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Technology Transfer and Innovation

Events in technology transfer and innovation field



The events provide you the opportunity to meet potential cooperation partners during pre-arranged face-to-face meetings, to present your business or technology offers. Do you want to participate at some events? Do you have technology profiles in the fields? Please contact office@ipacv.ro to support you.

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- 06 [SIFER - railway brokerage](#) Lille (France)
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- 03 [European Seafood Exposition - business partnering event](#) Brussels (Belgium)
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- 07 [BATIMAT - Sustainable construction matchmaking event](#) Paris (France)
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Useful links: [Enterprise Europe Network](#) [DG Enterprise](#) [EU-Services](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Your-Europe-Your-Business](#) [Cordis](#) <http://www.us-eu-match.com> [Executive-Agency-for-Competitiveness&Innovation-EACI](#) [EIM's Knowledge Web on SMEs & Entrepreneurship](#) [Access2Finance - EU-Finance for SMEs](#) [EU's Information Society: Thematic Portal](#) [Your Europe - Citizens portal](#) [EU law](#)

[Presentation of the Enterprise Europe Network](#) [What is a Network Partner?](#) [Find your local Enterprise Europe Network partner](#) [You are looking for a Commercial or Technology partnership ?](#)

7th b2fair matchmaking event at HANNOVER MESSE, 4-8 April 2011

This international matchmaking event are organised by the Enterprise Europe Network-Luxembourg of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in close collaboration with the Enterprise Europe Network Hanover at the NBank and the support of many colleagues of the Enterprise Europe Network.

With over 5,000 exhibitors and some 200,000 trade visitors, Hannover Messe offers an enormous potential of companies looking for business contacts on an international level. As connecting link between trade fairs and business co-operation events, b2fair allows visitors as well as exhibitors of the world's biggest industrial trade fair to optimise their trade fair participation by organising customised business meetings. Partner country of HANNOVER MESSE 2011 is France.

More... www.b2fair.com/HannoverMesse2011

Successful R&D in Europe - 3rd European Networking Event, 10-11 March 2011, D  sseldorf, Germany

Research & innovation are the key to more growth and employment – this applies for the whole of Europe. With its Seventh Framework Programme for research & technological development and the Competitiveness & Innovation Framework Programme, the EU has set the right priorities to enable players from science/business to accelerate their activities in the area of research and development. And this acceleration is essential in order to survive in a globalised world with ever shorter innovation cycles. That is our common goal.

Call for presentations is open till 18 February 2011! ; [Conference Center D  sseldorf International Airport](#), D  sseldorf

More... <http://www.frp.nrw.de/frp2/en/fpa/evt/aga/?v=500&lce=EN> ; [Event Flyer 3rd European Networking Event](#)

Brokerage & Networking event SEETRANS, Transport Research Opportunities for Southeast Europe in the EU, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 12-13 April 2011

The primary objective of this event is to help researchers from this region establish contact with counterparts in other areas of Europe and discuss ideas for project proposals. SEETRANS 2011 is being organised jointly by the European Transport NCP Alliance (ETNA), the Slovenian Ministry of Transport, the University of Maribor, and the Western Balkan Countries Inco-Net (WBC-INCO.NET). It will be carried out in conjunction with the 4th ETNA Forum Meeting. Officially appointed NCPs for the Theme "Transport (incl. Aeronautics)" from Member and Associated States can receive reimbursement of the travel costs associated with their participation in the ETNA Forum.

More... www.cdti.es/pidi

Conference Week of Innovative Regions in Europe, 7-9 June 2011, Debrecen, Hungary

WIRE2011 connects cluster development and research infrastructure policy in order to enhance innovation performances and regional development. The event will be organized jointly with the European Commission, dedicated to possible synergies between research infrastructures, cluster policy. The conference – considering the document of 'EU 2020, a strategy for a smart, sustainable, inclusive development strategy' and the 'Innovation Union Flagship Initiative' - focuses

on questions related to knowledge, innovation, competitiveness in economy with respect to research infrastructure investments, clusters, their effects on how they can support smart growth in the regions.

WIRE2011 will put on the floor urgent questions for innovation, research policy at regional level:

- Can the regions use the resources devoted to research and innovation more efficiently?
- How smart specialisation strategies can enable to optimise the use of research infrastructures by considering their role in clusters, regional innovation support systems and networks?
- Can the regional dimension of research infrastructures contribute to regional development, better regional research, innovation performance?
- Can tools, such as European Research Infrastructure Consortia, help to improve the construction of and the access to high quality large research infrastructures?

25 regions/clusters/research infrastructures will have the opportunity to present their good practices on synergies between clusters and research infrastructures.

