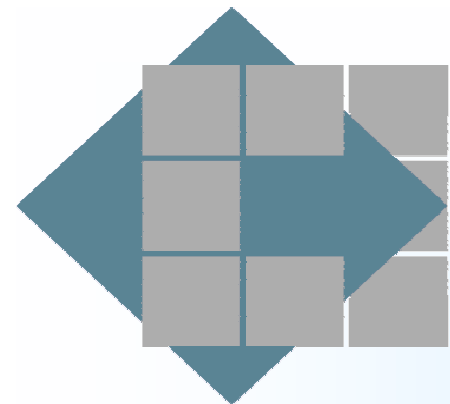


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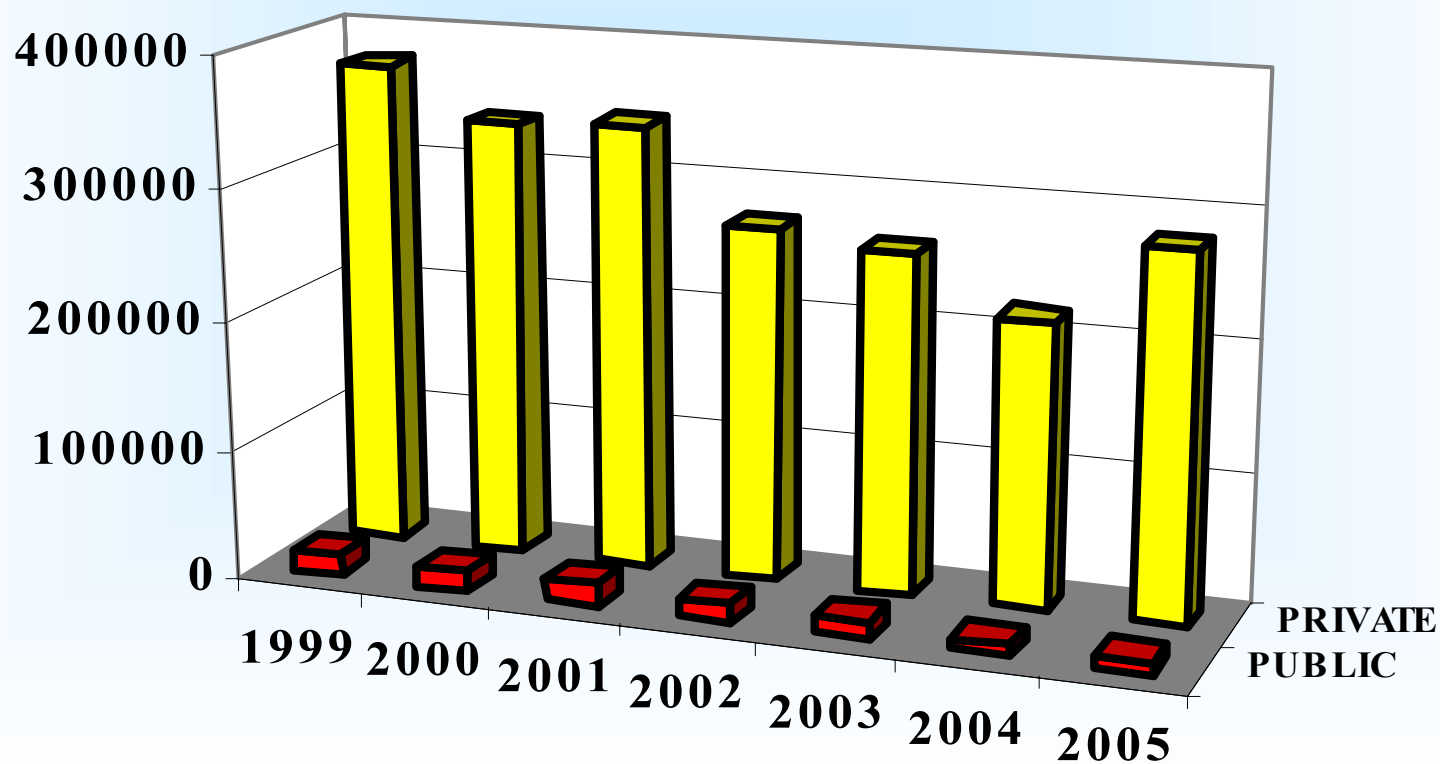


