

# **ESPRIT at the Age of Seven - its Industrial Impact Seen from a Participant's Viewpoint**

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## **Abstract**

ESPRIT was launched in 1983 to increase the competitiveness of the European IT industry through cooperative R&D.

Starting with a historical view of the original motivations, the speaker will investigate the current status of ESPRIT, as well as give a report on advances and pitfalls of an SME (small or medium size enterprise) participating in the programme.

The talk will conclude with considering whether the programme has met its objectives, what the future in cooperative R&D will be, and which effects can already be noted with respect to the development of international markets.

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