More... www.wire2011.eu ; info@wire2011.eu

7th INSME Annual Meeting, "Competitiveness, Culture & Cross-Border Co-operation: Assisting SMEs to Grow, Innovate & Reach International Markets", 23-26 May, 2011, Helsinki, Finland

The event is expected to be gathering about **300 delegates from 40-50 Countries** around the globe!

Read the [Conference Agenda](#) of the [INSME Annual Meeting](#) which includes 6 dedicated thematic panels, 9 [roundtables](#) on specific innovation, SMEs related topics. Participation of 56 speakers from 18 Countries worldwide is confirmed.

A hall for stands exhibition/networking will also be available. No registration fee is foreseen for INSME & EPROCA Members. Registration is mandatory. Complete the [electronic online registration](#) at [Conference web](#).

More... www.annualmeeting2011.insme.org ; insme2011@insme.it

Symposium on Transatlantic EU-US Cooperation on Innovation & Technology Transfer, 22 March 2011, Vienna

The Symposium, organised by the [BILAT-USA Project](#), an initiative co-managed by [Intrasoft International](#), aims to increase mutual understanding and raise awareness on open innovation processes and structure and operations of the technology transfer and innovation systems in Europe and the U.S. Registration deadline: 15 March 2011

More... <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/home/ittsymposium>

FET11, the European Future Technologies Conference and Exhibition, Budapest, 4-6 May 2011

The [EU Future Technologies Conference & Exhibition](#) is the second part of a unique EU forum on visionary, high-risk and long-term research in information science and technology. The event, which features an exceptionally broad range of scientific fields, will sow the seeds for new ideas across disciplines that will reshape the future. **fet¹¹** is organised by the [European Commission FET program](#) and will take place under the auspices of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU.

- Check the latest [Programme](#) now available online
- Attend the launch of the FET-Flagship Pilots by Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the European Commission
- Experiment the latest [technologies](#) fresh out of the labs: observe swarm behaviour of flying robots, experience brain controlled artefacts, dive into the internet, and more
- Join Young Researchers in the lively [Science Café](#) discussions and listen to the 20x20 Ignite Talks
- Do not miss the electrifying Closing Performance mixing science, technology and art.

fet¹¹ features seven visionary keynotes, 30 multi-disciplinary scientific sessions, 28 interactive and exciting exhibitions and demonstrations, 100 posters that will give you a 360° view on Future and Emerging Technologies.

- Do you have a creative idea concerning research on future and emerging technologies that you want to share at the conference Science Café?
- The [Call for 20x20 Ignite Talks](#) is open till 25th of March!

More... <http://www.fet11.eu/> ; [Register](#)

Webstreaming of the Information Day on the ICT-PSP Programme, Call 5, Brussels, 28 February 2011

An Information Day on the fifth Call for Proposals of the ICT Policy Support Programme will be held with presentation of themes and Objectives of Call 5. The event is now fully booked but you can watch it via webstreaming.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/redirection.cfm?item_id=6747
<http://scic.ec.europa.eu/str/index.php?sessionno=01eee509ee2f68dc6014898c309e86bf>

Conference: Mobilising SMEs for the future of Europe, 24-25 May 2011, Gödöllő Castle, near Budapest, Hungary

The EC's DG Enterprise and Industry is organising together with the Hungarian EU Presidency a high-level conference "Mobilising SMEs for the future of Europe - The Small Business Act for Europe & European Enterprise Awards 2011: exchange of good practices". The event will focus on local and regional solutions to the key challenges facing SMEs and on implementing the Small Business Act (SBA) for Europe in the Member States.

The event will incorporate the European Enterprise Awards ceremony. The event will include:

- key-note speakers on implementing the Small Business Act (SBA) for Europe in the Member States and moving forward with implementing the SBA;
- workshops with inspiring local and regional examples of best practices;
- exhibition stands to present in detail the projects shortlisted for the 5th edition of the European Enterprise Awards;
- the announcement during a gala dinner of the European Enterprise Awards 2011 winners by European Commission Vice President, Hungarian Minister of State for National Economy, the President of the Committee of the Regions.

The event is aimed at local/regional public authorities/business organisations, experts from Member States' national/regional administrations.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/best-practices/charter/2011-sba-conference-budapest/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4901

3rd European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation - CONCORD-2011, October 6 2011, Seville, Spain

Conference title: *The dynamics of Europe's industrial structure and the growth of innovative firms*

The EC's DG Joint Research Centre (JRC) and Research & Innovation (RTD) invite submissions of abstracts to be presented at the Conference (CONCORD-2011). The conference will be hosted by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS). The event aims to link science, policy making by being structured around policy relevant questions, thus addressing the community of researchers, practitioners, industrialists, policy makers. In particular, it will address links, the dynamics of corporate R&D, innovation, competitiveness, economic growth. The main objectives are:

