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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.

January 2012

- 11 [Thetis Marine Renewable Energies](#) BORDEAUX (France)
- 11 [Laser Optics Technologies Brokerage Event](#) Warsaw (Poland)
- 18 [BROKERAGE EVENT FITUR 2012](#) Madrid (Spain)
- 26 [International Cooperation Forum eGovernment](#) Vienna (Austria)
- 28 [CrossTour Fair 2012 B2b](#) Ruse (Bulgaria)

February 2012

- 02 [Energy-efficient Construction](#) Graz (Austria)
- 07 [CERAMICA INNOVA: III Technology-Business Brokerage Event](#) Valencia (Spain)
- 10 [FOODREX Brokerage Event](#) Belgrade (Serbia)
- 28 [Trade Mission to Poland \(Warsaw\)](#) Warsaw (Poland)

March 2012

- 06 [CeBIT Future Match 2012](#) Hannover, fairground (Germany)
- 08 [Successful R&D in Europe - 4th European Networking Event](#) Düsseldorf (Germany)
- 21 [Ecobuild Matchmaking event - 21 March 2012](#) London (United Kingdom)
- 26 [Nanolsrael 2012](#) Tel-Aviv (Israel)
- 28 [ANUGA Foodtec 2012 workshops and brokerage event](#) Cologne (Germany)
- 29 [Smart Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Power](#) Birmingham (United Kingdom)

April 2012

- 24 [Hannover Messe: Technology Cooperation Days on Energy Efficient Factories & Industrial Production](#) Hannover, Germany

May 2012

- 08 [Brokerage Event @ Technology Exhibitions Week](#) Milan (Italy)

June 2012

- 06 [Innovat&Match2012](#) Bologna (Italy)

September 2012

- 19 [WindMatch 2012](#) Husum (Germany)

Useful links

[Enterprise Europe Network](#) [DG Enterprise](#) [EU-Services](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Your-Europe-Your-Business](#) [Cordis](#) [US-EU-match](#) [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](#)

Celtic-Plus Event & Proposers' Day 2012, 22-23 February 2012, Stockholm

The event will provide an opportunity to learn about the status and successful results of Celtic-Plus projects and new concepts to intensify the research work towards a Smart Connected World. For the Proposers' Day we encourage everybody to indicate a possible project idea as soon as possible. This will allow us to organise some meaningful network possibilities with potentially interested partners. For the registration of the proposals we have created a separate registration page where you can specify your project idea to be presented and discussed:

<http://www.celticplus.eu/Events/Event2012-Stockholm/Proposers-day/Registration-proposers-Stockholm.asp>

More... <http://www.celticplus.eu/Events/Event2012-Stockholm/default.asp>.

FET Proactive Information Day on ICT FP7 Call 9, 18 January 2012 Brussels, Belgium

During the event, information on Future & Emerging Technologies (FET) Proactive initiatives under ICT FP7 call 9 are provided, legal, administrative modalities. The creation of consortia, synergies will be facilitated through an open exchange "Proposers Forum". Registration is free of charge but mandatory, early registration is recommended.

More... http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fet-proactive/ie-jan12_en.html , Contact: [Roumen Borissov](#)

Global Innovation Forum 2012, 22-23 February 2012, London, United Kingdom

The event, organized by Selectiva International, represents a dynamic meeting that brings together professionals with diverse backgrounds, great experience and knowledge. It creates the perfect opportunity to build a strong professional network, obtain new insights and share business practices.

More... [here](#).

NBIA's 26th International Conference on Business Incubation, May 6-9, 2012, Atlanta, USA

Go *Beyond Best Practices* and explore the cutting edge of entrepreneur support.

NBIA's conference is the 1st event in the incubation industry. You won't want to miss this opportunity to share ideas with colleagues, gather tools, techniques to improve your program. With more than 60 educational sessions, as well as incubator tours, keynote addresses, networking opportunities, the conference offers something for everyone.

The event features 6 full-day workshops. 2 of the workshops – *Serving Client Companies & Facilities Management* – fulfill requirements for the [NBIA Incubator Management Certificate Program](#). The other 4 provide intensive training on other topics of interest for industry professionals, from those who are just exploring the idea of starting an incubator to seasoned managers who want to learn new strategies/skills. [Click here](#) for descriptions of the workshops.

