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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](mailto:office@ipacv.ro) to support you.

#### May 2011

- 03 [ISICPEAW 2011, International SiC Power Electronics Application Workshop](#) Stockholm (Sweden)
- 03 [European Seafood Exposition - business partnering event](#) Brussels (Belgium)
- 05 [B2B@BalticFuture 2011 - Brokerage Event for Maritime Sector and Offshore Wind Energy](#) Hansemesse Rostock (Germany)
- 05 [Brokerage event PROECO 2011- recycling, waste management](#) Banska Bystrica (Slovakia)
- 05 [B2B @ M2M - Brokerage event in the machine to machine sector and virtual meetings in key applications](#) Milan (Italy)
- 05 [AGRO ARCA - Brokerage event](#) Visnjica (Slatina) (Croatia)
- 06 [Open Database Camp](#) Pula (Italy)
- 10 [IDEF 2011 Brokerage Event](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 10 [B2B @ TUTTOFOOD 2011](#) Milan (Italy)
- 11 [AUTOSTRADA-POLSKA 2011 Brokerage Event](#) Kielce (Poland)
- 11 [GENERA 2011 BROKERAGE EVENT](#) Madrid (Spain)
- 12 [Web X.0 - Company Mission in Web based technologies](#) Porto (Portugal)
- 12 [MoneyTalks® Forum - Matchmaking and Networking event](#) Tampere (Finland)
- 16 [Pro'energy Technological & Business Meetings on renewable energies and sustainable construction](#) Perpignan (France)
- 16 [Low Carbon Transport Mission](#) Belgrade (Serbia)
- 18 ["Unlocking the Potential" - a regional b2b networking event](#) Valletta (Malta)
- 18 [Barcelona Motor Show - Brokerage Event](#) Barcelona (Spain)
- 18 [B2B matchmaking at waste to energy+recycling 2011](#) Bremen (Germany)
- 19 [Design of semiconductor components & electronic based miniaturised systems: EU-Russian R&D cooperation"](#) Ulyanovsk (Russian Federation)
- 20 [International Matchmaking event "INVESTMENTS, COOPERATION & INNOVATIONS" in the framework of International Economic Forum "The Open City for New Ideas & Innovations", Kaunas](#) Kaunas (Lithuania)
- 23 [Update 2011](#) Helsingborg (Sweden)
- 23 [ILSI Biomed 2011](#) Tel Aviv (Israel)
- 25 [2nd EU-Russia Innovation Forum](#) Lappeenranta (Finland)
- 25 [Dem@t-Tech](#) Alençon / Normandy (France)
- 25 [Pro'hydro](#) Montpellier (France)
- 26 [Engineering 2011](#) Nitra (Slovakia)
- 30 [BETTER-PRACTICE-EXCHANGE 2011 – ENERGY](#) Potsdam (Germany)
- 31 [11. International Fair of Fish Processing and Fish Products](#) Gdansk (Poland)

## June 2011

- 02 [VISIO 2011](#) Bilbao (Spain)
- 03 [International matchmaking event "B2B GOLF"](#) Klaipeda (Lithuania)
- 08 [SEAGITAL : the international event on IT for sea](#) Le Havre (France)
- 08 [Innovat&Match 2011](#) Bologna (Italy)
- 09 [Brokerage Event on Solar Technology](#) Munich (Germany)
- 10 [Brokerage Event in REW Istanbul 2011](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 16 [ICCI Synergy Match 2011: "Feel the synergy between the energies..."](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 16 [Baltic Business Arena](#) Stockholm (Sweden)
- 17 [Health + eHealth 2011 Brokerage event](#) Rome (Italy)
- 18 [German Business Mission to Constanta/Romania](#) Constanta (Romania)
- 28 [Asia-EU Business Matchmaking and Networking 2011 Changsha](#) Changsha (China)
- 28 [Transnational Brokerage event NMP/PPP 2012 calls](#) Strasbourg (France)
- 30 [World Nuclear and Radiation Expo Korea 2011 \(NURE 2011\)](#) Gyeonggi-do (Korea, Republic of)

## September 2011

- 14 [Energy is Future 2011](#) Ankara (Turkey)
- 19 [ETNDT5 brokerage event](#) Ioannina (Greece)
- 19 [Brokerage Event at EMO 2011 in Hannover- Meet the World of Metalworking](#) Hannover (Germany)

## October 2011

- 10 [ANUGA Matchmaking](#) Cologne (Germany)

## November 2011

- 09 [HERVEX-Hydraulics, pneumatics, mechanics, dedicated electronic devices, mechatronics](#) Calimanesti (Romania)
- 10 [BATIMAT - Sustainable construction matchmaking event](#) Paris (France)
- 15 [WATEC Israel 2011](#) Tel Aviv (Israel)
- 18 [Philoxenia 2011:B2B Event in the Tourism Sector](#) Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 23 [Transnational Technology Transfer Day POLEKO 2011](#) Poznan (Poland)
- 24 [TECH INDUSTRY 2011](#) Riga (Latvia)

**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 ?](#)

### Unlocking the potential, Regional B2B Networking event for SMEs, Malta, 18-19 May 2011

Malta Enterprise invites you to participate at the Euro-Mediterranean Networking Event for SMEs. This event represents an excellent platform for you to personally meet with foreign entrepreneurs, discuss business cooperation over two days. The 2-day event will focus mainly on 1-to-1 meetings between Maltese entrepreneurs, visiting foreign companies. Over 100 delegates have registered from Malta, Germany, Italy, UK, Russia, Libya, Greece, Cyprus, Iceland, Turkey, Luxembourg, Poland and Pakistan. The visiting SMEs will present credible business propositions in the following sectors:

- ICT
- Food and beverage processing
- Education & training services
- Creative industries & audiovisuals
- Renewables and environment

An **FP7 Cafe'** will be running on both days, showcasing Maltese & non-Maltese project consortia looking for FP7 partners. Companies having stands at the FP7 Cafe' will be able to connect with other interested parties via Skype so as to improve the networking. During the event, we shall provide you with a stand, internet connection and a Skype account. Companies that are not able to attend the event may wish to contact you through Skype.