- To provide a platform for discussing corporate R&D and the way to stimulate spending on R&D via policy initiatives
- To provide relevant input, sound support to the EU policy making and to outline blank spots for further investigation

Tentatively, three thematic strands were formed:

- R&D and innovation: Sources and constraints at company level
- Industrial dynamics & the role of R&D and innovation for Europe's competitiveness
- New avenues for policy and for management practices

These general subjects will be streamlined into several thematic strands based on the response of the research community to the call for abstracts. To illustrate the kind of topics to be covered, some relevant research questions are outlined in the [Call for Abstracts](#). All abstracts and posters shall be submitted online to JRC-IPTS-IRI@ec.europa.eu

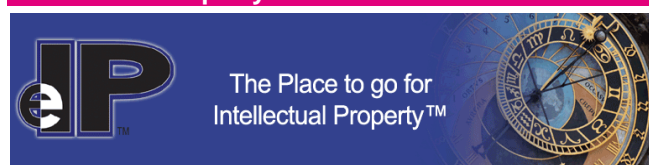
More... [Call for Abstracts](#) ; <http://iri.jrc.ec.europa.eu/concord-2011>

Technology transfer services / All reasonable models of co-operation will be considered

You are an inventor, do you have technology to transfer, do you have new products, technology based on innovations to offer; do you need new technologies, do you need technical assistance in technology transfer...

Please contact IPA CIFATT Craiova, e_mail: office@ipacv.ro ; web site: www.ipacv.ro.

Intellectual Property



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Service Sector: Logistics Services [more](#)
Service Sector: Tourism Services [more](#)
Service Sector: Environmental Services [more](#)
Service Sector: Educational Services [more](#)

SMEs

Business Offers

[IT150329-01-20110214030](#)

An Italian company based in Sicily and well known for its high quality productions of lemons would like to establish distribution agreements.

[UK150100-01-20110212003](#)

UK company world leader in the field of high performance polymer fibre reinforcement for concrete is looking to work in partnership with precasters or builders of low-cost social housing for the third world.

[GR150233-03-20110211018](#)

Greek factory which manufactures and trades quality leather shoes since 1950, having a long experience on the needs of a comfortable and protective footwear, is interested in reciprocal commercial agreements

[DE150080-01-20110202028](#)

A German company, specialised in milling technology in the dental field, is looking for trade intermediaries (agents, representatives, distributors) in Europe.

[CZ150242-03-20110210016](#)

A Czech company specialized in manufacturing of machines for paper and wood processing industry is looking for trade intermediaries and offers itself as a subcontractor.

[FR150291-05-20110210018](#)

French company specialised in pyrotechnics devices for civil safety and protection, is looking for distributors or agents for its long range bird scaring system.

Business Request

[UK225410-01-20110201021](#)

A UK SME specialises in supplying a wide range of hydraulic and pneumatic couplings and parts to the marine, shipping, boat repair, superyacht and offshore wind turbine maintenance industries and is looking for trade intermediaries in Spain.

[NO150390-01-20101123052](#)

Norwegian company is looking for agents for its waste management product in Europe. The product is a state of the art and complete pre-treatment system for organic waste.

LU225381-01-20101104060

Luxembourg company, active as an engineering company in the field of bioenergy in the areas such as planning, commissioning and operating of biogas plants, offers its services as subcontractor.

LU225381-01-20101103041

Luxembourg company, specialised in the production and delivery of electric power, is looking for a reciprocal production cooperation.

TR150285-01-20101012019

A Turkish company specialised in IPP (Independent Power Production) model energy production, co-generation and tri-generation types of power production, besides related services and operations is looking for joint venture agreements.

DE150213-03-20100920021

A German company specialising in solar systems (photovoltaic solar power systems/plants) seeks joint venture partners for the joint management and execution of projects within this field mainly in the region of Lorraine, France.

FR150403-01-20100719065

French company provides solutions for air indoor quality problems. Its expertise concerns measurement, treatment and training.

ES150205-02-20100421011

Catalan (Spain) engineering specialized in biogas energy and bio-fuel is interested in becoming subcontractor. They also offer joint-venture or reciprocal production agreements with companies.

ES150205-03-20110208042

Spanish company specialized in developing online engineering software for renewable energies industry is looking for trade intermediaries (agents, distributors and representatives) in Europe, Russia, Israel and Turkey.

MK150264-03-20101224032

Macedonian software development company involved in the field of Flash based CMS (Content Management System), PHP/MySQL based CMS, PHP/MySQL based E_Commerce and offering services in web development, SEO and international project management, is looking for trade intermediary, joint venture partners and offers subcontracting/outsourcing services.

Technology Offers

ESA: Direct voltage switching converter.