In addition to the conference, you can participate in some of the optional activities and tours NBIA has arranged.

More... www.nbiaconference.org ; education@nbia.org

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...

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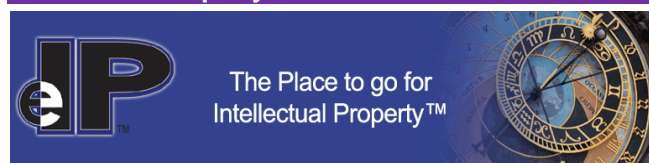
SMEs

Horizon 2020: Stimulating SME research and innovation

SMEs have a pivotal role in achieving the overall objectives of Horizon 2020, the forthcoming framework programme for research and innovation (R&I) in the EU. To facilitate this role, a dedicated instrument will be set up to strengthen the innovative capacity of SMEs in order to boost their competitiveness, global markets, to promote company growth.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/newsletter/issue11/editorial_en.html

Intellectual Property



trends in the innovation landscape, including the increasingly open, international, collaborative character of the innovation process. Innovation is a central driver of economic growth, development, better jobs.

Understanding the innovation trends, the role of IP is important in order for public policy to support growth opportunities. The questions to ask are whether the design of the current IP system is fit for this innovation landscape, how best to cope with the growing demand to protect/trade ideas. To move beyond polarized debates on IP, fact-based economic analysis is needed. It is crucial to translate economic research in the field of IP into accessible policy analysis and messages.

More.... http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/econ_stat/en/economics/wipr/pdf/wipr_2011.pdf

Research

WIPO: World Intellectual Property Report 2011 "The Changing Face of Innovation"

[WIPO](#) published the World Intellectual Property Report with a view to explain, clarify and contribute to policy analysis relating to IP, to facilitating evidence-based policymaking. It describes key

Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation - New factsheets

We've added 6 new factsheets related to the following themes of Horizon 2020: SMEs, International Cooperation, ICT funding, Regions' participation and Industrial participation.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm ;
http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=press#other

SME targeted measures stepped up as FP7 funding target comes in reach

Current figures show that funding levels for SMEs will soon reach the target figure of 15% of the total EU funding budget. Due to SME strengthening measures, this target will be surpassed in early 2012, and the funding level is expected to be close to 16% by the end of the [Seventh Framework Programme \(FP7\)](#) in 2013.

In January 2012, a report on the participation of SMEs in the five first years of FP7 (2007-2011) will be published. FP7 is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe for the period 2007-2013.

The regular SME progress reports, which are published by the [Directorate-General for Research and Innovation](#), set out to examine the participation of SMEs in the thematic priorities of the [Cooperation programme](#) under FP7. The Cooperation programme supports all types of research activities carried out by different research bodies in trans-national cooperation and aims to gain or consolidate leadership in key scientific and technology areas.

More... [SME participation in FP7 and the Cooperation programme](#) ; [Participation in FP7 specific programmes](#) ; [SME activity profiles within FP7](#)

Demonstration activity: Bringing research results to the market

Demonstration activities are funding packages for SMEs which aim to bridge the gap between the research of a product and its commercial exploitation.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/newsletter/issue11/success-stories_en.html

EU: Science at the Service of Europe

[Science at the Service of Europe](#) is the [European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation](#) annual guide on the activity carried out by the DG during the year 2010. The task of this Directorate-General is to drive forward an **integrated and world-class research and innovation system in Europe**. In achieving this goal, it needs to balance competing priorities, especially in the current difficult economic circumstances.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sse/2010/index_en.cfm

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

State of the Innovation Union 2011

The Commission has adopted the 2011 State of the Innovation Union report. Learn more about the good progress made in implementing the Innovation Union flagship initiative on the Key Documents page

http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?pg=keydocs

European Commission, EIB and EIF launch new scheme to help SMEs get loans for research & innovation

The EC and the European Investment Bank Group launch a new guarantee facility for innovative small & medium-sized enterprises to help them access finance from banks. This builds on the success of the Risk-Sharing Finance Facility, launched in 2007, that has so far helped 75 companies benefit from over €7 billion in EIB loans to projects enhancing EU growth and competitiveness. The new risk-sharing instrument for SMEs will be managed by the European Investment Fund (EIF). In addition, the EIB and the EC are to provide extra resources for research infrastructures.