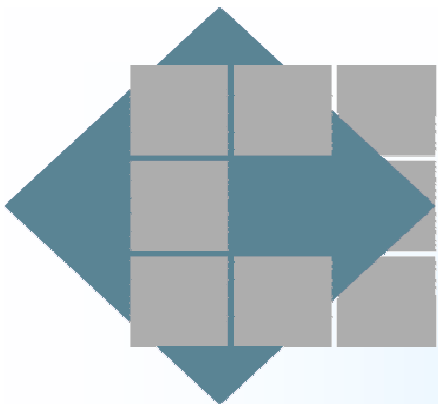


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**THE NUMBER OF THE NEWLY REGISTERED ENTERPRISES -  
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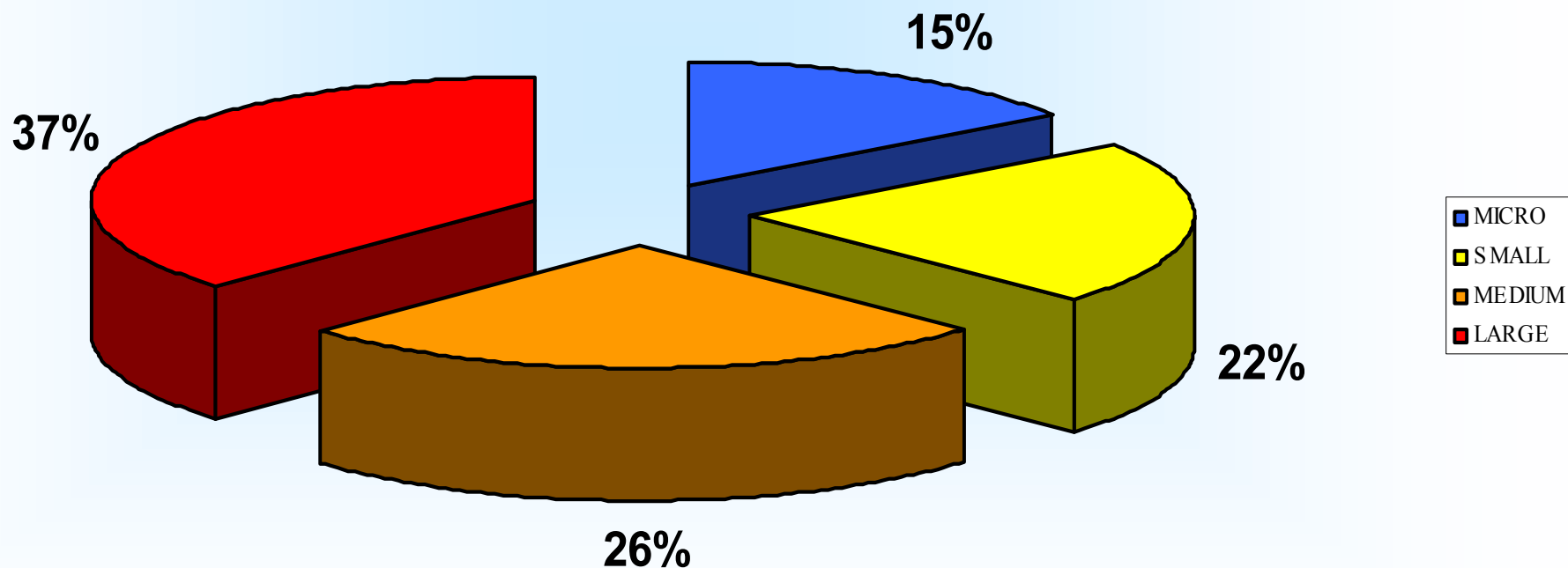