As soon as companies book a stand, they shall also have your detailed profile uploaded onto our site.

This service is provided at **free of charge** but on a **first come, first served basis**.

*Register now and join us to strengthen your competitiveness, meet the right persons, gain new skills, access new resources for joint projects and business collaboration!*

**More...** [www.maltab2b.eu](http://www.maltab2b.eu) or [internationalisation@maltaenterprise.com](mailto:internationalisation@maltaenterprise.com)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of SMEs, Competitiveness, Culture and Cross-Border Co-operation: Assisting SMEs to Grow, Innovate and Reach International Markets", 23-26 May 2011, Helsinki, Finland

[The International Network for SMEs](#) (INSME) aims to promote the internationalisation of the national innovation systems, to encourage, facilitate transnational cooperation among innovation stakeholders worldwide, to fostering SMEs' access to existing knowledge. The [Annual Meeting](#) is the right place to take stock of the main Network achievements, to increase **knowledge sharing** among the INSME Members, **learning from other Members' experiences**, from their case studies, also with a view to encouraging and accelerating cross border cooperation activities on a voluntary basis among them. But it is much more than this: for all innovation stakeholders and practitioners, including **policymakers, international**

**organisations, academic experts, business intermediaries, and knowledge networks**, it represents the ideal venue to meet the right players, to discuss the right topics, potentially to identify the right talents, partners, clients, sponsors, investors for their activity. It is a remarkable worldwide window for Members, innovation actors to market their projects, ideas, reaching the appropriate professional audience. It is about a **meeting of minds with a "brain cross-fertilization" effect**. Registration online as soon as possible at: <https://events.congreszon.fi/INSME2011/en/ParLogin.jsp>  
The REGISTRATION DEADLINE is 10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2011!! Registration is mandatory to confirm any participation.  
**More...** [www.annualmeeting2011.insme.org](http://www.annualmeeting2011.insme.org) ; [insme2011@insme.it](mailto:insme2011@insme.it)

#### **Workshop: Smart Specialization: the future of EU Regional Innovation Policy, 30 May 2011, Rome, Hilton Hotel Fiumicino Airport**

Smart Specialization is a brand-new model proposed by the DG Regio, based on the DG Research & Innovation work to channel the next round of Structural Funds resources to regions, which could have a strong impact on European Regional Innovation Systems and their Supply Subsidiaries. By attending the workshop participants will:

- have a preview of the new EU Policy approaches for Innovation Policies at regional level for 2014-2020
- understand the scope and aims of Smart Specialization Strategy
- share insights and ideas with colleagues and experts on possible forthcoming scenarios for Innovation Intermediaries
- have the opportunity to prepare a positioning of their organization regarding negotiations with Regional Authorities
- obtain the know-how to expand their network at international level together with colleagues & Innovation Policy experts

**Who should attend:** Directors or Managers of Innovation intermediary organizations such as Regional Development Agencies, Cluster management companies, Technology Transfer Centres, Research centres, Centres for Excellence, Business Innovation Centres, Business Incubators and Financial Agencies

**More...** For details, please click [HERE](#)

#### **EURADA Annual Conference: Towards a new generation of SME support services, Brussels 12-13 May 2011**

Conference organised in cooperation with Take It Up, a project funded by the EC's CIP Programme within the framework of the Europe Innova Initiative. Join practitioners in economic development in order to:

- Learn about the results of Europe INNOVA projects and of other initiatives
- Exchange experience on:
  - Financial Support Services to SMEs: Crowdfunding & IPR Funds
  - Support Services to Innovative Enterprises: Microsoft Incubator & Detecting Innovation Potential of SMEs
  - New Approaches to Business Partnerships and Networks: Open Innovation & "Vitrines technologiques"
  - Imagine how to add new services to your portfolio of activities
  - Exchange views with representatives of the European Commission, including at lunch
- Participate on Thursday 12 May 2011 in a working lunch with EU representatives

**More...** <http://tinyurl.com/5sv62rf>

#### **Conference Regions for Economic Change - Fostering Smart & Sustainable Growth in Cities & Regions, 23-24 June 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

Following the publications of the EC's communications on the **EU 2020 Flagship Initiative Innovation Union**, on Regional Policy contributing to smart growth in Europe 2020, the conference will highlight **excellent projects, initiatives** from cities and regions, both within the main conference workshops as well as within the RegioStars awards ceremony. The conference will further present and discuss a range of key tools and networks for smart and sustainable growth in cities and regions and discuss the concept of "smart specialisation" and its practical implications for regional development and innovation strategies. In this context the Commission will launch its "Smart Specialisation Platform", a new initiative designed to offer assistance in drawing up regional smart specialisation strategies.

Please note that seating for this year's conference is limited to 400 participants with preference given to decision-makers, Structural Funds managers from EU regions and key stakeholders of the EU regional policy and innovation communities.

