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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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Useful links

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<http://www.us-eu-match.com> [Executive-Agency-for-Competitiveness&Innovation-EACI](#) [EIM's Knowledge Web on](#)
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Go4Cleantech B2B Event with Export Opportunities & B2B Meetings, 7-8 September 2011, Zurich, Switzerland

The international event takes place within Umwelt 11 fair. Representatives of companies, research institutes from all over EU have the opportunity to learn about export opportunities, initiate commercial, technological cooperation, R&D projects in the field of clean technologies. Visits to companies allow an insight view of state of the art technologies.

The event is organised by Euresearch & Cleantech Switzerland in cooperation with the EEN in Switzerland to provide an international platform for companies, research institutes for export opportunities, business, innovation & research in following fields: Water & waste water treatment, waste treatment & recycling, remediation of soil & contaminated sites, air pollution treatment, measuring, control & laboratory technology, industrial technologies, prevention of natural hazards & climate change, environmental management.

B2B Meetings: The aim of the pre-arranged B2B Meetings is to facilitate business development, accelerating innovation and initiating research projects by meeting potential co-operation partners in face-to-face meetings. Participants register with a co-operation profile with information on their technologies, products, services for the catalogue, enables participants to identify potential co-operation partners with complementary know-how before the event.

The B2B meetings are then arranged and take place during Go4Cleantech. Networking becomes efficient & effective.

More... www.go4cleantech.ch ; kathrin.rueegg@euresearch.ch

Innovation Convention 2011, 5-6 December 2011, Square – Brussels Meeting Centre

The EC is holding its first **Innovation Convention** following the adoption of the Innovation Union Flagship initiative in October 2010. This major event will gather **more than 1200 participants** involved in the innovation chain, including high-level policy makers, leading CEOs, deans of universities, research centres, bankers, venture capitalists, top researchers, innovators. The **exhibition** will showcase exciting research and innovation results being developed in Europe.

The call for exhibition proposals is open to any organisation involved in a project funded by the **EU's Framework programmes for Research** or the **EU's Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)**. The project should have attained a certain level of maturity (for example be in a phase where it can be developed further thanks to patenting, venture capital etc). It should be able to demonstrate some results with **concrete examples**.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?pg=exhibition§ion=ic2011

EU – India Greentech Matchmaking event, September 26–29 2011 Mumbai & Bangalore

The EU Business & Technology Centre, together with the Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce, the Milan Chamber of Commerce, CEIPIEMONTE are organising a 2-city delegation to India (Mumbai & Bengaluru) for the exchange of technologies, patents, knowledge among EU and Indian companies and research organisations. **Mission benefits:**

- business-to-business partnering sessions;
- visits to local clusters;
- panel discussions with key Government officials and top players of Indian industry and research;
- networking events.

Sectors: Environment

- Environmental technologies for clean air
- Water and wastewater technologies
- Waste management
- Energy Efficiency
- Rural/off-grid/distributed energy

Energy

- Renewable Energy (solar, wind, geothermal, biomass)
- Energy Efficiency
- Clean Coal Technology
- Smart Grids, Support Service

Biotech

- Industrial biotechnology
- Ag-biotech

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Workshop "Ready to Use" Venture Capital Funds. How to set up and launch financial engineering measures using ERDF (European Regional Development Fund), 30 September 2011 Brussels, Belgium

It is addressed to civil servants and innovation intermediary company managers, for disseminating innovative tools and management tips in the domains of Entrepreneurship, Finance, Technology transfer and Clustering. Please send the completed registration form to training@meta-group.com by September 23rd.

More... <http://www.meta-group.com/innovationlab/>

The Innovation in Financial Services Summit, Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, 21 September 2011

The Public Research Centre Henri Tudor in partnership with ISPIIM - The International Society for Professional Innovation Management, will organize this Summit in order to bring together innovation management professionals from research, industry and intermediary organizations with a shared interest in the Financial Services Sector.

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

EPoSS, the European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration, Annual Forum & Proposers' Day, 5-7 October 2011 Barcelona, Spain

Representatives from industry and research will present design, integration, manufacturing, commercialization solutions for Smart Systems. A call for presentations has been launched. The Proposers' Day is an information, brokerage and training event for the Smart Systems community. Its focus is on relevant objectives of the ICT Work Programme and upcoming calls. Funding opportunities for Smart Systems projects in the current round of calls amount to 200 MEUR. Participants are invited to present project proposals, display technology offers and build consortia. In addition, they will have the opportunity to participate in a special COWIN training session on IPR issues in research projects.