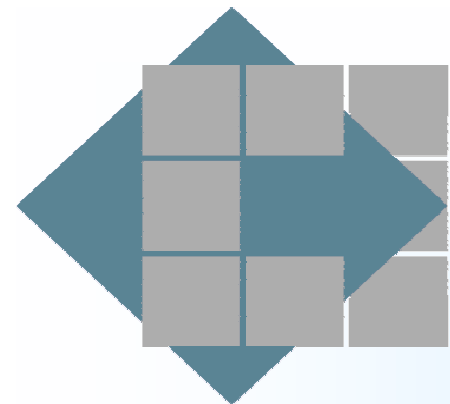


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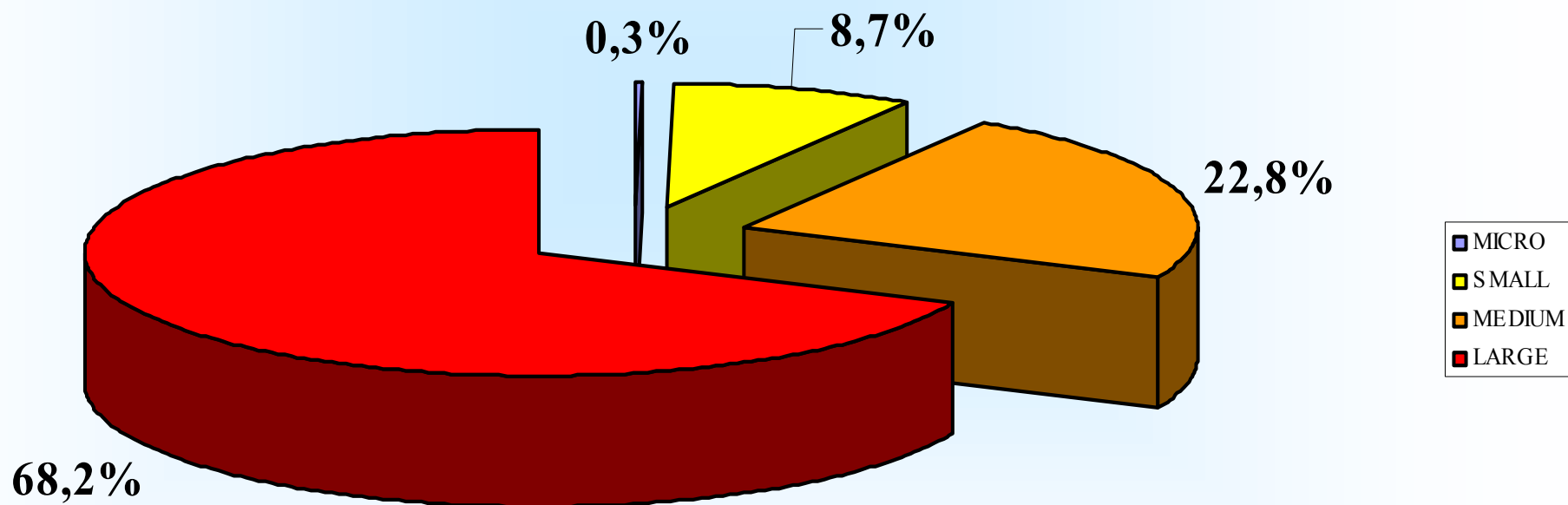