An international organization has developed a direct voltage switching converter to maximize delivered power by a space photovoltaic generator. Due to its flexibility, the technology can be used to maximize supplied current by other generators.

Technology offer for production and installing of indoor and outdoor fountains.

A small Latvian company has a lot of expertise and lasting experience in designing, production and installing of creative fountains. The solutions are original, aesthetically designed small series or custom-made according to client's requests, adapted to surrounding, optionally illuminated indoor and outdoor fountains.

Continuous Variable Transmission (CVT) based on a Planetary Gear

An Israeli inventor has invented a CVT (Continuous Variable Transmission) based on gearwheels, unlike traditional CVT's based on friction contact between metals. Advantages provided: fewer moving parts, reduced volume/weight, no clutch is needed, improved fuel consumption, lower production costs, increased gear life-cycle, more efficient/ smoother driving.

Use of GOT (glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase) blood levels as a biomarker in the stroke outcome

A Spanish university has developed a method to use the GOT (glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase) as a novel prognostic biomarker to determine the outcome of ischemic patients. This new approach represents a powerful tool to define more appropriate treatments for patients.

Quick-acting joint

The Polish company offers an innovative technology, which is a quick-acting joint used especially in pneumatics and hydraulics. Quick acting connector used to connect and disconnect the air pipes, both flexible and rigid, especially the pneumatic tubing for industrial automation.

Manure Separation Technologies

A Danish company has developed new simple manure separation technologies without the use of chemicals and with a large flexibility for treatment of different sorts of liquid media. The company is looking for an investor who ideally invests in existing innovative companies (developing companies) with main activities within manure separation.

Combined sensor for detection of electric discharges

A Russian SME developed a combined sensor to be applied at the diagnostics/protection systems for electric power equipment. The sensor considerably enhances the diagnostic procedures in the systems of arc, spark, corona protection.

Technology Request

Eradication of unwanted biomass in paint production and products

A large US company is looking for proposals for science and technologies that can prevent the build up of unwanted

biomass (e.g.

New separation and recycling methods for demolition and construction waste

A Spanish construction waste management company is looking for new technologies to separate and recycle waste resulting from demolishing and building activities, especially different types of plastics, wood and textiles. Once these materials are separated, they would be reused or transformed into different products to avoid their introduction in dumping ground.

New methods to separate oil and other elements from bilge water.

A Spanish company dedicated to waste management is looking for new technologies to treat bilge water containing noxious elements that can't be pumped out of ships and is transported to ports. The technology should consist in a mobile /fixed unit able to separate the noxious elements, facilitating a correct and optimum management of this kind of wastes.

Specialist on cryptanalysis is sought to contribute to the reaserch of unique man- made rock structures.

Bulgarian team of archeologists is doing a research on a rock complex of numerous trapezes niches cut into the rock by the ancient civilization thousands of years ago. The team is looking for a specialist who could contribute to the research and anthropological interpretation of the find by decoding the relationship and meaning of these niches.

Foaming Agents for Hot Dairy Containing Beverage

A large US company is looking for proposals for ingredients or associated technologies to produce foam in an instant hot beverage product. They are interested in licensing, proof of concept leading to scale up, supplier agreement.

Natural Compound Collections for Screening

A large US company is looking for proposals for the purchase of natural compound collections for screening. The compounds may be pure or extracts (fractionated or not) or semi-synthetic but must be derived from sustainable natural sources.

Modern Methods for Modeling Heat Exchanger Fouling

A large US company is looking for proposals for a mathematical approach to modeling fouling in heat exchangers designed to cool automotive diesel engine exhaust gases. These gases are particulate (soot) laden and undergo pulsating flow through a water cooled heat exchanger.

PS: ERA-NET - Specific And Efficient New Design Of A Ship To Be Integrated With An Onboard Fuel Cell Power System

An andalusian company develops activities/projects connected with electricity production utilizing technology fuel cells. The overall aim of the project is the new design of a ship to be integrated with an onboard fuel cell power system.

Municipal Waste Gasification Technology

A Turkish SME that has experience in renewable energy technologies, offers engineering services in municipal waste gasification technologies. It seeks state of the art, ecologically friendly and cost effective technologies on municipal waste gasification, to apply the technology in collaboration with local municipalities in Turkey.