More... <http://www.smart-systems-integration.org/public>

Future International meetings, workshops, seminars in innovation fields

10-12 August 2011, [3rd Annual Open Innovation Summit: The Corporate Innovation Executive Event](#), Chicago, IL, USA

29 August – 2 September 2011, [Living Labs Summer School 2011](#), Barcelona, Spain

4-6 September 2011, [The 16th BALTIC DYNAMICS](#), Tallinn, Estonia

5-9 September 2011, [TII 2011 Summer School](#), Coimbra, Portugal

6-7 Sept 2011, [Strategies for Service Innovation. Service innovation as a Driver of Value Creation](#), Hamburg, Germany

7 September, [Japan Biotech Forum Licensing & partnering opportunities emerging from Japan](#), London, United Kingdom

12-14 September 2011, [Innovation Excellence 2011](#), Barcelona, Spain

14-15 September 2011, [Nanoforum 2011](#), Rome, Italy

14-17th September 2011, [European Conference on Creativity & Innovation - ECCI XII](#), Faro, Portugal

15-16 September 2011, [6th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#), Aberdeen, United Kingdom

18-20 Sept 2011, [5th Conference Platforms & innovation: in search of efficiency and effectiveness](#), Tampere, Finland

19-21 September 2011, [Challenge for Social Innovation - Innovating innovation by research](#), Vienna, Austria

9-26 September 2011, [Innovation Festival: "Design driven innovation-Social design & Design for all"](#), Tallinn, Estonia

22-23 September 2011, [IASP European Workshop Asturias](#), Llanera, Spain

26-28 Sept 2011, [8th Conference Open innovation for regional development](#), Tampere, Finland

28-30 September 2011, [World Innovation Convention Dynamic platform for World's leading innovators](#), Cannes, France

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.

SMEs

Business Offer / Request

A Romanian company, that produces paraffin, search a partner (specialty from Russia)

I would be interested in purchasing raw material with the following parameters:

- Product: Granulated Paraffin Wax DWT
- Quality: Melting Point 54-59°C,
- Oil content: max. 2%,
- Color: White
- Quantity: min. 300-400 tonnes/month in the beginning

Contact: Mr. Mircea Năstase, Romania, Craiova, e-mail address: mwnastase@gmail.com, phone : +40 723.366.633

Searching for partners for the European Hi-tech Energy Park, Join the exclusive project ICPE SOLAR PARK

Benefits:

- Usage of ICPE infrastructure
- Assigning a presentation space for the entire year
- Free arranging of the presentation stands
- Permanent trade assured by ICPE specialized personnel
- Office for commercial meetings
- Analysis and support offered by ICPE specialists
- Free tests and analysis for certification and examples of reliant performances
- Commercial connections with ICPE Integrated Services clients in order to promote sustainable products

- Registration into ICPE Integrated Services Official Partner Registry
- Spreading the test results, grouped promotion of the innovative technologies on the Romanian/European Market
- Assistance for integrating the products into specific funding requests
- Free test in a specialized laboratory (mechanical climate behavior)
- Trimestrial conferences (industry speakers, local public authorities, universities, national agencies, etc)
- Unlimited access to ICPE Partner Network

Target Group: Partners that propose sustainable products, services which ensure a required performance standard

Partner profile:

- **Equipment manufacturers:** solar panels, heat pumps, micro turbines, biomass boilers, wind turbines, ORC turbines, cogeneration (CHP), biodiesel, high efficiency motors, variable speed electronic devices, energy management devices
- **Constructors:** ecological construction developers, environment friendly materials, insulated materials
- **Local communities:** that adopt the ICPE label - Promoting & funding the sustainable energy infrastructure at a regional level
- **Services:** Partner Consultancy Association

Contact: 313 Splaiul Unirii, 030138, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: +40 21 5893300, Fax: +40 21 5893434, e-mail: icpe.sa@icpe.ro, web site: http://www.icpe.ro/en/p/icpe_solar_en

Intellectual Property



An EU Single Market for intellectual property rights

On May 24 the European Commission made a commitment to create a single market for intellectual property rights. In a series of articles we will be looking into the details of this latest initiative, reporting on progress, and assessing outcomes.

[Henry Chesbrough talks about the social benefits of IP trading ; Watch the full interview](#)

Research / Innovation and Entrepreneurship

New European mechanisms for financing innovation

The Innovation Union identified the access to the financing of innovation as one of the main barriers to bring ideas to the market. The capacity of our financial system to leverage investment for innovation is hampered by the widening, multiplication of market gaps in the 'Valley of Death', because risks are more & more difficult to manage.