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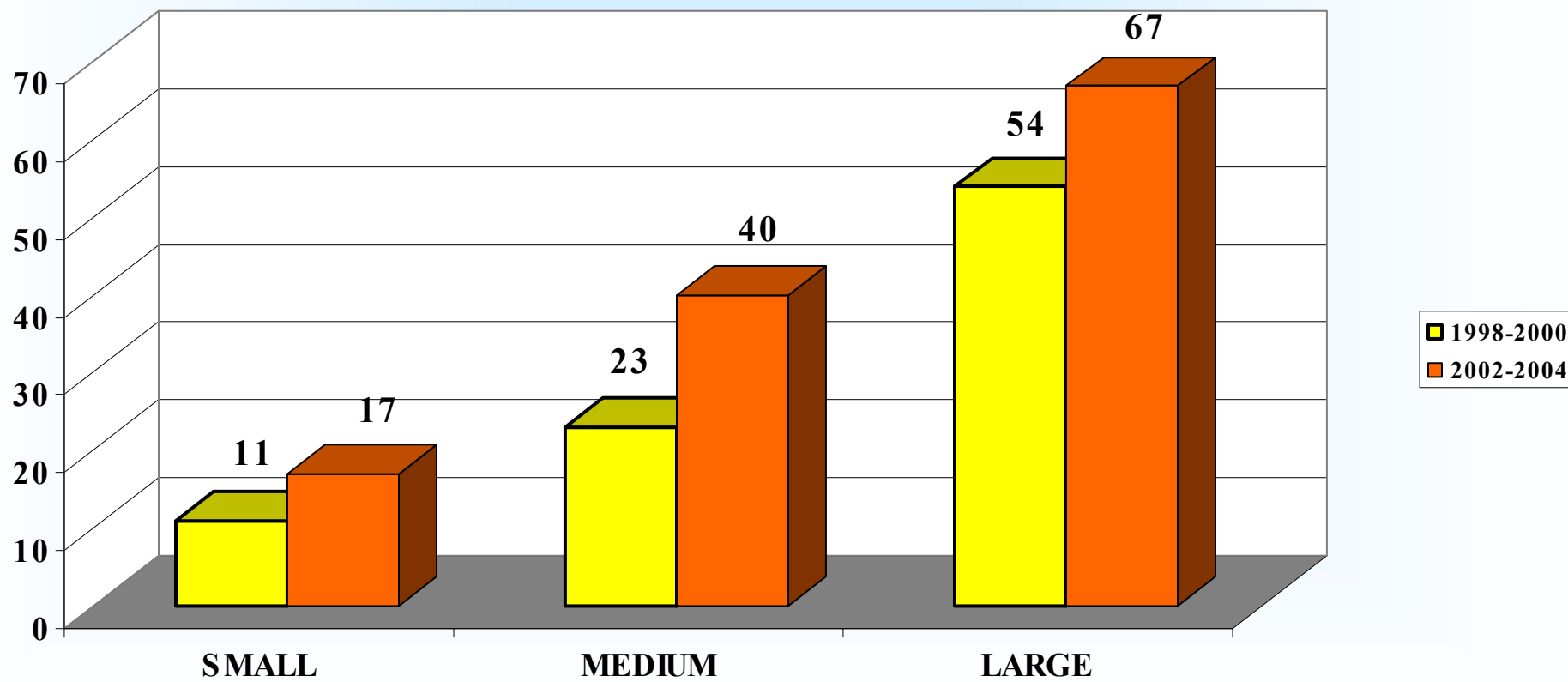


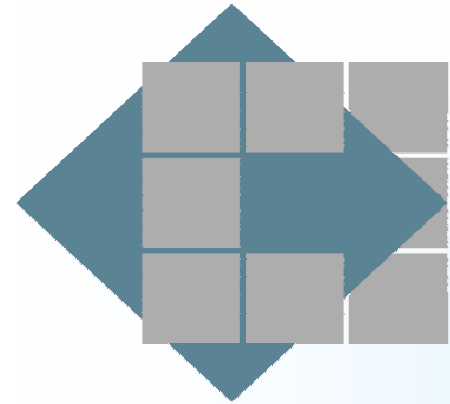


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**THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ENTERPRISES INVESTING IN INNOVATIONS**





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### **THE ROLE OF PAED IN SUPPORTING SMEs**

*The Agency supports the SMEs through the following activities:*

- Carrying out analyses, evaluation and research in the field of entrepreneurship, with focus on SMEs
- „Better regulation” – participation in the initiative of the Minister of Economy in order to reduce administrative burdens for the entrepreneurs
- Development of innovative attitudes, initiatives, enterprises
- Developing system of Business Support Institutions in Poland, including institutions supporting innovations
- Granting of subsidies for SMEs and institutions supporting enterprise development providing loans for innovative initiatives
- Provision of consulting and expert services
- Provision of training for entrepreneurs, SME employees, the unemployed, central, regional and local government, as well as social partners
- Facilitation of entrepreneurs’ access to finance, know-how, economic information, studies and analyses