More... www.eib.org/rsff ; www.eif.org ; http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=esfri

EU: "Small Business, Big World a new partnership to help SMEs seize global opportunities"

The priority for EU is to overcome the crisis boosting competitiveness & growth. Major markets such as China, India, Russia, Brazil, with strong growth rates, potential represent significant opportunities for EU companies. Internationalisation is the step SMEs need to take, to seize these opportunities. The EC released the long-awaited Communication on Internationalisation of SMEs, regarding a new strategy for the internationalization of EU SMEs.

More... <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/765&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en> ; [Communication](#)

Ecoinnovation action: Good for businesses and the environment

The eco-friendly technologies are good for business, reduce pressure on the environment, can create new jobs, help create new jobs, so eco-innovation is crucial to the economic competitiveness of Europe.

The EcoAP expands the focus from green technologies to the broader concept of eco-innovation, targeting specific bottlenecks, challenges, opportunities for achieving environmental objectives through innovation.

The Action Plan will accelerate eco-innovation across all sectors of the economy with well targeted actions. To help create stronger, stable market demand for eco-innovation, it will take measures in the areas of regulatory incentives, private, public procurement, standards, it will mobilise support for SMEs to improve investment readiness, networking opportunities. Key aspects of the new Action Plan include:

- Using **environmental policy and legislation** to promote eco-innovation;
- Supporting **demonstration projects** and partnering to bring promising, smart and ambitious operational technologies to market;
- Developing **new standards** to boost eco-innovation;

- **Mobilising financial instruments** and support services for SMEs;
- Promoting **international co-operation**;
- Supporting the **development of emerging skills and jobs** and related training programmes to match labour market needs; and
- Promoting eco-innovation through **European Innovation Partnership**

Next Steps: Implementation of the plan: via partnership between stakeholders/private-public sector/EC. The upcoming mid-term financial review will provide a good opportunity to assess the achievement of the goals set in the Action Plan. New efforts focus on product development, demonstration activities to fill the gap between technology-market uptake.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index_en.html

Curriculum Library on Employee Ownership (CLEO)

CLEO, is the largest online academic repository of teaching and background materials on employee ownership. CLEO offers over 500 materials (e.g., books, articles, cases, teaching modules, etc.) to help with research, teaching on a broad range of topics on employee ownership; more recent newly developed/educational cases, syllabi, curriculum; teaching modules, reading collections with suggested relevant materials.

More information

Partner Search

A German SME is looking for a partner for Eureka project

A German SME is looking for a partner for the development of an IT matching tool allowing to determine closeness of content between 2 profiles / projects. Linguistic methodologies of ontology and semantics should be integrated. In the next step, a function for international multilingual matching will be implemented.

The partner should be specialised in semantic software development with Java background and provide the language / semantic know-how for the co-development of the matching engine. Overall aim and objective of the proposed project: the company provides a platform for the matching of freelance project developers and clients looking for specialists.

It currently covers the following sectors: - IT ; - Consulting ; - Creative ; - Engineering ; - Medical ; - Fashion

If you are interested please: office@ipacv.ro

Partner search request by a Turkish SME / EUREKA / TR-RO Joint Call

In the framework of the EUREKA Turkey-Romania Joint call, they are looking for a Romanian partner which has expertise with regard to developing user-friendly software tools for the visualization and handling of large matrices.

Contact details are: ASIM.EGEMEN.YILMAZ@ENG.ANKARA.EDU.TR of E.D.Y. R&D SERVICES LTD.

A Romanian ITC company Search for Partnership

A computer-aided engineering firm providing expedient, reliable consulting services to the world's finest in automotive, energy, defense, and aerospace industries. With connected, experienced professionals in the United States, Europe, and China, Caelynx offers clients an expansive range of design and analysis capabilities on demand and within budget.

