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eco-management; eco-innovation



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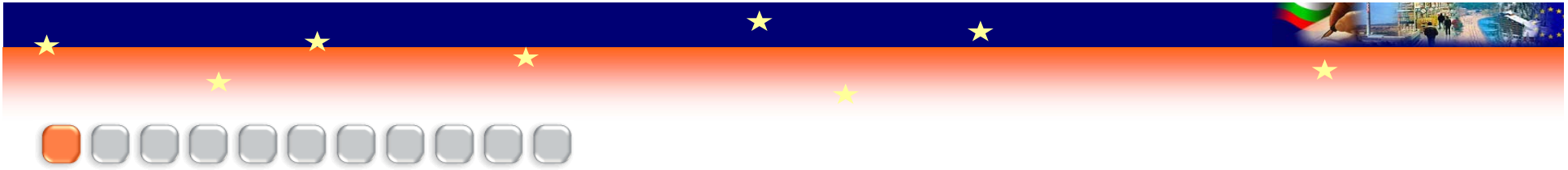
- Good Practice for Eco-Management and Eco-Innovation Support Schemes

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Problems at national level

Impaired cooperation between science and business

Low level of research spending

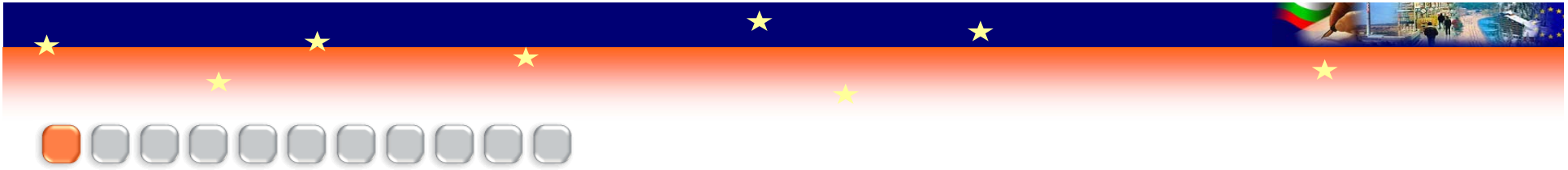
**Low purchasing power of business with
INNOVATION**

**Lack of financial instruments to stimulate
innovation**



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Problems at national level (2)

The business thinks in short terms

Lack of networks for exchange of technological information and sharing of best practices