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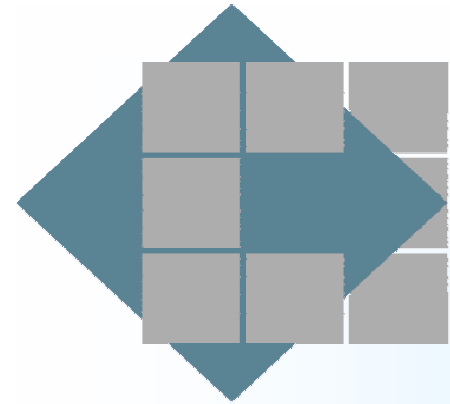
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### **PAED & BETTER REGULATION**

- Participation in the working group under the auspices of the Minister of Economy
- Measurement and analysis of the administrative burdens (particularly information obligations) in the following areas:
  - the labour law
  - the environmental law
  - the law of land use planning

*The results of the analysis will serve as the basis for the reform of the law*

- The PAED will participate in evaluation and analysis of the costs of the new legislative acts or amendments to the acts, that in any aspect regulate the entrepreneurship.



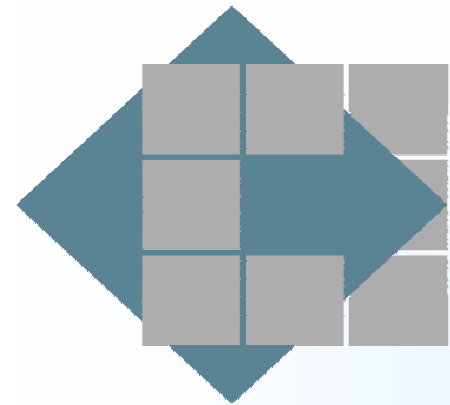
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**PAED**

*– its role in analysis and evaluation of the entrepreneurship sector*

- gathers information on the condition of the small and medium-sized enterprise sector
- gathers and analyzes data on economic, social and legal environment of the SMEs sector
- conducts research on Polish SMEs in a wide range of problems
- assists at designing and planning schemes of supporting development of the SMEs
- evaluates support schemes and programmes provided by PAED



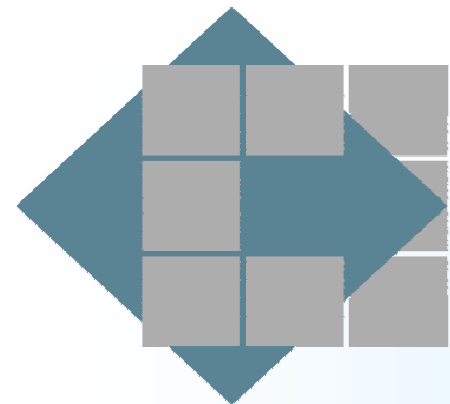
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*– proinnovative activities and projects implemented by the Agency*

- Cooperation with the Polish and European Union institutions on innovation support
- The Innovation Portal as the most comprehensive source of information on innovation and transfer of technologies
- Support of the implementation of the Regional Innovation Strategies (RIS)
- The pilot projects supporting technostarters, clusters and the industrial property rights protection
- Support for development of technological parks and incubators
- Support for development of Academic Entrepreneurship
- A competition „Polish Product of the Future”



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**THE EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PAED**

**Support in 2004-2006**

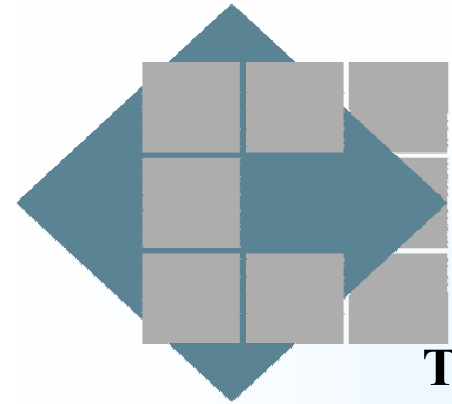
*Sectoral Operational Programme Improvement of the competitiveness of enterprises (SOP ICE)*

**Measure 2.1** *Improvement of the competitiveness of SMEs through advise*

**2332 contracts were signed for the total value of about PLN 71 mln**

**Measure 2.3** *Increasing competitiveness of SMEs through investments*

**2927 contracts were signed for the total value of about PLN 1,6 mld**



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**THE EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PAED**