Contact: Dr. Stefan Castravete, Managing Director, +40 351 176969, stefan@caelynx.com , www.caelynx.com

A Romanian company with ITC expertise offer services in Medical Devices Industry

In Summary – Why SIMULIA:

- Actively involved with ASME and ASTM on development of simulation guidelines for Medical Devices industry
- Abaqus is the de-facto realistic simulation provider for the medical device industry
- Insight has powerful tools for stochastic and probabilistic analysis and the community feels the need
- We continue to push new technology areas

Contact: Dr. Stefan Castravete, Managing Director, +40 351 176969, stefan@caelynx.com , www.caelynx.com

Romanian company search for partners in construction field

Simplu Cons 2004 SRL is a company with 100% private shareholders, founded in 2008, its main field of providing complete solutions for thermal/bituminous waterproofing membrane PVC membrane, supply, installation of construction materials needed for industrial buildings/commercial/residential (trapezoidal sheets, sandwich panels with polyurethane foam core, mineral wool, steel structures). The company has developed sustainable partnerships with suppliers of materials, general contracting firm. Among these are: Knauf Insulation mineral wool, Rockwool Romania for Atlas Corporation & Romsteel extruded, expanded polystyrene products, Danosa (Spain), Siplast (France), Soprema (France), Bauder (Germany) for bituminous membranes, Sika (Germany), Protan AS (Norway) for PVC membrane, Ruukki Romania, trapezoidal plates, sandwich panels, Steel Cladding Systems Ltd., Serena 94 SA, Conarg Construct ,Romcristal - general contractors for various works of thermo-hydro and roofs with tin type tile.

All employees hold certificates authorized applicator of the most important producers of insulating material. The company participated as a supplier of roofing solutions, complete systems or thermo-hydro, manufacturing, assembly services to great constructions. The company search partners to participate at tenders and constructions base on his expertise.

Contact: Mr. Eugen Feraru, Tel:+40 721 276078, eugen.feraru@simpluconstruct.ro ; www.simpluconstruct.ro

A Romanian Company are interested in purchasing declassified steel

I am a candles manufacturer from Craiova, Romania and I am interested in purchasing declassified steel sheets of 0.15 mm thickness, necessary to produce candle caps. Yellow color is preferable, but not compulsory. We would be interested if there is any possibility of purchasing this product (the sheets) from you in quantity of 500-1,000 kilos/months.

Contact: Mircea Nastase, tel: +40 723 366 633, mirceavn@yahoo.com

Partnership Search from Romania

The Braila Free Zone provides land in order to take under concession for a maximum of 49 years. We can also offer for rent office space, storage and production halls. The Braila Free Zone has a very favorable location, divided into four functional perimeters, with the possibility of auto, railroad tracks and sea access.

Contact: tel. +40239611655, email: office@zonaliberabraila.ro, www.zonaliberabraila.ro

Partnersearch from Romania in ITC field

MBM SMBM Software has developed its own brand of software for asset management applications for hardware/software, helpdesk support & CRM. These solutions were subsequently integrated into "all-in-one" technology, to better manage physical&logical. The technologies used by the development division include: MS Visual Studio. NET, C + +, Java, Assembler, PHP, Oracle, PostgreSQL, MS-SQL. MBM Software also has a CDI department.

The company is interested in participating in various European projects proposal, commercial partnerships and sales.

Contact: Mrs Catrina Aurelia, aurelia.catrina@mbmssoftware.com, aureliacat@yahoo.com, mobile: +40723509049

German University that search contacts in Romania and Bulgaria

My research areas are:

- 1.) Moisture sensors for agriculture, building industry, industrial process control, geophysics, hydrology
- 2.) Wireless sensor networks

I am interested in EU projects, willing to contribute to EU projects in the above mentioned research areas if you require a partner in Germany. You will find a list of my publications on my website <http://www.mx.hs-mannheim.de/50.0.html>

Contact: University of Applied Sciences Mannheim, Faculty for Electrical Engineering, Prof. Dr. Christof Hübner, Tel: +49 621292-6251, Fax +49 621292-6-6251-1, e-mail: c.huebner@hs-mannheim.de; web: <http://www.mx.hs-mannheim.de>

A partner search for the Eureka/Eurostars programme (replies before 21/11/11)

A Turkish SME aspires to lead a new consortium for a project aiming to combine DVB, EUTELSAT Ka Band Internet and VoIP services into a single HD Set Top Box running Google's Android Platform.