The growing gap between the potential returns of new challenging opportunities & the present risk management in financing mechanisms is inhibiting our capacity for strategic knowledge investments, necessary for the transformation of our economies. There is a role to play for a EU financing support mechanism leveraging the efforts of venture capital funds, notably regional funds, to stimulate breakthrough innovation by consortia (Fund of Funds). This would be consistent with a more policy-led approach to innovation financing (in EU priority areas with important spillovers).

The 'Innovation Union' has identified the **financing of innovation as one of the main barriers** for bringing new ideas to the market³. This is particularly true in a period of credit crunch, caused by the financial and economic crisis. Therefore new mechanisms for financing innovation are announced to solve in particular the problem of 'access to finance'. Does this diagnosis give the full picture of financing innovation gaps that exist in EU, that must be tackled in the perspective of the EU 2020 objectives? Does the challenge just consist in speeding-up the through-put in the innovation pipe-line?

More... http://economie.wallonie.be/new/IMG/pdf/BE_non-paper_on_financing_gaps_for_innovation.pdf

Measuring Innovation

More... <https://prezi.com/secure/9736e74bbad6d0e07da5aa175e4f76bcddcb3633/>

Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011 confirms EU is under an "innovation emergency"

"Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011" has been published by the EC to monitor the progress of the EU Research & Innovation system, provide an economic analysis. "While remaining a top player in terms of knowledge production, scientific excellence, EU is losing ground as regards the exploitation of research results" the report says. From the report it emerges a still low cooperation between public-private sectors related to knowledge transfer in the EU.

More... <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/692&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Europe needs to lower the barriers to global innovation

The INGINEUS study, 'Challenges and Barriers of European Firms in Global Innovation Networks' says Europe needs better management skills and better IP protection

More... [Europe - lower the barriers to global innovation](#)

Report: Clusters and competitiveness: the case of Catalonia (1993-2010)

A report has recently been published by the cluster team at the Government of Catalonia Ministry of Enterprise & Labour.

More... www.gencat.cat/diue/doc/doc_11907125_3.pdf

Clusters: joint contribution to the European Commission's Green Paper: "Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU research and innovation funding"

The proposals put forward by TACTCIS, joint clusters, included:

- foster inter-clustering and cross-fertilisation platforms to encourage crosssectoral/disciplinary, and international linkages, thus stimulating emerging industries, services, responding to societal challenges;
- channel research-innovation funds through cluster organizations, focus on business benefit and commercialization;
- use cluster organisations to stimulate participation of SMEs in Community research and innovation programmes;
- new coming innovation policies should earmark public private funding mechanisms towards cluster organizations, for the benefit of their businesses;
- existing rules on state aid for RDI framework activities should be updated, better reflect clusters new activities. They should review the duration of support to ensure cluster sustainability.

More... www.proinnoeurope.eu/eca/page/results-publications

What does the world "innovation" mean to you?

[Mike Weber](#) • Innovation means different things to different people or groups. A word very loosely used these days, nearly like the word "passionate". Innovation should be understood as either taking a brand new concept and exposing it to the marketing forces, or reformulating a product or idea that makes it different, unique, acceptable to interested parties.

[Sanjay Sarathy](#) • Innovation means creating the new ideas and successful implementation.

[Helge V. Keitel](#) • I feel innovation has become coated word hiding the through meaning. It's so easy to build powerpoints and general presentations about innovation, but real technical innovation takes a lot of hard work and long term commitment. Innovations are seldom ready before lunch time. The element of time and work effort should be part of any innovation discussion. Ideas and concepts are kick-offs for innovation but managing the process to have a new product, organization or process takes time, money and lots of resources.

[Stelios Papadakis](#) • It is about doing something differently, but with an added value!

[Emmanuel Le Bouille](#) • Innovation is closely tied with 3 components: value creation, improving on status quo, adoption. It is about delivering a solution (or a response to a particular issue) that will be adopted because it is an answer that meets needs and aspirations. In that respect it differs from an invention that could never meet any public.

[Leonardo Souza Garcia](#) • Innovation-the process to induce change, evolution of business into the economic system.

[Jaydeep Durve](#) • Finding better ways to do day-to-day activities. Ways which will ease the process, get better results.

[Richard Palmer](#) • Innovation is the pursuit of something that is NEW and could in the future have VALUE. The challenge is to ensure the pursuit of value does not tempt judgement too early in the process.

[Alp Bulent Burc SURMELI](#) • I understand innovation as a product, a service, a process or a concept new to the scope of your target audience which provides benefit to all of its stakeholders by the value created.