Research / Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Who manage innovation in corporation

- 85% of Innovation Managers have new products and services development as an objective, and 69% the growth of their company. 34% only have objectives related to cost reduction
- Marketing (62%), Strategy (56%) and R&D (54%) are the most common functions within the scope of Innovation Management. Logistics and Legal (13% each) are the less frequent ones.
- Innovation budgets have increased by 5.9% and staff by 2.9% in 2010 in spite of the crisis. They are expected to increase respectively by 7.5% and 11.5% in 2011
- 38% of Innovation Managers produce public information, either internally (Intranet 64%, Internal publications 49%) or supervised by PR department (51%) and advertising agency (36%)
- Social medias are considered corporate tools by 10% of the respondents' companies, but Innovation Managers lead the trend as 18% use Twitter professionally, 33% Facebook and 51% LinkedIn
- 88% of Innovation Managers collaborate with their suppliers to develop new projects, 50% with their B2B clients and 15% only with the consumer or the end user
- 95% of Innovation Managers think they should report to their CEO, 66% regularly meet with him and 10% only are members of the Executive Committee
- 92% of Innovation Managers think that innovation should involve all the collaborators of the company, 51% of them think this is the case today in their companies

More... <http://www.actone.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/HEC-Act-One-Survey-Executive-Summary-and-Verbatim.pdf>

GE survey on innovation

The survey asked 1,000 executives in 12 countries on what drives innovations in the future.

More... <http://files.gereports.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/GIB-results.pdf>

Partner Search

Partner search for a SEE proposal

I'm developing for some relevant Italian authorities a SEE proposal <http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/> regarding the improvement of new settlements / new city suburbs/ new city buildings in a green direction (this mean taking specific care in issues relating to energy, recycling, green environments, water management, building constructions materials, etc.). We are looking for partners in order to realise a great project consortia. The project call is not yet published but is expected for April. We need to start working on it in advance.

The partners should come mainly from the following countries (the SEE countries): Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Bosnia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraina.

Contact: Christina Paci, e-mail address: christinapaci@hotmail.com

Interreg IVC partner search from Castilla y Leon region (Spain)

A Non-profit organization from Castilla y Leon region (Spain), working on the research and treatment in Mental Health, is looking for partners for an **Interreg IVC** project proposal (deadline 1st April).

The project proposal "**INNOCARE**" focuses on raising awareness and enabling policy-makers to effectively design innovation strategies addressed to dependant and elderly people in the social-health domain, so that to preserve and enhance independence and dignity in all aspects of life. The lead partner is looking for Regional Government Authorities from the Socio-health area interested in this project proposal. Expressions of interest should be sent as soon as possible and are welcomed from every European country.

Contact: Ana Cuadrado, consorcios@adeuropa.org

POWER OF RESEARCH - Project Online Computer Game based on European Research

The Commission's Directorate for Health research has funded a very interesting Communication Project for which we would like to ask your participation.

Power of Research (PoR) is a new, massive multiplayer, browser-based online game that has been developed by a FP7 Support Action. A free online computer game based on EU health research. The game has two environments: the lab and the hospital. Players start as individual researchers, and have to develop their careers, publish articles, test therapies, etc, in a number of fields. By increasing their knowledge and expertise (i.e. points in the game), they can manage their own group, create virtual research institutes, coordinate other players, participate in collaborative research, etc... even win a Nobel Prize. The game is also developing a knowledge database with links and info related to EU-funded projects.

The beta version of Power of Research has just been released. The developers are looking for beta-testers, who like computer games and biomedical science and want to provide useful criticism.

More... <http://bet2.powerofresearch.eu/>

PIMEC SME Association of Catalunya Spain

PIMEC the SME association of Catalunya, are the largest SME body in Spain with over 80'000 members. I head up our International Innovation Unit which assists our members participating in EU funded projects and introducing our members into consortiums. Our unit is funded by the Spanish government with the explicit aim of assisting Spanish companies to link up with internationally led consortiums.

I would like to ask you to circulate my details to your members colleagues and associates that if they have any project proposals or consortiums in the pipeline to please contact me and my unit can find any partner for any kind of project in any area. Our members come from all areas of industry so whatever the topic I can find the perfect partner to fit any project. Project proposers and coordinators have the advantage that their time is not wasted searching for partners and validating them etc since our unit does all this for free.

Contact: Robert Carroll, 902 496 450 ; RCarroll@pimec.org ; www.pimec.org

CIVITAS Call - Profiles of Spanish Public Authority

Please find the following profile of an entity that would like to join consortia in progress for the CIVITAS Plus II call:

Zaragoza, medium-size city in the heart of Spain, that is also supported by an important logistics centre and the regional public technology institute.

Contact: Jeanett Bolther, Skype: zlc_financial_aid_office, jbolther@zlc.edu.es , www.zlc.edu.es

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

MANUNET II Call in manufacturing research

Objective: The strategic objective of the [MANUNET call for proposals](http://www.manunet.net/proposals) is to foster the competitiveness of Europe's Manufacturing Industry by supporting the funding of manufacturing research projects performed by enterprises (preferably SMEs) and their strategic partnerships and high risk R&D projects related to manufacturing industry. The funding objectives of the call are transnational application oriented and high risk R&D projects related to Manufacturing.