Contact: Mr Gerben Wedekind, tel: +32 2 7917697, fax: +32 2 7917900, info@turboppp.org; onur@omega.com.tr

Israel Technology Directory, This database can help you find a Israeli partner,

More... <http://www.science.co.il/Technology.asp>

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Celtic-Plus Call 2012 Call calendar

In 2012 Celtic-Plus will launch again two calls for the submission of fully defined project proposals. The new call submission dates will now better allow to synchronised your proposals with eventual EU-FP7 proposals including their evaluation results. Please note that the call dates for call submission have been adjusted as follows:

- Spring Call (2012-1): Submission deadline 21 May 2012; labelling until end May
- Autumn Call (2012-2): Submission deadline 15 October 2012; labelling end November

More... <http://www.celticplus.eu/Project-calls/Call-2012/call-2012-information.asp>

7th Call for Projects of ITEA 2, Opening: 1 February 2012, Preparation Days 1-2 February 2012, Madrid, Spain

In order to help interested parties to prepare for the call, ITEA is organising Project Outline Preparation Days, 1-2 Feb. 2012 in Madrid, Spain. ITEA 2 stimulates and supports innovative and pre-competitive R&D projects that will contribute research excellence to EU's competitive Software-Intensive Systems & Services. As a EUREKA Cluster programme, our approach is intergovernmental, bottom-up, business-oriented, industry-driven, allowing an innovative project idea to attract funding from participating countries. The online registration form by 18 January 2012

ITEA 2 Project Outline Preparation Days 2012

In order to prepare for this seventh Call, a two-day brokerage event is organised in Madrid on 1-2 February 2012. Participation is free of charge and open to all those with an interest in our seventh Call.

During this two-day meeting interested companies, research institutes, universities etc. with innovative ideas for projects in ITEA 2 are brought together which makes it a unique starting point for organisations to form successful consortia and start preparing Project Outlines (POs) for Call 7! In short, this meeting will enable you to:

- Receive general information about ITEA 2 and the project call process;
- Present your idea in a poster session and an elevator pitch;
- Discuss and brainstorm project ideas in workgroup sessions;
- Contact other interested parties/potential partners from all over Europe; and
- Form consortia and start preparing POs for the 7th Call.

More... www.itea2.org/po_days2012

EU: EUREKA's Eurostars Programme 8th cut-off

Applicants: SMEs based in Eurostars member state

Aim: Stimulate the **R&D performing SMEs** to lead international collaborative research and innovation project by easing access to support and funding. **Deadline: 1st March 2012**

More... <http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu>

EU: 7th Transnational EuroTransBio - Call for Proposals

Applicants: SMEs consortia from at least two countries/regions among Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain (Andalusia, Basque Country, Catalonia, Navarra), Belgium (Flanders, Wallonia), France (Alsace) and may include additional partners from research organizations or large industry.

Aim: Foster the competitive capacity of EU biotechnology industry by supporting the research intensive SMEs and their strategic partnerships. **Topics:** All fields of biotechnology (red, green, white, blue and grey). **Deadline: 1st February 2012**

More... www.eurotransbio.eu

EU: Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) Encouraging women entrepreneurs

Whilst Europe does not have enough entrepreneurs following through on their ideas to set up in business, there are disproportionately even fewer women than men entrepreneurs. **Europe's economy needs more entrepreneurs to take the plunge.** The European Commission has conceived a new website to find ways to overcome the factors which particularly discourage women from taking up the option of entrepreneurship.

Moreover, the European Commission during the latest Innovation Convention (5-6 December 2011 in Brussels) awarded the winner of the 1st **EU Women Innovators Prize**.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/promoting-entrepreneurship/women/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/ic2011/index_en.cfm?pg=prize_women

Call for Nominations. Aspen Young Leaders Program 2012

The 2012 Young Leaders Program will bring increased regional participation and create additional diversity and relevance for a growing Network of Aspen Fellows already covering 12 countries. The Young Leaders Program gathers each year 20 high profile regional young leaders with a clear two-fold goal: to **promote and advance progressive leadership** within society; and to develop the **regional network** of Aspen Fellows, based on shared values and common interests. The Program addresses people between the ages of 25 and 35 having achieved **significant professional positions and accomplished results within their area of activity**. Candidates should have **demonstrated leadership potential, a record of initiative and entrepreneurship and a proven civic interest**.

We welcome candidates from: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Nominations can be made by submitting the following documentation in English: the Nomination Form, a letter of recommendation and the candidate's CV together with a letter of intention. The file is to be sent to Ms. Sorina Campean, at sorina.campean@aspeninstitute.ro by **15th February 2012**.