[Eunika Mercier-Laurent](#) • There are a lot of definitions in the other innovation relative groups. In my last book I collected 15. Among my favourite this of Debra Amidon: "Creation, evolution, exchange and application of new ideas into marketable goods and services for the success of an enterprise, the vitality of a nation's economy and the advancement of society" Joseph Schumpeter (1911) specifies that innovation meets five main criteria: the manufacturing of a new good, the introduction of a new production method or of new means of transportation, the implementation of a new organization, the opening of a new market, the conquest of a new source of raw materials. It is still up to date!! I also like this of prof Barreyre: innovation is a process. Its achievement is an original implementation, including attributes which are creators of values. My definition is: "process from idea to sustainable success of all participants"

More... <http://www.entovation.com/innovation/10definitions.htm>

Partner Search

Launch of the new CORDIS Partners Service

CORDIS present a new interactive platform to promote your expertise & organisation, find business/research partners, create groups/join networks. The CORDIS Partners Service lets people take a hands-on approach to a wide range of activities related to building profiles/projects. It offers easy search, filtering options that will help you find the collaborators best matching your needs. Bringing together profile information, scientific publications, news from CORDIS, the Partners Service will help you save time, energy ... while reaching and connecting thousands of your peers across EU & beyond.

More... cordis.europa.eu/partners

A spin-off company working in the field of R&D for medicine is searching for partners for EU research grants

MEDINSYS, Romanian company has expertise in the following areas:

- Research and clinical testing for development of procedures and systems for diagnostic (3D, sono-elastography, contrast agents) and therapeutic ultrasound, endoscopical and endoscopic ultrasound, and hybrid imaging,
- Computational modeling of complex biological processes and structures (blood flow modeling, prosthesis-tissue interaction, biomechanics, analysis of the human movement)
- Software development for medical applications (medical imaging, systems control, data acquisition, structured databases, etc.)
- Prototype design and precise execution of medical instruments and equipments,

Contact: Assoc. Prof. (Ph.D., Eng.) Lucian GRUIONU, Phone/Fax: +40.351.431.055, Mobile: +40.721.244.200,

E-mail address: office@medinsys.com ; Site: www.medinsys.com

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 ; www.facebook.com/occam.fb

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Deadline	Title	Programme
11 August 2011	FP7 PEOPLE Call for International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)	FP7 People
11 August 2011	FP7 PEOPLE Call for Marie Curie Intra-EU Fellowships for Career Development	FP7 People
11 August 2011	FP7 Call for International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)	FP7 People
6 September 2011	FP7 PEOPLE Call for Marie Curie Career Integration Grants (CIG)	FP7 People
15 September 2011	Call for ESF Research Conference Proposals	Other
1 October 2011	NATO Science for Peace & Security (SPS) Programme	Other
8 October 2011	CIP Call for Proposals ECO-INNOVATION 2011	Other
8 November 2011	Call for proposals for ERC Proof of Concept	FP7 Ideas
1 December 2011	Trans-National Call for Proposals for Technology Clusters and SMEs, 3rd Pilot Call	Other
15 February 2012	Humanitarian Innovation Fund funding through small scale grants	Other
28 February 2012	Upcoming FP7 Health Innovation Calls	FP7 Cooperation
30 September 2013	Call for Independent Experts for the Safer Internet Programme	FP7 Cooperation
30 September 2013	Call for Experts in Eco-Innovation, Intelligent Energy and Marco Polo Programmes	FP7 Cooperation
20 October 2011	Upcoming FP7 Environment Calls Orientation Paper	FP7 Cooperation
15 November 2011	FP7 Upcoming Calls for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology	FP7 Cooperation
21 November 2011	Preannouncement for SEE Programme Last Call for proposals	SEE Programme
24 November 2011	FP7 ERC Starting Grants Call will be published in July 2011	FP7 Ideas
1 December 2011	Upcoming FP7 Transport Calls	FP7 Cooperation
1 December 2011	Calls expected under FP7 Capacities Programme: RI, SMEs, SiS, INCO	FP7 Capacities
1 December 2011	Energy, NMP, SSH, Space, Security are expected on 20 July 2011	FP7 Cooperation
1 December 2011	Upcoming FP7 Cross-Thematic Calls among NMP, ICT and other fields	FP7 Cooperation
1 January 2012	FP7 People 2012 Calls will be published starting from 20th July 2011	FP7 People

4th Call for proposals - Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)

Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) has officially launched its 4th Call for proposals and all Call related documents are **now online**. The **deadline** for submitting Expressions of Interest is **18 October**.