**More...** <http://regions-economic-change.teamwork.fr/participants/registration>

#### **ISPIM: The Innovation in Financial Services Summit, Luxembourg, 22 -23 September 2011**

Submission Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Themes:

- Defining and understanding innovation in the financial sector
- Effects of organizational innovation in the financial industry
- Measuring innovation in financial services
- Methods and tools for innovation in the financial services sector
- Open Innovation and collaboration in the financial sector
- Stimulating financial innovation through regulation
- Sustainability in finance
- Other topical issues in innovation in financial services

**More...** <http://luxsummit.ispim.org/index.php/home/call>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Russia Innovation Forum, 25-26 May 2011, Lappeenranta, Finland**

The Forum aims to offer a platform for setting up cooperation projects between the EU and Russia. Best practices in innovative management through European & Russian case studies will be presented. A focus will be given to development, cooperation opportunities in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy, ICT, health. A large business



matchmaking event, in cooperation with the European Enterprise Network and an Innovation Exhibition will be organised in connection with the Forum. 300 European & Russian companies are expected to attend the event.

**More...** <http://www.eurussaiinnoforum.com/>

### **The Nordic-German-Polish Cluster Excellence Conference 2011, 26-27 May 2011, Copenhagen, Denmark**

It is organised by Nordic Innovation Centre & Danish Agency for Science, Technology, Innovation in cooperation with agencies, organisations from Germany, Iceland, Norway, Poland, Sweden. You will have the opportunity to:

- Meet and share experiences with more than 200 of the best cluster managers in Europe;
- Organise business meetings with other cluster managers in order to explore further possibilities for collaboration
- Hear the recommendations for cluster excellence performance based on an benchmarking of almost 200 clusters;
- Participate in thematic workshops focusing of best practice within areas of strategic interest of cluster managers - e.g. international collaboration, branding of the cluster etc.;
- Learn more about the possibilities of getting financial support for international collaboration.

**More...** <http://www.nordicinnovation.net/article.cfm?id=3-853-827>

### **Funding for Infrastructure Projects, Supporting Invaluable Economic Growth, 22 June 2011, Barbican London**

Are you aware of the government's infrastructure investment programme which will provide £200 billion of investment over the next five years? We announce the launch of a brand new national conference which will look at how infrastructure provides the crucial link allowing people, goods, information to move freely, for communities, businesses to prosper, to deliver a low carbon economy, a sustainable transport network, improvements in digital communications, to manage water, waste, risk of flooding.

At the event, delegates will look at how renewed investment in public infrastructure is vital for the economy to flourish. Our speakers will discuss the vision to bring long-term stability to investment, explore innovations in finance, the potential of public-private partnerships, new investment models. Delegates will hear the best ways to improve infrastructure on a regional and national level and how to secure private investment

**More...** [Read more...](#); [Register to attend here](#)

### **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](mailto:office@ipacv.ro) ; web site: [www.ipacv.ro](http://www.ipacv.ro).

## **SMEs**

### **Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment, Romania: Romania Business Passport 2011**

Romania Business Passport 2011 contains information in summary form and is intended for general guidance about the Romanian economic and financial framework.

[Download](#) the Romania Business Passport.

### **Technology Request**

#### **Online video editing solution**

A French company, which specializes in rich media products and services for Web/Mobile 2.0 has developed an innovative technology providing a feature-rich Online Video Editing functionality to websites, businesses and users.

#### **Electronic dimmer switch for heating matting sought**

A German SME developed a novel (bed) matting using infrared technique to put under or into a mattress to keep it dry and warm. The maximum temperature which can be reached is 75 degrees Celsius.

## **Research / Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

### **Six Benefits of Developing an International Business Plan**

Too many companies start off their export business without evaluating markets or market entry options for their products and/or services. Some companies may enjoy some level of success in the beginning with this haphazard approach, however many opportunities will most likely be overlooked. Additionally, if your company's export experiences are unsuccessful because of poor planning, it is likely your company may abandon exporting altogether.

An International Business Plan will increase the chances that the best options will be chosen, that resources will be used effectively, and that efforts will consequently be carried through to success. It offers a step by step approach using the best tools at your disposal and the appropriate use of your company's assets to help ensure success in this business.

Once you have decided that your company is able and committed towards exporting, the next step is to develop an International Business Plan that offers six immediate benefits:

1. Provides a "SWOT" analysis in polishing an export strategy
2. Becomes a part of the marketing plan for the company with clear goals/objectives
3. Communicates to others the scope and nature of the plan
4. Allocates responsibilities and provides for an evaluation of results
5. Helpful when seeking allocation of funds, assets towards international business or seeking financial assistance from lenders and/or investors

6. Provides management a clear roadmap of what will be required of them and develops consensus and support to ensure a commitment to exporting.

Building an international business takes time. Rarely are there any successful over-night stories found in overseas trade. The execution of the International Business Plan can ensure that you and/or your company will finish what it begins and that the hopes that prompted its export efforts will be fulfilled. It's Time to Think Global for small business opportunities. The following links will take you to important resources for success:

- [www.export.gov](http://www.export.gov)
- [www.uschamber.com/international](http://www.uschamber.com/international)
- [www.fdg-global.com/links.html](http://www.fdg-global.com/links.html)
- [www.buyusa.gov](http://www.buyusa.gov)
- [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**More...** <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-593984>

## Partner Search

### Occam, a Portuguese SME is looking for cities and SMEs

FleetPRO will develop work towards the empowerment of fleet owners/managers to promote green fleet procurement. Its main goals are the following:

- Promote the take up of European policies on green fleet procurement (e.g. Clean Vehicle Directive);
- Promote a more rational composition of fleets through the optimization of procurement processes by introducing operational criteria on the selection model.