Difficult demographic conditions - emigration of specialists

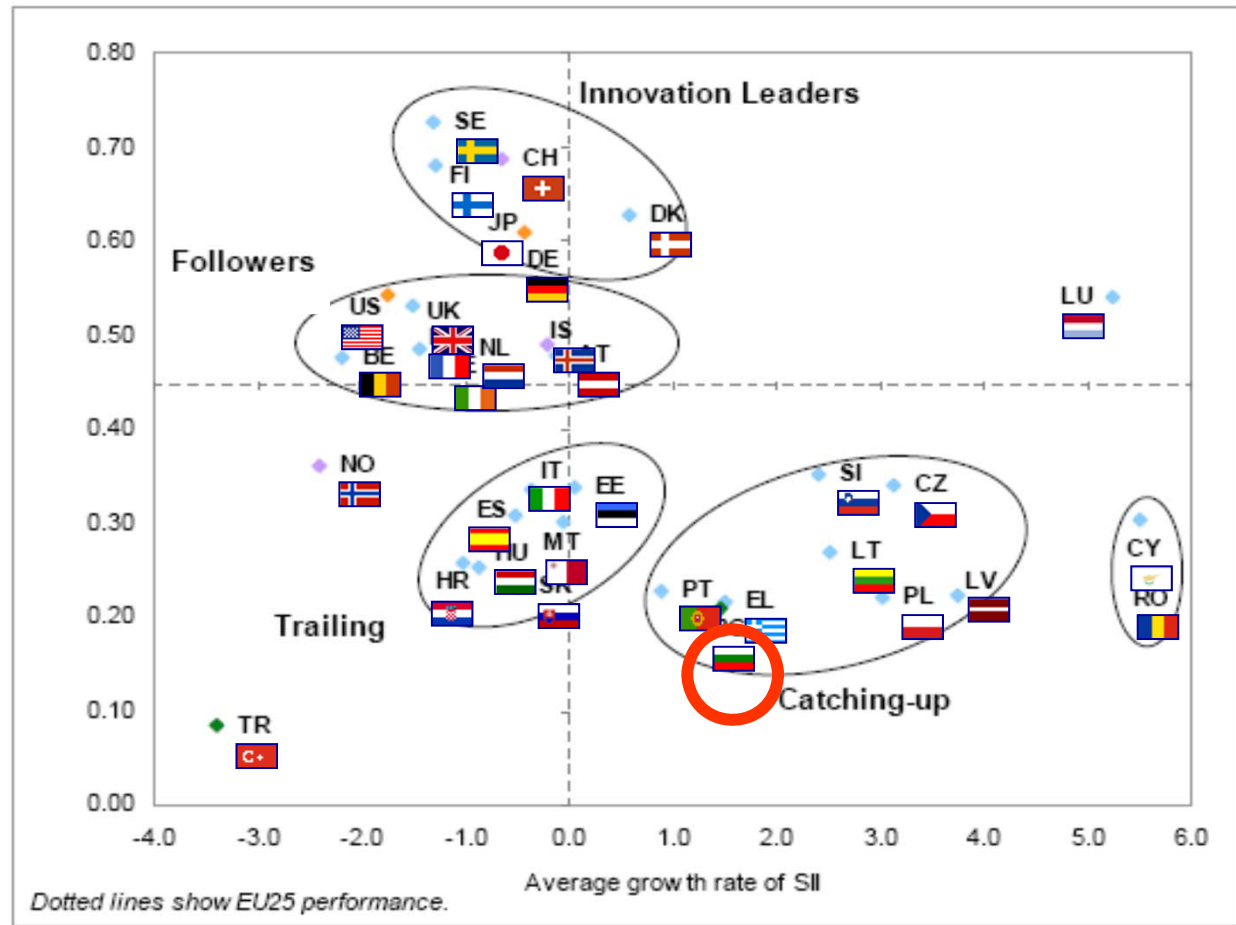


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Generalized Innovation Index



leaders:

Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Denmark, Norway. Japan and Germany

followers:

U.S., Luxembourg, Britain, Iceland, France, Holland, Austria, Ireland and Belgium, Estonia

Trailing

Italy, Spain, Malta, Croatia, Hungary and Slovakia

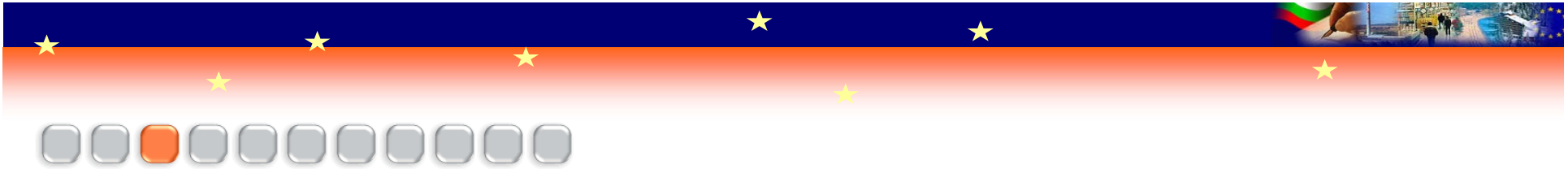
Catching up:

Slovenia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania



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Measures to implement Innovation Strategy

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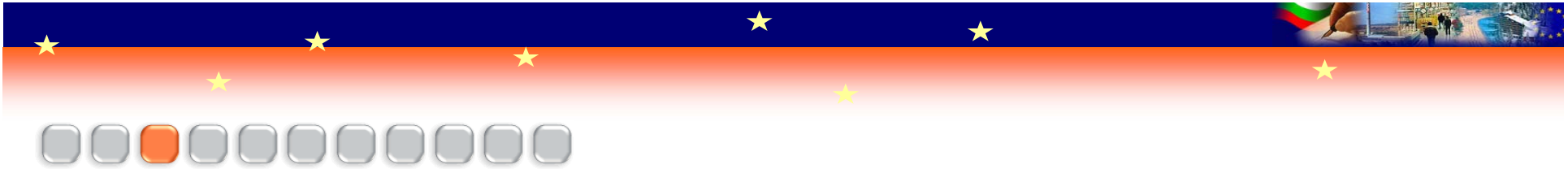
Promoting employment in SMEs