IMI projects offer researchers an opportunity to collaborate in **large-scale public-private partnerships**, giving the participants **access to knowledge, expertise** that would otherwise be unavailable to them. The list of topics:

EU Medical Information System

- Building up a EU Medical Information Framework (EMIF) of patient-level data to support medical research. Topics:
 - Information Framework / Knowledge Management Service Layer
 - Metabolic complications of obesity
 - Protective and precipitating markers for the development of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other dementias

Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control

- Delivery and targeting mechanisms for biological macromolecules
- In vivo* predictive biopharmaceutics tools for oral drug delivery
- Sustainable Chemistry – delivering medicines for the 21st century

Technology and Molecular Disease Understanding

- Human Induced Pluripotent Stem (hiPS) Cells for drug discovery and safety assessment
 - Understanding and optimising binding kinetics in drug discovery
- IMI encourages SMEs, patient organisations, regulatory authorities, academic teams, industry, hospitals, to get involved in its work. To find potential **project partners**, <http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search>

More... <http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/stage-1-2> ; infodesk@imi.europa.eu

HEALTH-NCP-NET_TRANSVAC Project: Open call for free services in vaccine development

The TRANSVAC call for free services in preclinical vaccine development is going into its 3rd round. Seven projects have been funded so far. There are few more slots remaining, and TRANSVAC is looking forward to receiving more innovative and excellent proposals to use the remaining services. **The cut-off date is 31 July 2011.**

Contact: Sonja Noss, Project Manager, European Vaccine Initiative, UniversitätsKlinikum Heidelberg, Germany, tel: +49 6221 56 35964, Email: sonja.noss@euvaccine.eu , URL: www.euvaccine.eu

Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans

The Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans has opened a Call for Regional Research Project with deadline for submission on 19 September 2011. Call info and important details can be found at our website.

More... <http://www.rppp-westernbalkans.net/calls> ; office@rppp-westernbalkans.net

2nd Biotech Start Up Challenge "Biotech 2011", Milan, Italy, 5-7 October 2011

Aim: to identify top technologies, products, services start up.

Applicants: startups from around the World which meets the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) being a not older than 3 years company;
- 2) developing innovative products/services in red/green/white biotech;
- 3) having less than 15 employees.

Competition rules: through 6 minutes presentation slots, plus 3 Q&A minutes, start ups will capture the attention of investors, entrepreneurs, members of the innovation system. Presentations will be evaluated/voted by a panel of judges (venture capitalists, biotech companies executives, licensing managers, intellectual property attorneys) which will score companies as they pitch to an audience of investors, entrepreneurs, technology executives, members of the media.

Prize: along with immediate feedback from the judges, the winner will be offered a chance to participate for free in the 2012 edition of Biotech. Application **Deadline** : 9th September 2011

More... http://www.biotechexpo.eu/it_lfm/start_up_btc.asp

EFMD Case Writing Competition

Organiser: EFMD - the European Foundation for Management Development. **Aim:** to encourage the writing of case material involving EU companies, institutions as well as material dealing with topics concerning other geographical areas such as the Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Africa, generally underrepresented among the available sources.

Applicants: business organizations, governments/supra-national bodies with activities in at least one European Country and/or with activities in China, Euro-Mediterranean region, Latin America and MENA Region. **Awards categories:**

European Categories:

- Corporate Social Responsibility;
- Entrepreneurship;
- Finance and Banking;
- Supply Chain Management.
- Family Business;
- *Sponsorship Opportunity* Emerging Chinese Global Competitors;
- Euro-Mediterranean Managerial Practices and Issues;
- Public Sector Innovations;
- African Business Cases;

Special Categories:

- Latin American Business Cases;
- MENA Business Cases;
- Indian Management Issues and Opportunities;
- *Sponsorship Opportunity* Responsible Leadership;
- Inclusive Business Models.

Grant: €2000 Award per Category. **Deadline** for Submissions: 17th September 2011

More... [click here](#)

Policy

State aid to shipbuilding

The EU Economic & Social Committee is convinced that **the Framework on State aid to shipbuilding should be maintained**; there is a need, to update and extend some of its provisions. The continued existence of the Framework is mainly justified by sector-specific circumstances, which are outlined in the introduction to the current Framework.

The Committee wishes to emphasise that the Framework is not a short-term measure for combating the crisis but **takes account of the specific circumstances of the sector** and that the assistance provided for under the Framework should not reward or encourage the construction of ships that are uncompetitive or vessels that have low technical specifications.