FleetPRO will target both public and private organizations that detain light vehicles for their daily operations, even though their core business isn't focused on transport services. The consortium will have representations of the main stakeholders targeted by the action and also foresees the development of at least 3 pilots in order to demonstrate, fine tune and validate the procurement methodology. The consortium is looking for cities with municipal fleets and for SMEs with medium/large fleets (between 50-250 light vehicles) from EU countries.

**Contact** Mrs Sofia Taborda, Tel: +351 918 815 559, [www.occam.pt](http://www.occam.pt) ; [www.facebook.com/occam.fb](https://www.facebook.com/occam.fb)

## Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

### European Alliances for Mobile and Mobility Industries and Creative Industries

Aim: create a more strategic support to service innovations in order to unlock its transformative potential at sectoral/ market level, to contribute to strengthening the innovativeness of the economy as part of the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy. This call for proposals has two actions:

1. **Action 1: European Mobile and Mobility Industries Alliance** (1/G/ENT/CIP/11/C/N01C031)
2. **Action 2: European Creative Industries Alliance** (2/G/ENT/CIP/11/C/N03C011)

**Applicants:** EU Member States and Norway, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, Serbia and Albania. **Submission Deadline : 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Please note that an information day for this call for proposals will be organised in Brussels (Belgium) on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**More...** [the site](#)

### JIC innovation vouchers

The South Moravian Innovation Centre (JIC) has launched a call for applications for innovation vouchers for promoting cooperation between companies and research institutions.

Subsidy worth up to 150,000 CZK (approx. 6,000 EUR) covering 75 % of the value of the supported project

**Budget:** almost 300,000 EUR. **Applicants:** All companies from the EU Economic Area. **Deadline:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**More...** <http://www.inovacnivouchery.cz/en/home>

### Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP)

**Aim:** support midstream/downstream research and development (R&D) projects undertaken mainly by universities, R&D Centres, industry support organisations, professional bodies and trade and industry associations.

This call is structured in a three-tier funding framework for ITSP under the ITF :

- Tier 1 provides project funding for the R&D centres to undertake projects in selected focus areas.
- Tier 2 which involves the funding of applied R&D projects which are industry-oriented and have high potential for commercialisation. (The [Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme \(TCFS\)](#) operates as a Tier 2 funding scheme.)
- Tier 3 which involves the funding of exploratory and forward-looking projects.

**Applicants:** Universities, R&D Centres, Industry Support Organizations, Professional Bodies and Trade and Industry Associations primarily in Hong Kong and in Mainland but also in other countries if priory approved by the Innovation and Technology Commission - ITC (<http://www.itc.gov.hk/>) the administer of the Innovation and Technology Fund -ITF.

**Submission Deadline: 29th April 2011**

**More...** <http://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/ITSP.asp>

### Romania - Israel Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Deadline for Submission: 15 May 2011. Romania and Israel are announcing the second Call for Proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products, applications in all technological & application areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Romania, Israel, EU.

Although this call invites projects in ALL thematic areas, special focus is given to the following domains:

1. Life sciences and Health
2. Agriculture and Food
3. Energy, Water and Environment
4. ICT and HLS

The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of Eureka & Eurostars innovation programs.

**More...** [www.eureka.be](http://www.eureka.be), [www.eurostars-eureka.eu](http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu) ; [vasile.lungu@ancs.ro](mailto:vasile.lungu@ancs.ro) ; [ovidiu.alupeu@amcsit.ro](mailto:ovidiu.alupeu@amcsit.ro)

### **Call for submission of proposals for common research and development projects on cooperation between institutions of Romania and the Republic of Slovenia in years 2012 - 2013**

**Deadline for submission July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.** Based on the Agreement on Scientific & Technological Cooperation between of the Government of Romania and the Government the Republic of Slovenia, signed at Bled on May 12, 2000, the National Authority for Scientific Research of Romania (ANCS) and the Slovenian Research Agency for the Republic of Slovenia (SRA), open the Call for submitting proposals for common research & development projects supporting the collaborating between organizations in Romania and the Republic of Slovenia. The Call does not define any priority research areas. On the basis of joint R&D activities the proposals from any R&D field can be submitted with duration of maximum 24 months. Cooperating partners from R&D organizations on both sides are invited to submit joint proposals. The projects will be implemented by means of exchange of scientists, information and are to be aimed at these objectives:

- preparation of joint international projects, to be submitted to EU-FP7 & other EU programs/initiatives,
- preparation of joint publications and other outputs,
- common active participation at conferences as an output from joint R&D activities,
- mutual use of special laboratory equipment and apparatus,
- research materials collection

**More...** [www.ancs.ro](http://www.ancs.ro) ; [vasile.lungu@ancs.ro](mailto:vasile.lungu@ancs.ro) ; <http://www.arrs.si>; [primoz.pristovsek@arrs.si](mailto:primoz.pristovsek@arrs.si)

### **Genomica: Call for tender n°EAHC/2011/CP/02 concerning information campaign on consumer rights in Romania**

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/consumers/consumers\\_tenders.html](http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/consumers/consumers_tenders.html)

### **Genomica: Call for ESF Research Conference Proposals**

**Deadline: 15/09/2011 23:59.** The European Science Foundation invites researchers to submit proposals for high-level research conferences to take place in 2013 within the framework of its Research Conferences Scheme.

**Topics:** \* Molecular Biology+; \*Physics/Biophysics & Environmental Sciences; \*Social Sciences & Humanities.

**Format:** \* 70-130 participants; \* No more than 25 invited speakers and convenors; \*A duration of 4 full conference days (3 full conference days for conferences in social sciences & humanities).