Eligibility criteria: consortia consisting of at least 2 independent SMEs belonging to 2 different participating regions from different European Countries can apply for the MANUNET funding.

Participating countries/regions: Asturias (Spain); Basque Country (Spain); Catalonia (Spain); Estonia; Franche-Comté (France); Germany; Israel; Lower Austria (Austria); Luxembourg; Navarra (Spain); Northern Ireland (United Kingdom); Piedmont (Italy); Romania; Slovakia; Switzerland; Turkey; Tuscany (Italy); Wallonia (Belgium); Western Greece (Greece).

Deadline for full proposals submission: **14th July 2011**

More... <http://www.manunet.net/index>

The Millennium Technology Prize 2011

The [Millennium Technology Prize](#), awarded by the [Millennium Prize Foundation](#), a Finnish independent fund, represents the Finland's tribute to life-enhancing technological innovations.

The Millennium Technology Prize is awarded for a specific groundbreaking innovation in the field of technology which promotes people's quality of life and sustainable development. **Eligibility criteria:** It can be awarded to a research and development team or to a single individual from all over the World. It can also be shared between two or three individuals who are shown to have made a critical contribution of essentially equal merit to the success of the innovation. The award amounts to more than **1 MEur**. **Deadline: 31 July 2011**

More... Download the [Nomination form](#) ; <http://www.millenniumprize.fi/>

European Business Technology Center project Call for Expression of Interest

The [EBTC](#) (European Business and Technology Centre) has recently launched a Call for Expression of Interest for the participation in the **“EBTC Biotechnology Business & Research Delegation to India”**, a mission co-organised by [Innovhub](#), in collaboration with [Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum](#) and [ACC10- Government of Catalonia](#).

The mission, foreseen from **2-6 May, 2011 in Bangalore** (India), will be open to all EU companies, research organizations, individual researchers, cluster representatives, Universities operating in the area of red, white, green and bioinformatics. The purpose of the delegation is to understand the Indian biotech market and to explore business opportunities in the field of biotechnologies associated with climate change and sustainable development and to discover future trends in the Indian biotech sector. **Deadline for submission: 18th March 2011**

EU companies and researchers interested in joining the mission are invited to submit their **“Expression of Interest form”** and send it to biotech@ebtc.eu or fax to +91-(0)11-45172209.

More... the [Invitation](#) and the [Press Release](#) ; [EBTC project](#).

Call for tenders - EuropeAid: B-Brussels: DCI – central Asian education platform

The aim is to improve the capacity of public servants and organisations in the education sector to contribute to the modernisation and adaptation of education systems in central Asia so that these systems can better respond to the needs of a globalised world. Amount: 2 000 000 EUR.

More... [Forecast](#) ; <http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:57994-2011:TEXT:EN:HTML> ; <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/>

Policy

INNOVA Europe: ACCESSRU - Bringing European and Russian S&T communities closer

The [ACCESSRU Project](#) is a special support action co-funded by the FP7 Capacities Specific Programme of the EC aimed **to facilitate the access of the EU Organisations to Russian research programmes**, to implement several pilot cases, success stories. Appropriate dissemination methodology of the access opportunities across EU & Russia will ensure maximum impact and open larger scope of potential cooperation.

More... <http://www.access4.eu/russia/index.php>

European Small Business Portal

This portal, managed by [European Commission- DG Enterprise & Industry](#) and financed under the [Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme \(CIP\)](#), gathers together all the information provided by the EU on and for SMEs, ranging from practical advice to policy issues, from local contact points to networking links.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/small-business/index_en.htm

Promoting Entrepreneurship

Small firms depend on entrepreneurs - the individuals who have the ideas and are willing to take the risks necessary to get a firm off the ground. EU needs more entrepreneurs and the EC is looking at ways in which potential entrepreneurs may be encouraged to set up firms. First, there are cultural factors which discourage too many people from starting a business. We need to develop a more entrepreneurial culture, starting with young people and from school education. Also there is too often a stigma attached to failure. Second, the administrative requirements - are often a major factor in putting entrepreneurs off. Third, entrepreneurs need to find it easier to attract investors.

[Read more ...](#)

Commission consults on radical changes to EU research and innovation funding

At the beginning of February the EC launched a consultation on major improvements to EU research and innovation funding to make participation easier, increase scientific, economic impact, improve value for money. The EC's Green Paper provides the basis for far-reaching simplification of procedures/rules. Stakeholders have until 20 May 2011 to respond.

[Read more ...](#)

Commission launches action plan to reduce early school leaving

More than six million young people in the EU leave education and training with lower secondary level qualifications at best. They face severe difficulties in finding work, are more often unemployed and more often dependent on welfare benefits. The EC has presented an action plan that will help Member States to achieve the EU 2020 headline target of reducing the EU average rate of early school leavers to under 10%, from the current level of 14.4%, by the end of the decade.