Construction and/or extension of Technological Centres for business needs



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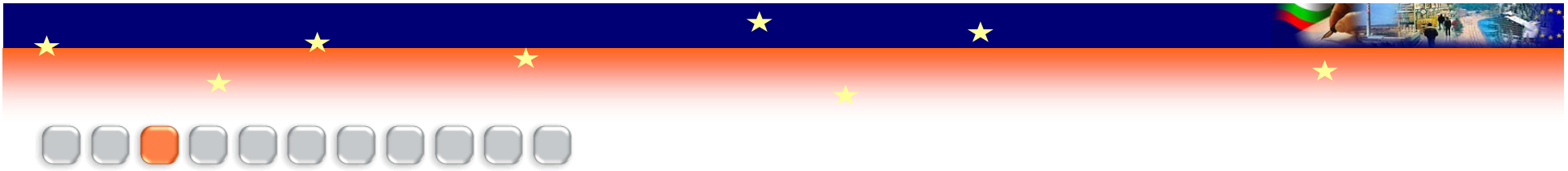
Established in 2004 under CoM decision

Main objective - to promote the scientific and research and development activities



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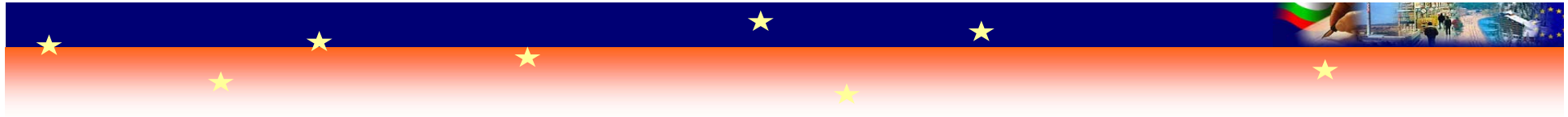
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Direct objective - to promote the implementation of scientific and research and development projects and projects for technical feasibility with the aim of acquiring new or improved products, processes or services designed to raise the economic efficiency, improve the innovative potential and technological level of enterprises, increase private investment and enhance the dynamics of innovative processes.