**Core activities:** o lectures by invited speakers o active participation of early stage researchers through short talks, poster sessions and extensive discussion periods o Forward Look Plenary Discussion about future developments in the field o no parallel sessions \* Joint meals and social activities to encourage further contact & networking

The ESF Research Conferences Scheme provides the opportunity for leading scientists, younger researchers to meet for discussions on the most recent developments in their fields of research. It acts as a catalyst for creating new synergistic contacts throughout EU, the rest of the world. ESF Research Conferences are open to scientists, from academia/industry. Successful proponents become the conference chairs and are responsible for both the scientific programme and quality of the conferences. Full administrative and logistical support is provided by the ESF Conferences unit.

**More...** [http://www.esf.org/index.php?eID=tx\\_nawsecuredl&u=0&file=fileadmin/be\\_user/](http://www.esf.org/index.php?eID=tx_nawsecuredl&u=0&file=fileadmin/be_user/)

## **Policy**

### **The launch of Social Innovation Europe initiative**

In March 2011 the European Commission launched the Social Innovation Europe initiative with the aim to:

- connect projects and people who can share experiences and learn from each other;
- develop an easily accessible resource bank;
- develop a resource bank of up to date policies at local/national levels and provide information on funding opportunities;
- facilitate new relationships between civil society, governments, public sector institutions, relevant private sector bodies
- develop concrete recommendations in financing and in upscaling/mainstreaming of social innovation in Europe

Download the agenda of the launch event: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/agenda-social\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/agenda-social_en.pdf)

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/social-innovation/social-inno-event\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/social-innovation/social-inno-event_en.htm)

### **EURADA & TAKE IT UP to debate on service innovation support @ AGORADA, 12-13 May 2011, Brussels**

EURADA has organised a two-day event to discuss on support to service innovation - "RDAs: Towards a New Generation of SME Support Services". Participants will have the opportunity to get fresh insights on financial support services to innovative SMEs and on new approaches to business partnerships and networks.

**More...** agenda: <http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Agenda%20Agorada%202011-E.pdf> ; registration form:

<http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Form%20Agorada%202011-E.doc>

### **Genomica: The EC has published a public consultation on the eHealth Action Plan covering the period 2012-2020**

The consultation will run for eight weeks until 25 May and stakeholders are invited to complete an online questionnaire. This will be the second European eHealth Action Plan and will consolidate and build on activities which have been carried out to date, in order to provide a longer term vision for eHealth in Europe. More specifically, the EC plans to: increase awareness of the benefits and opportunities of eHealth, and empower citizens, patients and healthcare professionals; address issues currently impeding eHealth interoperability; improve legal certainty for eHealth; and support innovation and research in eHealth and the development of a competitive EU/global market. The results of the consultation will be used to draft a policy document setting out the eHealth Action Plan, in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/health/ehealth\\_ap\\_consultation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/health/ehealth_ap_consultation/index_en.htm)

## Events

### **Cosmopolitanism in a Wider Context: Conceptualizing Past & Present International Conference at Södertörn University - The Nobel Museum, Stockholm, 24–26 November 2011**

Cosmopolitanism has been a major topic in academia since the end of the cold war. While cosmopolitanism and multiculturalism have been recognized officially, xenophobia has become more intense. Is cosmopolitanism a way out of the xenophobic state, or is the interest in cosmopolitanism in itself adding to antagonism and disrespect for human rights? The problem can be highlighted from several different aspects. However, cosmopolitanism has been extensively theorized within the social sciences, where the semantic field often tends to be separated from its historical context. In an effort to make the academic discussion more responsive to conceptual/historical perspectives, we would like to gather researchers with different backgrounds to an international conference on cosmopolitanism, with a special view to its conceptual history. The aim of the conference is to present a new perspective on a contemporary discourse, which is often dominated by ahistorical presumptions. The conference seeks to create a meeting between the social sciences-humanities in order to examine how the history, prehistory, of cosmopolitanism has left traces in contemporary notions, perceptions. We are interested in how the history of the concept says something about the often contradictory meanings attributed to the term today—empirically, theoretically, and normatively.

Abstract submission Proposals of maximum 400 words, together with a registration form, should be sent to Kristian Petrov [cosmopolitanism@sh.se](mailto:cosmopolitanism@sh.se) before 19th May 2011

**More...** <http://webappl.web.sh.se/C125702700229BA0/tmt.view/57882B6B49F6B4B2C125787100532ED2?open&ref=/C1256C9300756F52/E9144F89E54524B7C125770C004CA4E3;493C34115F09147CC125770C004F0711;/C1256C8A0066623D/911D4743A30D0608C1256CFC00608EBBB>

### **8<sup>th</sup> REV Conference Remote Engineering & Virtual Instrumentation, Brasov, Romania, June 28 - July 1, 2011**

REV are the annual conferences of the International Association of Online Engineering IAOE [www.online-engineering.org](http://www.online-engineering.org). The general objective of this conference is to demonstrate, discuss fundamentals, applications, experiences in the field of remote engineering, virtual instrumentation. With the globalization of education the interest in and need of teleworking, remote services, collaborative working environments now increases rapidly. Another objective of the symposium is to discuss guidelines for education in university level courses for these topics.

The proceedings will be published on CD by the International Association of Online Engineering (IAOE). Interesting papers may be published in the International Journal of Online Engineering (iJOE), [www.online-journals.org/i-joe/](http://www.online-journals.org/i-joe/).