More... <http://www.aspeninstitute.ro/articole/572/Call-for-Nominations-Young-Leaders-Program-2012.html>

Call for Applications - European for Peace Young people in action for human rights

Young people from Germany, the countries of Central, Eastern & South-Eastern EU & Israel actively explore historical, present-day human rights issues. The programme supports international partnerships between schools and/or non-school organisations. EUROPEANS FOR PEACE strengthens historical awareness, bolsters the active commitment of young people. Deadline for submission: 15 January 2012.

More... http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Source/News&Calls/2012_Europeans_for_peace.pdf ; <http://www.europeans-for-peace.de/>

Contract award notice: Study on "Indicators for independence and efficient functioning of audiovisual media services regulatory bodies for the purpose of enforcing the rules in the AVMS Directive"

The 1st objective of the study is to analyse the requirements of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive as regards the independent regulators. The 2nd objective is to gather information on the regulation of the following aspects of regulatory authorities in the Member States: measures to guarantee the independence of the regulator; basic powers which allow for the effective application & enforcement of audiovisual legislation; adequate monitoring powers including the adequate resources to carry out the monitoring functions; adequate sanctioning powers including the ability to issue warnings, impose fines & the power to prohibit broadcasting/revoke broadcasting licences. Deadline: **To be announced**

More... [OJ 2009/S 94-134142](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/infocentre/tenders/archives/index_en.htm#regulators); http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/infocentre/tenders/archives/index_en.htm#regulators

European Commission proposes supplementary research programme for ITER

The European Commission has proposed to set up a "Supplementary Research Programme" under the Euratom Treaty for the EU contribution to the ITER project from 2014 to 2018.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/infocentre/longdetail.cfm?item_id=5665&nl_id=1013

Significant boost in EU support for the environment and climate through the new LIFE programme

The EC proposes to allocate EUR 3.2 billion over 2014-2020 to a new Programme for the Environment & Climate Action - LIFE. The proposed programme will be reformed to have a greater impact, be simpler & more flexible, have a significantly increased budget. New aspects of the future LIFE Programme include:

- Creation of a new sub-programme for Climate Action;
- Clearer definition of priorities with multi-annual work programmes adopted in consultation with the Member States;

- New possibilities to implement programmes on a larger scale through "Integrated projects" which can help mobilise other EU, national and private funds for environmental or climate objectives.

More... [Proposal for a Regulation of the EU Parliament & of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment & Climate Action \(LIFE\)](#) ; LIFE+: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm> ; [MEMO/11/893](#)

See also: [Financing Natura 2000. Investing in Natura 2000: delivering benefits for nature & people](#)

Calls for Proposals: [Specific calls for SMEs](#) [General open calls](#)

Public contracts and funding: [Tenders](#) [Grants](#) [Microfinance](#) [Recipients of EU funds](#)

Policy

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) adopted an opinion on "Energy Intensive Industries"

The EESC considers that Europe will only be able to respond to intensified international competition by implementing highly innovative systems and raising technological, environmental and production standards. The products of the Energy Intensive Industries (EIIs) are the basis for the value chain for all manufacturing sectors, where a large proportion of EU jobs are allocated. A stable regulatory framework is extremely important taking into consideration that the economic investment cycles in EII run from 7-20 years in some cases. The EESC recommends the possibility of retaining the system of allocating ETS certificates free of charge to firms which have already achieved levels of excellence.

The EESC calls on the EU Institutions to reinforce the programmes for research & innovation, focused on energy efficiency and diversification and make them a permanent part of development initiatives. SMEs can contribute to achieving the objectives of high levels of energy efficiency. Specific programmes tailored to them are needed.

An integrated industrial policy is needed to keep external variables constantly in check and to guarantee sufficient competitiveness for European businesses.

More... <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.ccmi-opinions&itemCode=15875>

Removing barriers to trade to strengthen the internal market

Companies in the EU can call for help if they fear that new technical regulations in other Member States could hamper the sales of their products. Under the notification procedure provided in Directive 98/34/EC, Member States are obliged to inform the Commission and other Member States about their draft technical regulations on products and Information Society services before they are adopted into national law.

In 2009 and 2010, 1 525 draft technical regulations were notified, a number which increased in comparison with the previous period which covered three years (1 979 for 2006, 2007 and 2008). In 12% of the cases the Commission found that the new regulations could have led to obstacles to the free movement of goods. But in more than 95% of these cases, solutions are found before the adoption of the texts by Member States, avoiding infringement procedures which are always cumbersome and onerous for all parties involved.