The EESC believes that the recent news about the **collapse of the OECD-sponsored negotiations on a multilateral agreement** establishing normal competitive conditions in the commercial shipbuilding industry is another argument which bears witness to the unique situation of the shipbuilding industry, which requires the maintenance and revision of the Framework. **The EESC puts forward** and justifies **a number of modifications** which it considers should be introduced into the revised version of the Framework.

More... [online](#) ; Should you have any comments on this text, please let us know ccmi2@eesc.europa.eu

EU: Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011

The Report, builds on the Innovation Union Scoreboard, includes a factsheet detailing each country's research and innovation performance and provides solid facts on which to base European and national policy choices to build efficient research and innovation systems and turn the EU into a true "Innovation Union".

More... To download the full Report [click here](#)

EU: Consultation on a new European regime for venture capital

The EC launched on the 15th June 2011 this consultation to find the best possible approach in order to achieve a real internal market for venture capital funds in the EU. This initiative will collect contributes from EU citizens, organizations, in particularly from investors, asset managers, SMEs, public authorities. Deadline to send contributions: **10th August 2011**.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2011/venture_capital_en.htm

Innovation Union Information and Intelligence System (I3S)

The Innovation Union Information and Intelligence System (I3S), launched by the [Joint Research Centre](#) (JRC), is a web-based platform for all [Innovation Union](#) stakeholders. It provides detailed information on each of the 34 Innovation

Union Commitments presented the Commission's Innovation Union communication of October 2010. Several of these commitments concern or are related with Intellectual Property. This platform will be complemented with another platform focused on the research & innovation policies in the EU Member States, Associated Countries and several third countries.

More... <http://i3s.ec.europa.eu/home.html>

Events

Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, bring to your attention major programs

The following major programs are hosted by Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in partnership with leading organizations. The Program will bring together young professionals, students, scholars, governmental/diplomatic officials, civil society practitioners, private sector representatives, journalists, interested stakeholders from across the world for a program of lectures, workshops, group discussions, cultural excursions featuring leading figures from the fields of politics, the arts, academia, media, and business. We are currently accepting applications for these events.

The Language of Art & Music - "A Three Piece Puzzle: The Relationship between Culture, International Relations and Globalization", Conference, London, August 25- 29 2011 - Held Parallel to "The Notting Hill Carnival 2011"

More... www.icd-languageofartandmusic.org

Art as Cultural Diplomacy: A Forum for Young Leaders (ACD), Weeklong Seminar, London, August 22- 29, 2011 - Held Parallel to "The Notting Hill Carnival 2011"

More... www.icd-artasculturaldiplomacy.org

The ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy - July Session, Berlin, Weeklong Seminar, July 25– 31, 2011

More... www.icd-academy.org

PCIM Europe, International Conference and Exhibition, 08-10 May 2012, Nuremberg, Germany

The leading international user-oriented conference on Power Electronics and its Applications in Intelligent Motion, Power Energy, Energy Management is held in parallel to the PCIM Europe exhibition.

Benefit of a presentation at the most important event for power electronics for your success. Meet your target group, talk to users and experts from research institutes and industry. More than 700 engineers are attending the conference every year. Take advantage of the only really user oriented conference, introduce your know-how to a professional audience.

» [An ideal platform to present your latest developments](#)

» [Attractive Young Engineer and Best Paper Awards](#)

» [Publication of your paper](#)

» [PCIM Exhibition](#)

» [Call for Papers Topics 2012](#)

More... http://www.mesago.de/en/PCIM/The_conference/Welcome/index.htm

Workshop: Effective solutions for green urban transport, Learning from CIVITAS cities, 13 September, Brussels

This showcase event is generously hosted by the Representation of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen to the EU. It is held in parallel to the [ICLEI European Convention 2011: Cities in Europe 2020 - Enhance Sustainability Now](#). It offers an opportunity for local authorities' transport experts to learn about the achievements of challenges faced by various CIVITAS cities in the fields of Collective passenger transport, Safety & security.

Participants will learn what CIVITAS pioneering cities have achieved, how will be informed of how they can replicate these measures in their own city contexts. Examples from CIVITAS cities will be showcased to present what they have achieved through the implementation of their measures; how they cooperated with other cities; finally, what they learned, how they made use of this knowledge. The workshop is based around an interactive mix of presentations, discussions, with participants encouraged to ask questions, engage with the speakers.

The workshop is free of charge and open to representatives of cities, public transport operators, research programmes and others working in the field of sustainable urban mobility. Places are limited, so be sure to secure yours by registering soon.