**More...** <http://fizica.unitbv.ro/rev2011/>

### **4<sup>th</sup> TexTeh, June 23-24, Marriott hotel, Bucharest, Romania**

The event are organized by the National Research & Development Institute for Textiles and Leather

The conference is already at its fourth edition and it will host scientific debates on subjects from all areas of textile technology and management, including: New Functional and Smart Textiles, Nanomaterials and Electrospinning, Nonwoven Textiles, Composite Materials, Finishing Processes, Color Science and Dyeing and many more.

For this year's edition, renowned scientists have announced their participations, from various countries, including India, England, Turkey, Serbia, Italy, France and Romania. A selection of the papers presented at the conference will be published in the ISI Thompson rated magazine, Industria Textila.

**More...** [www.certex.ro/conference\\_texteh4.htm](http://www.certex.ro/conference_texteh4.htm) ; [certex@ns.certex.ro](mailto:certex@ns.certex.ro)

### **5<sup>th</sup> EU Conference: eRenewabilia, eHydrogenia, eEficiencia 2011, Bucharest, Academia Romana, 20-21 Sept 2011**

The yearly European Conference provides a forum for the presentation, discussion, dissemination, generation of new ideas in the fields. The Conference adds scientific contributions in the speeding the accomplishment of successes in above, very important scientific and technical fields. The Conference adds add contributions at the speeding of the implementation of the Hydrogen Economy, Renewable Energy sources / RES & EEB Energy Efficient Buildings, IT & C in Energy Applications. The Conference creates projects, projects proposals and European research consortia.

The Conference generates important influences, promotion, at the dissemination, awareness creation, correct information and responses from the stakeholders and end-users, and the creation of the EU Research and Activities Consortia and of EU Projects Proposals BROKERAGE. The papers will be printed in the Conference Preprints Handbook.

**More ...** <http://www.ipa.ro/html/evenimente.html>

### **IEEE ICC 2012, June 10-15, 2012, Ottawa, Canada**

The 2012 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC 2012) is the flagship conference of IEEE Communications Society. IEEE ICC 2012 is aimed at addressing a key theme on "Connect - Communicate - Collaborate." The program will feature major Symposia, Industry Forums, Workshops and Tutorials.

**More ...** <http://www.ieee-icc.org/2012/cfp.html> ; <http://www.ieee-icc.org/2012/>

### **2<sup>nd</sup> IEEE SmartGridComm 2011, October 17-20, 2011, Brussels, Belgium**

Final Call for Papers: Submissions due May 6, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/cfp.html>

The IEEE SmartGridComm is centered on all communications aspects that are relevant to the Smart Grid, aims at bringing together researchers from Academia, Industry, National Labs to exchange novel ideas, explore enabling technologies, discuss innovative designs, share field trial experiences and lessons learnt. Authors are invited to submit original papers (2-column IEEE format and up to 6 pages) on all aspects of Smart Grid Communications, including but not limited to:

- Architectures and Models for the Smart Grid <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/1.html>



- Smart Grid Network and Service Device, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/2.html>
  - Wide-Area Monitoring, Control and Protection – WAMPAC, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/3.html>
  - The Whole Picture: Sense, Communicate, Compute, Control, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/4.html>
  - Communication Networks for Smart Grid, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/5.html>
  - Cyber and Physical Security and Privacy, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/6.html>
  - Smart/Virtual Metering, Demand Response, Dynamic Pricing, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/7.html>
  - Interconnections & Communications of Electric Vehicles & Smart Grids, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/8.html>
  - Virtual Power Plants, Microgrids, Renewables & Storage, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/9.html>
  - Standardization, Interoperability & Coexistence & Regulation, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/10.html>
  - Getting Practical: Field trials, Deployments and Lessons Learnt, <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/11.html>
- More ...** <http://www.ieee-smartgridcomm.org/2011/>

### **International Workshop From Young Researchers to Future Discoveries, September 19-21 2011, Kiten, Bulgaria**

The Institute of Information & Communication Technologies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences organises a dedicated workshop, aiming to encourage young researchers to create innovation. The invitation is open for outstanding young participants in Maths, Computer Science, Natural Sciences from South-East Europe, more especially from Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, West Balkans. The FET Unit (Future & Emerging Technologies) at EC DG INFSO is a workshop co-organiser. Abstracts from potential candidates to attend the workshop are requested till May 30, 2011.

The workshop invites 50-60 young researchers who are willing to share innovative ideas in their respective domains. The participants will be selected based on submitted informal "motivation letters" – abstracts containing short descriptions of novel views in some domain.

**More ...** <http://www.iict.bas.bg/young-2011/YoungAbstract-10March2011.pdf> ; [galia@iml.bas.bg](mailto:galia@iml.bas.bg)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Conference EU Inside-Out: Europe and Europeaness Exposed to Plural Observers, Vienna 23–25 June 2011**

The event aims exactly to refresh a broader approach and understanding of Europe by enlarging the platform of regular conferences and workshops for a wider arena of participants, disciplinary backgrounds in order to put on stage a worldwide monadology for such concerns. The conference aims to enable critical alternatives to the disciplinary orthodoxy by creating a framework for interaction and dissemination of diversity that has to become once more a EU trademark.

The conference also aims to become a confrontational space for alternative methodologies, provocative puzzles, inter, multi, trans-disciplinary understandings of wider, also for thinner specialized issues of concern for or about EU of today. In a way, such a conference aims to become a moment of return to the European specificity of critical self-understanding through dialogue, debate with all the discursive or narrative traditions that directly/indirectly constitute its self.