[Read more](#)

Commission calls for universal access to pre-school education

European households includes a child under the age of six. 19 million of them - one in five - are at risk of poverty. For the first time, the Commission has launched an action plan aimed at giving every child a better start in life and to lay the foundations for successful lifelong learning, social integration, personal development and employability later in life. The Commission's proposals, which include a call for universal access to quality pre-school education, will also contribute to two of the headline targets of the Commission's 'Europe 2020' strategy - reducing the share of early school leavers to under 10% and to lift at least 20 million people out of the risk of poverty and social exclusion.

[Read more](#)

Events

International Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Systems, Sensors, Devices & Information Technology, S2DIT, July 11-14, 2011, Bucharest, Romania

The conference is organized under the auspicious of **Concordia University, Montreal, Canada**. The aim of the event is to provide a high-level international forum for scientists, engineers, educators and practitioners to present the state of art of research work in the fields of systems, sensors, devices and information technology. **Deadline:** Submissions of Full Papers: March 1, 2011. The **areas of interest** and focus of this conference will be on and not limited to the following:

- Control Systems and Applications ; Communication Systems ; Power Systems and Power Electronics
- Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) Devices and Nanotechnology
- Signal Processing, Multimedia and System Information Technology

More... <http://www.s2dit.org/> ; contact@s2dit.org ; Phoenixia Grand Hotel (<http://www.phoenicia.ro/>)

E-Health: Working Towards a New Holistic Healthcare Plan for EU, 23-24 March 2011 Brussels, Belgium

Health practitioners face new and evolving challenges, such as ageing populations, personalised healthcare requirements, new regulations, whilst adjusting to financial pressures, increasing public expectations. The symposium will address these challenges, look at the latest technological developments, including management of patient treatments, electronic prescriptions, digital medical imaging, electronic medical records, data security, with a view to improving the quality and efficiency of healthcare across Europe.

More... <http://health.parlicentre.eu/> ; info@parlicentre.eu

Webit Expo & Conferences, 26-27 October 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria

The event is the 2011 only event of the digital industry of Central and Eastern EU and one of the biggest in EU. Webit provides its exhibitors / sponsors / presenters with unparalleled visibility, business opportunities. The visitors get a profound knowledge of the local digital markets, the trends of the digital marketing, e-governance, e-business.

In 2010, more than **5 100 visitors from 21 countries** attended Webit Expo & Conferences, 35% of which holding a C-Level / VP / Director job title. More than 300 members of the press were on-site, representing more than 140 media groups. In 2011 (the third year of the event) we expect more than **7000 visitors**.

In 2011 Webit we have added new challenging conferences and events including: the **DevCamp Workshops**, the **StartUp Village Expo & Conference**, the **Creative Lounge**, the **eGov Summit**, the **Open Theatres**. The deadline for taking advantage of Webit sponsorship opportunities is **1 April**. The deadline for **booking your stand** at 2011 Webit is **15 April**.

More... [Webit Expo & Conferences](#) ; [PDF document](#) ; aniela@e-acad.eu ; www.WebitExpo.com

19th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition, 6-10 June 2011, Berlin

Biomass as energy source of the future can contribute to solve two of the most important challenges humanity is facing: climate change and energy supply. One of the major causes of climate change is the generation of energy. Biomass can serve as a substitute for nearly all types of energy. The decisive advantage is the neutral CO2 balance, if biomass is used in an environmentally sustainable way.

We are determined to focus on using the big potential of biogenic residues. Straw, the biogenic fraction of municipal waste and other organic waste materials are only a few examples of bioenergy sources that until now have not been used in every country to their possible extend. The use of such materials can also represent certain technological challenges.

And there is another competing use of agricultural areas that is the biochemical conversion of crops, primarily to substitute raw materials for the chemical industry. The use of renewable resources for the generation of base chemicals, bio-based polymers or even pharmaceuticals provides new dynamic perspectives. These applications will soon offer much more Economic Value Added than energy crops. Thus, cascade use is the key towards sustainable biomass utilisation.

More... biomass.conference@wip-munich.de ; biomass.conference@etaflorence.it ; www.conference-biomass.com

Sustainable Transport Systems Influencing Travel Behaviour, The Barbican, London, 14 April 2011

At the conference the leading policies and approaches will be discussed to ensure that the UK can gain both economically/ environmentally by investing in sustainable transport systems. There will also be a panel debate taking place in the afternoon: "Transport Efficiency vs. Sustainability".