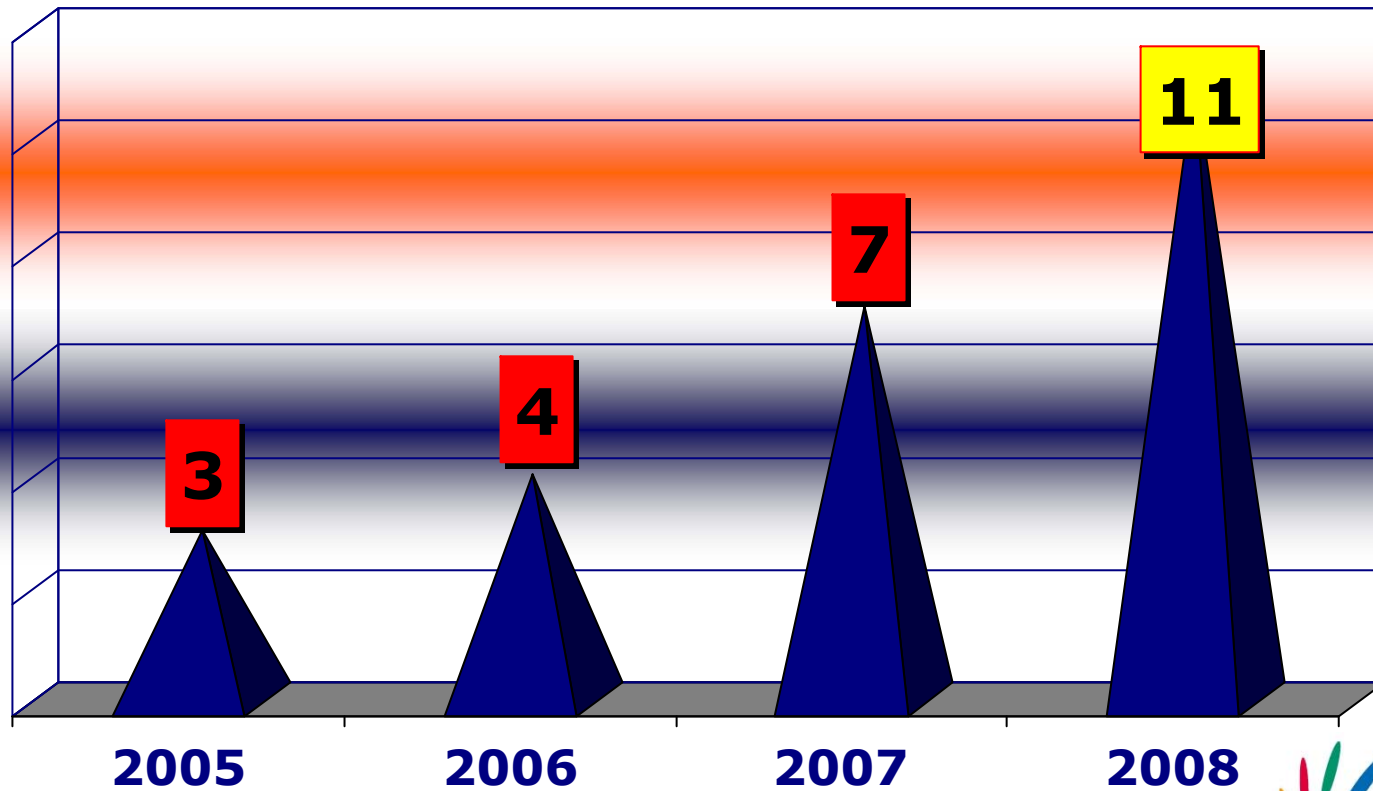


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Budget resources of National Innovation Fund

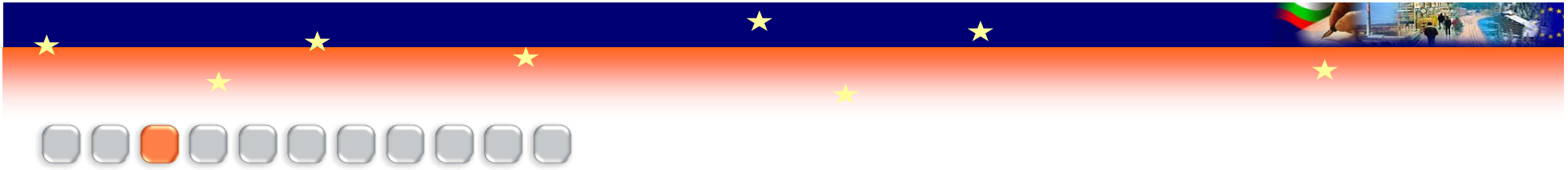


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EUR million



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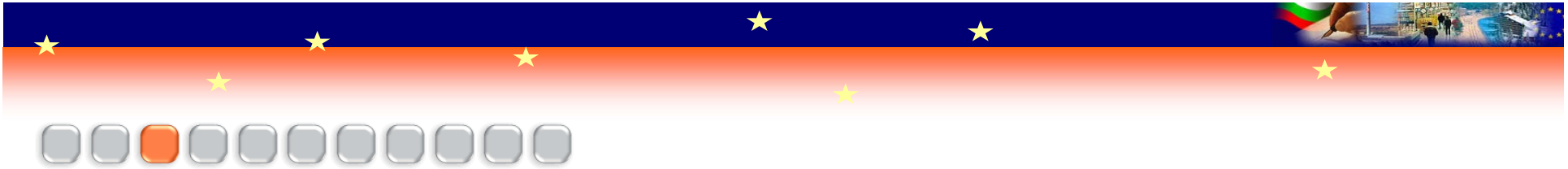
Type of financing :

- - **Research development projects - maximum grant - EUR 255 623, implementation period from 12 to 36 months;**
- - **Draft technical feasibility - maximum grant - EUR 25 562, implementation period to 1 year**



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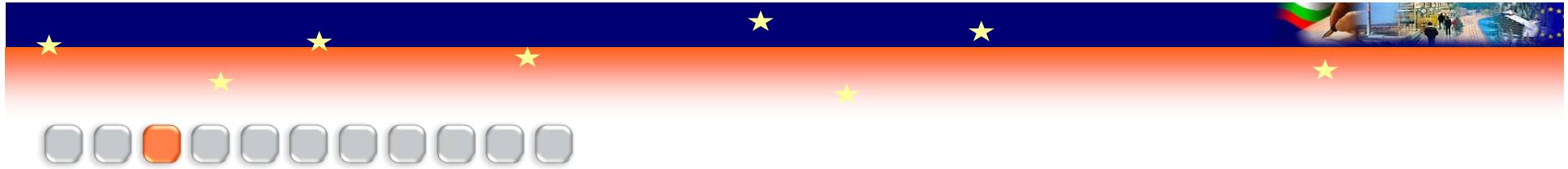
Target Group of Instrument:

Small or medium enterprise registered under Bulgarian law alone or jointly with other enterprises and/or research organizations from European Union.