Selected papers will be published in an electronic volume with ISBN after the confirmation of the authors and a double peer-review process based on an agreed publication schedule. All the papers selected for publication should be original and must not have been published elsewhere. All participants to the conference will receive a copy of the volume

**More ...** [application@euroacademia.eu](mailto:application@euroacademia.eu) ; [www.euroacademia.eu](http://www.euroacademia.eu)

## **Training Events / Jobs**

### **Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics**

<a href="#">Polymer Microfabrication (2 days)</a>	03-04.05.2011	Karlsruhe (DE)
<a href="#">Advanced Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC-v7.2</a>	03.05.2011	France
<a href="#">New Trends in Nano-Electronics</a>	05.05.2011	Switzerland
<a href="#">Surface Analysis with AFM</a>	06.05.2011	Germany
<a href="#">Extended Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v9.1</a>	06.05.2011	France
<a href="#">Nano - Engineering</a>	09.05.2011	Switzerland
<a href="#">Cantilever based Sensors for Nanoscience</a>	10.05.2011	Germany
<a href="#">Analog Modeling with Verilog -A v7.2</a>	11.05.2011	Germany
<a href="#">Energy Harvesting</a>	12.05.2001	Zurich (CH)
<a href="#">Virtuoso Spectre Circuit Simulator</a>	16.05.2011	Germany
<a href="#">Behavioral Modeling with Verilog-AMS V2.3</a>	18.05.2011	UK/ Sweden
<a href="#">Microfabrication Processes</a>	19-20.05.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
<a href="#">Advanced Digital Physical Implementation flow - IDESA</a>	23.05.2011	Spain
<a href="#">Laser Micromachining</a>	25.05.2011	Vienna-Austria
<a href="#">Formal Analysis Advanced With Incisive Formal Verifier</a>	25.05.2011	Germany
<a href="#">Photon Detection and Counting Techniques</a>	27.05.2011	Switzerland
<a href="#">New Trends in Nano-Electronics</a>	1.06.2011	Lausanne (CH)
<a href="#">Wafer Bonding</a>	16.06.2011	Zurich (CH)
<a href="#">Basic Introduction to CMOS Image Sensors</a>	22-23.06.2011	Delft, NL

**More...** <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; **More FSRM courses**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Southeast Europe and EU - Leadership Development Programme has been launched**

Deadline for Application is 27 April 2011

**More...** <http://www.seeyoungleaders.org> ; [rana.birden@isbank.net.tr](mailto:rana.birden@isbank.net.tr)

### **Harvard Kennedy School Education program Public Leaders in Southeast Europe, Athens, Greece, 6-9 June 2011**



Public Leaders in Southeast Europe is a 4-day HKS Executive Education program offering participants analytical, problem-solving tools that are critical for advancing individual/organizational goals, vital for generating, managing, leveraging innovation in an era of growing global complexity, including modules in: - Negotiation & Conflict Management ; -Innovation in Governance ; -Communication

Led by faculty who are luminaries in their fields, Public Leaders in Southeast Europe is designed exclusively for senior professionals in the public/nonprofit sectors in Southeast & East-Central Europe, their nonprofit/non-governmental counterparts who have significant input, a key role in the strategy/functioning of their organizations. Applicants should have a minimum of 10 years of professional experience, demonstrated commitment to public service.

Fluency in writing, reading, and speaking English is essential.

**More...** <http://ksgexecprogram.harvard.edu/Programs/cge/curriculum.aspx>

<http://harvard.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=6c3445db0f9f03c7e3f5d519c&id=acf31911cd&e=30956c8269>

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis>

### **6<sup>th</sup> Summer School for Young Professionals, Challenges of Global Security Environment, 25 June-3 July 2011, Armed Forces Academy of General M. R. Štefánik, Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia as well as in Uzghorod in Ukraine.**

The structure of the teaching at the summer school is aimed to provide students with fundamental knowledge concerning security policy, including the main actors of security policy in Europe; main security threats of today such as cyber terrorism, strategic defence review, extremism, conflict regions, current event in Middle East, Africa and energy security. It is a weeklong forum that is focused on the current challenges of international security policy.

One of the main objectives of this international summer school is the preparation of young professionals to be able to act within the area of foreign, security policy. Interactive discussions, lectures led by top speakers from various international organizations will therefore focus on open exchange of ideas and interaction of participants from different backgrounds.

Summer school is intended for master and doctoral level students of political science and/or international relations who are interested in the foreign and security policy issues.

**More...** [http://cenaa.org/en/?page\\_id=38](http://cenaa.org/en/?page_id=38).

### **3 Doctoral Scholarship in the field of Materials & Surface Technology at DTU in Denmark**

Department of Mechanical Engineering is looking for 3 Ph.D. in Materials and Surface Technology related to strengthen our strategic research activities in Materials in Sustainable Energy Applications. The section for Materials and Surface Engineering is involved in externally financed national and in ternational strategic research programs through which the following Ph.D. positions have become available.

Modeling of high temperature corrosion of metals in biomass-fired power plants (financed through the Danish Research Council for Strategic Research). This PhD project addresses the modeling of the interaction of metallic materials with aggressive environments as occurring in biomass fired power plants, most notably under hot corrosion conditions. A combination of materials modeling and experimental investigations under laboratory conditions will be used to arrive at designing alternative materials that potentially can withstand hot corrosion environments. **Deadline:** May 2, 2011.

**More...** [Details Scholarship Information and Application](#)

### **Italy Master Scholarships University College of Turin 2011-2012**

All students accepted have the possibility of receiving partial and in most cases full scholarships to attend our program (including accommodation, monthly living stipend, travel expenses). IUC offers a 1 year LLM program in Comparative Law, Economics, Finance, 2 year MSc. A number of renown intellectuals/scholars serve on the faculty/advisory board.