More... programme including hotel and travel information [here](#) ; to register [Events page](#) or contact workshop@civitas.eu

Started

Title

18 July 2011	FP7 Transport Information Days 2011
2 August 2011	Petnica International Summer Science Camp 2011 (PI 2011)
19 August 2011	Balkan Summer Institute 2011 in Serbia (Mathematics & Theoretical Physics)
22 August 2011	Building Capacities for Regional Development – From Theory to Practice
23 August 2011	UNESCO Regional Summer School: Renewable energy and energy efficiency governance
29 August 2011	18th Conference: Technology, Culture and Development, Palic Serbia
1 September 2011	EUPRIO Annual Conference: Communicating Knowledge Transfer from Research to Practice
4 September 2011	CEI International Summer School "Beyond Enlargement. Wider EU & New Neighbourhood"
4 September 2011	Summer School "Publishing in Public Health"
5 September 2011	International Society for Cultural & Activity Research (ISCAR) 2011
6 September 2011	Photovoltaics Forms Landscapes - How to use Photovoltaics for performance landscapes
7 September 2011	NBIS: The 14-th International Conference on Network-Based Information Systems in Albania
7 September 2011	Internet and Societies - New innovation paths
11 September 2011	Implementation of Sustainability into Research & Teaching of Higher Education Institutions
11 September 2011	International Summer EU Grant Academy

2nd PARADISO conference, September 7-9, 2011, Bruxelles

The programme of the "PARADISO conference" on the theme "Internet and societies: new innovation paths" has been

modified to give room to the launch of an important initiative to be developed under the aegis of Mr Robert Madelin, Director general of EC's DG Information Society & Media. This initiative, in line with PARADISO recommendations, focuses on "Platforms for collective awareness, action". It will be presented and discussed during the whole day of Sept. 9, through an open workshop which Mr Madelin will personally chair. The room total capacity may be reached prior to the event date.
More... <http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu> ; http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/collectiveawareness/index_en.htm

Conference NanoBioTech, Montreux, Switzerland, 14-16 November 2011

- World leading plenary speakers
- State-of-the-art science and discussion that makes a difference
- Cutting-edge work from students in posters and flash presentations
- A highly focused meeting lasting only 2.5 days, single track oral sessions
- Prizes and awards for student's posters
- A beautiful, relaxed and idyllic setting on the edge of Lake Geneva
- Conveniently timed and located in Montreux since 1996

More... <http://www.nanotech-montreux.com>

10th Interdisciplinary European Conference on Entrepreneurial Research (IECER) "Entrepreneurship & Innovation", February 15-17, 2012, Regensburg, Germany

Applicants: Entrepreneurship scholars in EU, conducting basic knowledge in business, economics, geography, psychology, sociology, or other fields. **Deadline for Submission Abstracts: October 15th, 2011. Topics:**

- Context, cognition and decision-making
- Venture capital, finance and banking
- Regional networks, infrastructure
- Employment effects
- Research methodology
- Value creation
- Challenges of entrepreneurship and innovation
- Success factors for entrepreneurship & innovation
- Strategies and interaction of entrepreneurship and innovation
- Human resource management in an entrepreneurial context
- Technology management in entrepreneurial innovation
- Managing growth, organizational development

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Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

Jyväskylä Summer School	08.08.2011	Finland
Advanced Analog IC Design	22.08.2011	Switzerland
Practical Aspects in Mixed-Signal ICs	22.08.2011	Switzerland
Micro-Nano for Large Distributed Systems	22-26.08.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Power Management	29.08.2011	Switzerland
Cryptographic Engineering	29.08.2011	Switzerland
Polymer Microfabrication	12.09.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Critères de choix des capteurs et des appareils de mesure	21.09.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Microfluidic Application Platforms	23.09.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Critères pour le choix d'un moteur électrique	27.09.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Réseaux de capteurs et transmission de données sans fil	12.10.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)

More... <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; [More FSRM courses](#) ; <http://www.eurotraining.net/view2.php?pk=2&pg=0>

Distance Learning Courses

QL - Quality labelled course

QL	Title	Location
QL	Advanced Applications & Design of Microsystems	Web based
QL	Design for Precision & Nanometrology	Web based
QL	Introduction to Electronics	Web based
QL	Micro Electronics & Micro Engineering	Web based
QL	Microsystems & Nanotechnology	Web based
QL	Online Course Introduction to Electronics	Web based
QL	Oxford University Introduction to Electronics Online Short Course	Web based
QL	Precision & Micro Engineering-An Overview	Web based
QL	Precision & Nano Metrology	Web based
	Advanced Electronic Design Automation	Web based
	Analogue and Mixed Signal Integrated Circuit Design	Web based
	Analogue Design using Analogue HDLs	Web based
	An Intuitive Approach to DSP	Web based

More... http://www.eurotraining.net/distance_learning.php?pg=0

Academic position at TU Dresden available

At the Institute for Materials Science (Dresden University of Technology, Germany) we are currently offering the position of

a Member of academic staff to work on the development of nanowire-based biosensor systems. The position will start on 1st October 2011 and is initially for 2 years.