More... [programme](#) ; Register to attend [here](#)

6th ENERGY FORUM on Solar Building Skins, 06-07 December 2011, Bressanone, Italy

The aim of the Conference is to contribute to a multidisciplinary, integrated planning approach among architects, engineers, scientists, energy managers and manufacturers, to reduce energy consumption while improving the comfort and health of the building's occupants. Emphasis will be placed on the latest developments and innovations in integrated components for the building industry, in particular with regard to multifunctional building envelopes. We would be happy to review your proposal and to include your presentation in our conference program or poster presentation.

More... <http://www.energy-forum.com/>

- 7-8 March 2011, [The 12th MedTech Investing Europe Conference](#), Produced in collaboration with Imperial College London and École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5-7 April 2011, [4th PRO INNO Europe® Annual Partnering Event "Innovating knowledge transfer"](#), Hosted by European Patent Office (EPO), in collaboration with the EC's DG Enterprise and Industry, Munich, Germany
- 29 March 2011, [PERIA Conference 2011 "Regional innovation agencies in Europe: towards a new era!"](#), CARINNA, the Champagne-Ardenne Research and Innovation Agency, Reims, France
- 29- 31 March 2011, [EU Innovation Conference](#), Co-organized by REG X, the Innovation Roundtable, Billund, Denmark
- 29-30 March 2011, [15th Innovact: The European Forum for Innovative Start-Ups](#), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Reims and Epernay, Reims, France
- 30-31 March 2011, [TCI Conference "Inspiring Clusters in the Beginning of the New Decade"](#), TCI and the Baltic Innovation Agency – BIA, Tallinn, Estonia
- 22-23 March 2011, [10th European Forum on Eco-Innovation "Towards a Resource Efficient Economy - From Policy to Action"](#), ETAP-Environmental Technologies Action Plan, Birmingham, UK
- 25 March 2011, [Clusters as Drivers of Competitiveness: Strategies & Policy Issues](#), University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 16- 17 March 2011, [EUREKA Days](#), Korea Institute of Advancement of Technology-KIATA, supported by EUREKA, Seoul, South-Korea
- 16- 17 March 2011, [Breakthrough Innovation 2011](#), Hosted by Connecting Group, Barcelona, Spain

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

Hermetic Packaging Design of MEMS	7-8.03.2011	Lausanne (CH)
Reliability and Test	7-8.03.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Micro Assembly using Surface Tension	9.03.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Labs-on-Chip Technologies: Basics and Applications	10-11.03.2011	Stockholm (Sw)
Next-generation lithography with focused electron beams	22.03.2011	Dübendorf (CH)
Microsystems in Biomedical Engineering and Medical Products	29-30.03.2011	Barcelona, (Sp)
Optical MEMS	31.03.2011	Lausanne (CH)
Micropositioning	06-07.04.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits - NEW!	14.04.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Electron Microscopy: recent progress in methodologies and new applications	28.04.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Polymer Microfabrication (2 days)	03-04.05.2011	Karlsruhe (DE)

More... <http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php>

22nd EAEEIE Annual Conference, Maribor, Slovenia, June 13-15, 2011

The EAEEIE (European Association for Education in Electrical and Information Engineering) is a European non-profit organization, with members from nearly seventy European Universities, most of them teaching in the area of Electrical and Information Engineering (EIE). The mission of the EAEEIE is to enhance education in EIE through understanding of European education practices, industry participation, continuing education, credit transfer in international exchanges, scientific and educational research, and to determine criteria to establish standards on EIE education. EAEEIE 2011 is organized by the University of Maribor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Institute of Informatics, Database Technology Laboratory.

The objective of the Conference is to bring together lecturers, researchers and professionals in the field of EIE all over Europe with the aim to exchange ideas and information and contribute to the development of EIE education. Additionally, a special parallel **session for postgraduate students** presenting their work will be organized. A special best paper award will also be presented for works presented in this session.

Full paper submissions are preferred. [Electronic submission](#) (using the [paper submission system](#)) in PDF format is required. Please identify a contact author with his/her affiliation and e-mail address.

Proceedings: After the conference the formal proceedings will be produced and made available via IEEE Xplore.

More... <http://eaeie2011.uni-mb.si> ; eaeie2011@uni-mb.si ; welzer@uni-mb.si ; marko.holbl@uni-mb.si

Calendar of training courses in project management, regional and SMEs development

Finance in FP7, 15 March 2011, Brussels, Belgium, <http://www.singleimage.co.uk/workshop-schedule-workshop-12>

6th European Annual Symposium EU Funds ERDF-ESF-CF-EAFRD-EFF, 28-30 March 2011, Berlin, [Click here](#)

Training courses in SMEs Management & Development, Galilee Management Institute, Nazareth Israel www.galilcol.ac.il

More... [Cordis Europa Events](#) ; [Selected Events 2010](#)



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