Our students are from more than 40 different countries, spanning 4 continents, representative of a diverse range of disciplines, cultural backgrounds, with a focus on offering opportunities to students coming from social, economic, political challenges, particularly students from former colonized territories (e.g., the global south), other newer peripheries.

The deadline for all application materials is May 15th, 2011 by midnight CET.

Application and Application Instructions, can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.iuctorino.it/content/application>.

For admissions inquiries please contact the Admissions and Records Officer Jane Osabiku: [josabiku@iuctorino.it](mailto:josabiku@iuctorino.it), for nominations of deserving candidates please contact the Dean of Students, Saki Bailey [sbailey@iuctorino.it](mailto:sbailey@iuctorino.it).

**More...** <http://www.iuctorino.it/>

### **University of Bologna, The international Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research & Studies on Eastern EU**

MIREES is a Second cycle Joint Degree (120 ECTS), awarded by the University of Bologna (Forlì Campus) in cooperation with the Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, the Corvinus University of Budapest, and the Saint-Petersburg State University. MIREES is an innovative graduate programme, taught entirely in English, devoted to students that have a BA background in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Agricultural, Cultural studies at large, would now like to acquire a specialized, in-depth knowledge of the Post-socialist Countries in transition, the new EU member States after the Enlargements of 2004 and 2007, as well as the New East-European Neighbour Countries.

The programme includes an period of international mobility (6 months), to enhance the learning value of the whole 2nd cycle degree programme through the attendance of (linguistic & subject-related) course units with their relative tests, for field research which the students will implement in preparation of their dissertations. The deadline is May 16th, 2011.

**More...** <http://www.mirees.unibo.it/> ; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcalOeAZeZo>

### **Scholarship for ICT4D Masters, 2011 Development Leaders Bursary The University of Manchester, UK**

The University of Manchester's one-year MSc ICTs for Development degree aims to create "ICT4D champions" who combine technical competencies in information systems and project management with an understanding of development context, practice. The Bursary, worth £6,150, is available for country applicants, with a May 27th deadline.

**More...** <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/postgraduate/taught/funding>

### International Jobs

- [Finance Officer - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-20-2011](#)
- [Director, Programme Planning and Budget - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-20-2011](#)
- [Chief, Centre for Women - United Nations, Lebanon, Deadline: June-20-2011](#)
- [Chief Training Officer - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-19-2011](#)
- [SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER \(2 Posts\) - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-19-2011](#)
- [LEGAL OFFICER \(3 posts\) - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-19-2011](#)
- [ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER - United Nations, Chile, Deadline: June-18-2011](#)
- [FOREST POLICY OFFICER - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-18-2011](#)
- [PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER - Publications Manager - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-18-2011](#)
- [HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS OFFICER - Special Assistant - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-18-2011](#)
- [Coordination Officer - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-18-2011](#)
- [Information Systems Analyst - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-17-2011](#)
- [COORDINATION OFFICER - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-17-2011](#)
- [Programme Officer - United Nations, Austria, Deadline: June-17-2011](#)
- [INTERPRETER \(Arabic\) - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-17-2011](#)
- [HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER - United Nations, Switzerland, Deadline: June-17-2011](#)
- [PUBLISHING OFFICER - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-14-2011](#)
- [HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS OFFICER - United Nations, United States, Deadline: June-14-2011](#)
- [Assistant Roster Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-BanTreatyOrg, Austria, Deadline: June-30-2011](#)
- [Consultant Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-BanTreatyOrg Austria Deadline June-30-2011](#)
- [Internship Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-BanTreatyOrg, Austria, Deadline: June-30-2011](#)
- [Knowledge Management Specialist \(P-4\) - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-31-2011](#)
- [Knowledge Management Specialist \(P-3\)- International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-31-2011](#)
- [Nuclear Trade Analyst - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-31-2011](#)
- [Senior Safeguards Analyst - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-30-2011](#)
- [Team Leader - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-30-2011](#)
- [Analytical Chemist - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-17-2011](#)
- [Unit Head - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-17-2011](#)
- [Section Head - International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria, Deadline: May-15-2011](#)

### Job: UNDP Programme Management Analyst, Cluster coordinator for Governance and Social Inclusion, Sarajevo

Master's Degree preferably in the field of socio-economics. Experience: 5 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management advisory services, hands-on experience in design, monitoring and evaluation of development projects. The expertise and previous experience in the following areas pertinent to social sector are particularly required: (i) Social reforms, (ii) EU Accession process related to Social Inclusion including practical experience in surveys such as Quality of Life etc., (iii) the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages, experience in handling of web based management systems. Fluency in the UN and national language of the duty station. Fluency in English is a requirement.

**More...** [http://jobs.undp.org/cj\\_view\\_job.cfm?job\\_id=23006](http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?job_id=23006)

### Workshop Winning FP7 Bids, 17 May 2011, Cambridge, UK

**More...** [www.singleimage.co.uk](http://www.singleimage.co.uk)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Science Communication Training for Europe's Scientist, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 17 July - 3 August 2011

ESCONET (European Science Communication Network) aims to help scientists to make the best out of this, helping them to develop the skills and confidence to interact with media, engage with ordinary citizens, to advise and persuade policy-makers and to get clearly heard. The training is taking place at the Centre of Advanced Academic Studies, over a series of 5 workshops. The courses are open to scientists, researchers across EU, from all disciplines, backgrounds, regardless of their source of funding. Participation is not limited to EC FP6/FP7 funded researchers, which was the case previously.

**More...** <http://www.esconet.org>



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