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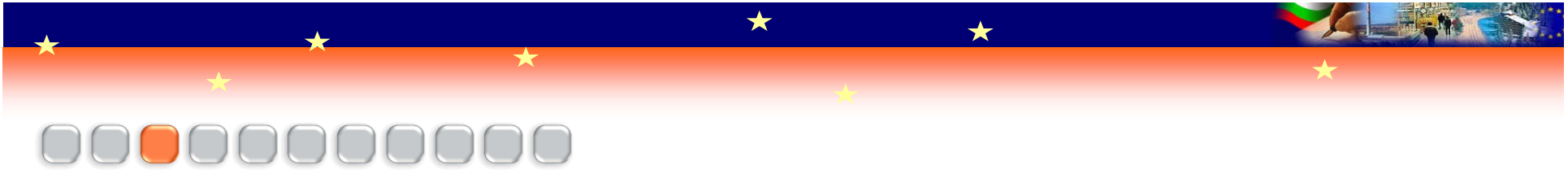
Target Sector of Instrument- innovative projects:

- from all sectors of the economy except: agriculture, forestry, fishing industry;
- aimed at achieving a new and significant scientific or technological achievement leading to additional benefits for society - contribution to the environment (energy saving and non-renewable resources, reduce emissions, etc.) increase the safety of working environment and quality workplaces, occupational safety and improving the health status of population, etc..



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PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE FUND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATION IN THE MUNICIPALITIES

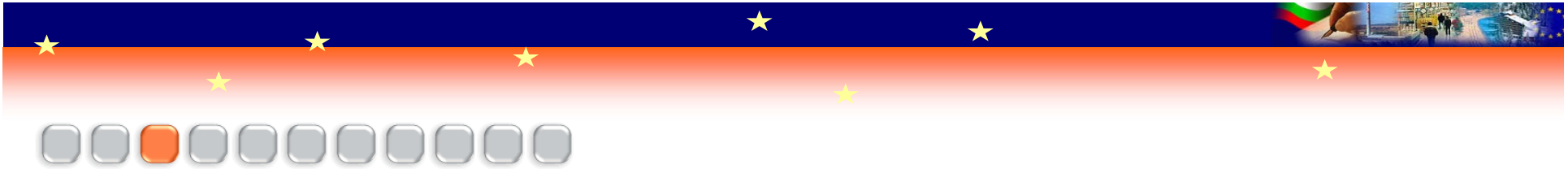
- “Ecological plant heat supply system of biomass in Bansko”
- Place of performance - **Bansko Municipality**
- Beneficiary - **Makronet Ltd.**
- Project Budget – **30 411 euro**
- Subsidy – **15 205 euro**



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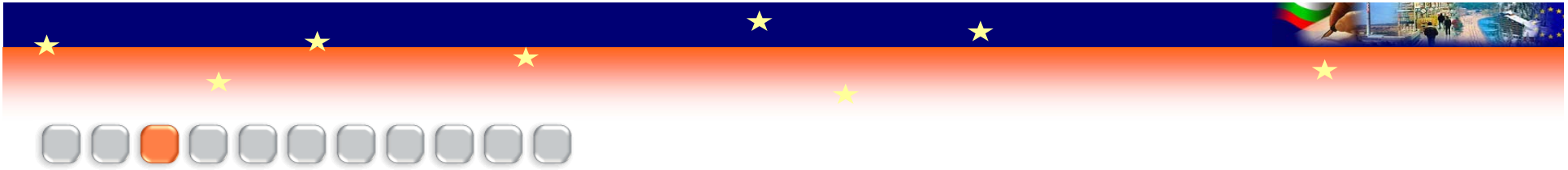
-“Virtual gas main Marica”

- Place of performance – **Sofia**
- Beneficiary - **"MetaModul" Ltd., Sofia;**
- Project Budget – **297 408 euro**
- Subsidy – **128 534 euro**