More... <http://nano.tu-dresden.de>

Vacancy for a Programme Manager function (TA - Grade AD5) of the BEREC Office

The Office of the Body of EU Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC), the BEREC Office, is set up to provide administrative, professional support to BEREC. The seat of the Office of BEREC is Riga, Latvia.

BEREC will advise the EC & the NRAs, assist the European Parliament & Council, on issues related to the application of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications, providing expert advice on market definitions, analysis and remedies, definition of trans-national markets, cross-border disputes and numbering issues.

Please send your [application form](#) to INFSO-SELECTIONS-BERECOFFICE@ec.europa.eu before 25 July 2011.

More... http://erg.ec.europa.eu/doc/berec/vacancy_prog_manager.pdf ; http://erg.ec.europa.eu/recruitment/index_en.htm

The Institute for Web Science & Technologies (WeST) at the University of Koblenz, Germany, invites applications for a PhD position in Data Mining, Information Retrieval, and Reality Sensing to be appointed on October 1st, 2011

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the project field "Reality Sensing and Mining" in parallel with his/her PhD investigations. The deadline for your application is 30.07.2011. What we expect:

- You have a University Master/Diploma degree in Computer Science or related fields, with average scores/distinctions
- Your education and research profile has a strong correlation with the target field of Information Retrieval and Data Mining. Experience with mobile platforms and technologies is beneficial - but not a must;
- Your application should include a Letter of Interest (max 2 pages), the proof of your academic degree achieved so far, a recent Transcript of Records, and eventually recent Recommendation Letters from your supervisors;
- The Letter of Interest must give clear reasons for considering YOU as a suitable candidate for this position;
- All supplied documents must be in PDF. The overall size of your package ****must not**** exceed 5 Mb;
- Applications should be directed via email to Sergej Sizov (<http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~sizov/>). For further information, please contact Dr.Dr.Sergej Sizov directly via email (sizov@uni-koblenz.de) or phone (+49-261-2872736);

15 PhD Grants for Foreign Students in International Doctoral Courses University of Padova, Italy

During the 3-year doctoral programme, successful candidates will be offered full board and lodging. Deadline: 5 September 2011. For the academic year 2011/2012 the Università, offers 15 research fellowships for foreign students to attend Doctoral Schools/International Courses. The duration of the doctoral courses is 3 years, 2nd January 2012 - 31st December 2014. Each position will be covered by a scholarship of 13.638,47 euro per year (gross value), fully funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo. Eligibility:

- To have foreign (non-Italian) citizenship;
- To have foreign (non-Italian) residence. Candidates must be in possession of this requirement within the deadline date.
- To have a foreign (non-Italian) academic qualification.

Applications must be filled in exclusively through the online procedure available at: <http://unipd.cineca.it/foreignstudents>

More... http://www.unipd.it/unipdWAR/page/unipd_en/research_en1/en_6_3_P2; doctoral.grants@unipd.it

Delivering Better Results from the European Social Fund (ESF) 2007-2013, 27-28 October 2011, Maastricht

This seminar will address issues relating to the European Social Fund in the fifth year of implementation during the programming period 2007-2013. There will be several sessions on result-based management, on implementation issues such as horizontal priorities, simplified cost options, transnationality as well as on ESF Global Grants for SME development or the anticipation of labour market needs. The implementation of new priorities of ESF, administrative capacity building for public administrations, socio-economic partners, financial engineering in ESF will be covered. At the end of the seminar, the participants should have a clear understanding of the how to improve implementation of the ESF regulations and best develop and support complex projects.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)

Supporting SME & Enterprise Development through EU Programmes & Policies, 17-18 November 2011, Brussels

European enterprises and SMEs play an important role in promoting growth, reinforcing competitiveness and boosting employment; Europe must therefore develop a more entrepreneur-friendly environment and better SME support programmes. Indeed, business competitiveness can only be enhanced if action is taken in a vast number of policy fields, such as: efforts towards implementing the Small Business Act and the SME Performance Review; plans to develop appropriate business support services; efforts to cut red tape; and effective EU programmes to support SME development. This two-day seminar will provide participants with a better understanding of the opportunities and the funding programmes Europe offers for business, as well as the importance of SME development for policy makers and public administrations, whose task it is to set the right framework for enterprises.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)



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