**Support in 2004-2006**

***Sectoral Operational Programme Improvement of the competitiveness of enterprises (SOP ICE)***

**Measure 1.1** *Strengthening of institutions supporting operations of enterprises*

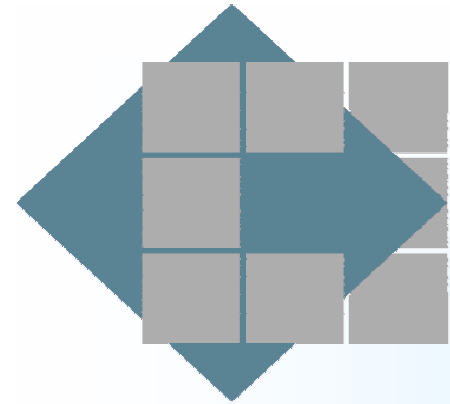
92 contracts were signed for the total value of PLN 80 mln

The National Services Network received support of PLN 67,3 mln.

**Measure 1.2** *Improvement of accessibility to external financing of enterprises' investments (contribution of capital to micro-loan funds, guarantee and seed capital funds)*

92 contracts were signed for the total value of PLN 1,1 mld.

As a result of the projects the entrepreneurs were granted with 5472 loans and 5425 guarantees were issued.



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**Support in 2004-2006**

***Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development (SOP HRD)***

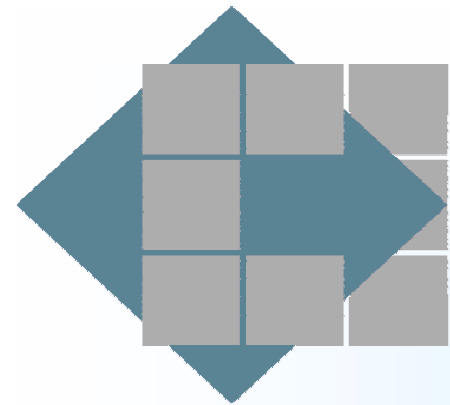
**Measure 2.3 *Development of personnel of modern economy***

**Scheme a) *Development of skills and qualifications of personnel***

As a result of the projects more than 176 thousand persons have been trained so far and 682 contracts signed for total value PLN 750,5 mln.

**Scheme b) *Promotion of system solutions in the field of development of adaptability and knowledge-based economy***

As a result of the projects 105,5 thousands persons have been trained so far, 19 projects are implemented of total value PLN 245,6 mln



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**Support in 2007-2013**

***Sectoral Operational Programme Innovative Economy (SOP IE)***

**Priority 1. Research and development of new technologies**

**Priority 3. Capital for innovation**

**Priority 4. Investments in innovative undertakings**

**Priority 5. Diffusion of innovation**

***The budget for all those measures amounts to EUR 2,2 mld.***



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***Sectoral Operational Programme Innovative Economy (SOP IE)***

**Support will be given to enterprises and business support institutions for:**

- conducting R&D activities and implementing R&D results,
- investments in R&D equipment,
- initial investments of high innovative potential,
- management of the intellectual property rights,
- developing a system of business angels,
- development of the cooperation between enterprise and business support institutions,
- development of networks of institutions supporting innovations.



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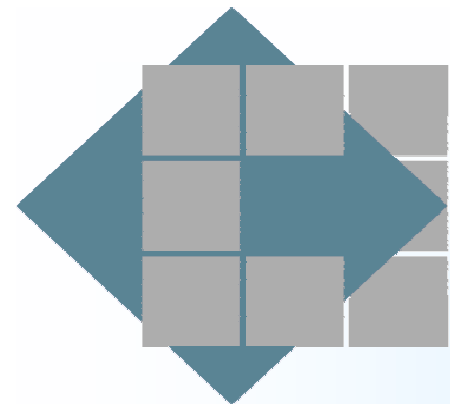
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***Sectoral Operational Programme Human Capital (SOP HC)***  
***Priority 2 Development of Human Capital and adaptability potential of enterprises***

**Measure 2.1** *Development of personnel for modern economy*

**Measure 2.2** *Support for the system of adaptable personnel*

***The budget for all the measures amounts to EUR 672,2 mln.***



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