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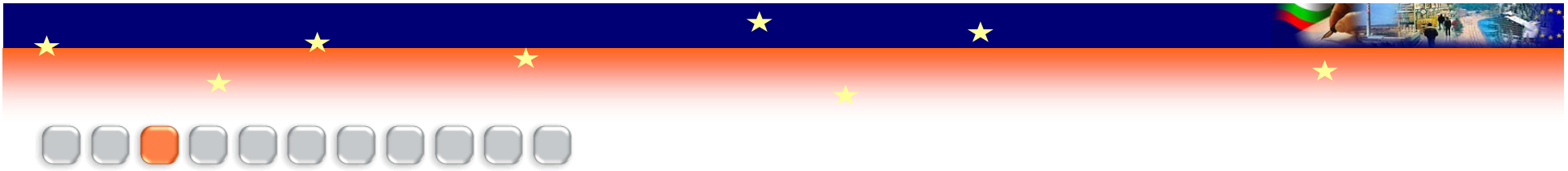
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- **“Installation to produce electricity and heat from landfill gas”**
- **Place of performance – Sofia**
- **Project Coordinator: "Chistotaiskar" Ltd., Sofia**
- **Partner: "Technical University-Sofia"**
- **Project Budget – 161 924 euro**
- **Subsidy – 69 846 euro**



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Voucher scheme

Beneficiaries are SMEs

Provider knowledge are scientific organizations and universities from the EU

Tenders are invited from SMEs to solve a problem of applied

SMEs receive a voucher in the amount of 2 700 Euro or 8 100 Euro

(the latter provides SME financing amounted to 20%)

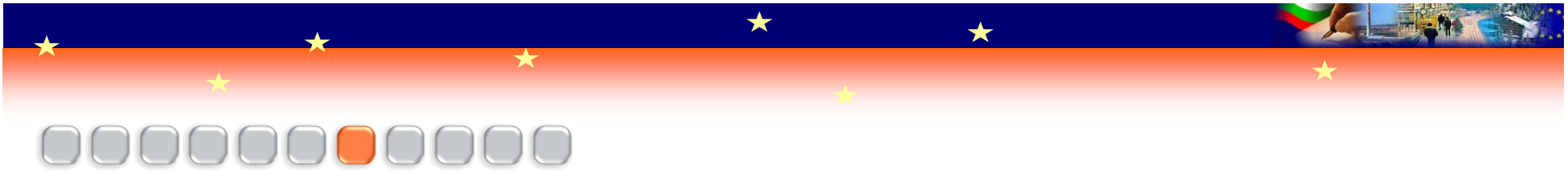
The certificate is valid for six months

At the end SME presents packing slip



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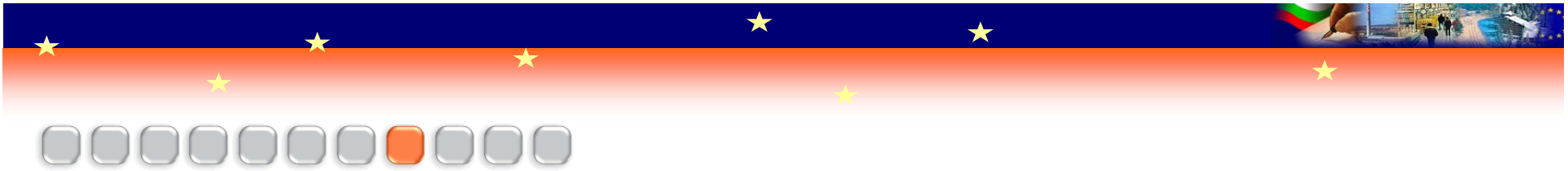
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number of project application	contracts signed	Total amount of approved projects /EUR/	the total budget of the Fund for the period 2009 – 2013 /EUR/
788	319	50 million	142 million



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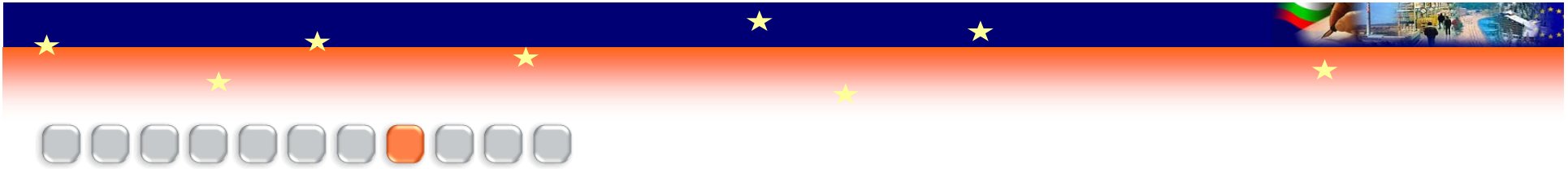
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