More... [Report: The operation of directive 98/34/EC in 2009 and 2010 ; EU internal market - The 98/34 notification procedure](#)

Industry calls for true Digital Single Market in recommendations on European Cloud Strategy

Industry leaders are asking the EC to provide for a coherent legal framework for Cloud Computing services, to help EU businesses participate in a global market forecast to reach 70 billion euros annually in 2015. The request forms part of 10 recommendations from industry regarding the future EU Cloud Computing Strategy to be presented in 2012.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=7679

Events

23th ISPIM Conference "Action for Innovation: Innovating from Experience", Barcelona, Spain, 17-20 June 2012

Organiser: [ISPIM](#), International Society for Professional Innovation Management. **Applicants:** academic, research, consulting, industry, intermediary, policy organizations. **Topics:** action for innovation (focus theme); collaboration for innovation (incl. open innovation); creativity & idea generation; entrepreneurship, business models & financing innovation; innovation training, education & learning; methods, tools & measurement for innovation; networks & clusters of innovation; sustainability in innovation. **Deadline:** 31 December 2011, Outlines Only/ All Submissions

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

3rd international conference i-SUP2012 (Innovation for Sustainable Production), Bruges, May 6-9, 2012

This congress aims to discuss the challenge our transport system: ensuring high quality mobility of goods and people and reducing its negative impacts on people, planet and profit. The unique set-up of this conference brings together scientists, entrepreneurs, engineers, and students from universities on 7 distinct but well interrelated congresses. Deadline for abstract submission is **January 31, 2012**. The conference concept and the stimulating atmosphere of the historic Old Saint-John's Hospital in Bruges provide a unique opportunity for participants to **learn in many ways**

More... [i-SUP2012 - Abstract submission](#) ; katrien.bultynck@vito.be ; www.i-SUP2012.org ; www.i-sup2012.org/program/Transport&Mobility

2nd European American Solar Deployment Conference - PV Rollout, Boston, USA, February, 9-10, 2012

More... <http://www.otti.de/pdf/roc3925.pdf> ; www.pvrollout.us

18th January 2012, [EUREKA Academy Conference - The Regional Dimension of Innovation](#), Brussels, Belgium

18th - 20th January 2012, [University Startups Conference 2012 "Serious Research Commercialization"](#), Washington, USA

19th January 2012, [WORKSHOP "Social attitudes toward fostering entrepreneurship and innovation demand"](#), Brussels,
6th - 9th February 2012, [IMAGINA - The European 3D Simulation and Virtual Technology Event](#), Monaco, Germany
21st February 2012, [Start up! The European Entrepreneurship Summit](#), Brussels, Belgium
28 Feb 2012, [Financing Eco-Innovation Forum "Brought to You by Chamber of Eco Commerce"](#), Atlanta, Georgia, USA
5th - 6th March 2012, [2012 EFMD Entrepreneurship Conference "Entrepreneurial Value Creation in Businesses, Families and Institutions. A view from Educators, researchers, Policy makers and Entrepreneurs"](#), Maastricht, The Netherlands
8th -9th March 2012, [Successful R&D in Europe: 4th European Networking Event](#), Düsseldorf, Germany
14th -16th April 2012, [2012 International Technology Transfer Beijing Conference \(ITTC2012\)](#), Beijing, China
23rd - 24th April 2012, [12th Annual EBAN Congress & 7th Award Ceremony](#), Moscow, Russia

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

University of Oxford: Practical RF / Microwave Design	16.01.2012	UK
University of Oxford: Digital Signal Processing	17.01.2012	UK
Digital Signal Processing Implementation	20.01.2012	UK
Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits	23.01.2012	France
Advanced Digital Physical Implementation flow	20.01.2012	Belgium
Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v10.1	06.02.2012	Germany
University of Oxford: Successful RF PCB Design	09.02.2012	UK
Advanced Analog Implementation Flow - IDESA	13.02.2012	Austria
Advanced Signoff Power-Grid Analysis with Encounter Power System v8.1	20.02.2012	Germany
Energy Harvesting	23.02.2012	Freiburg, DE
University of Oxford: Systems Engineering Fast-Track	25.02.2012	UK
Basic Introduction to CMOS Image Sensors	01-02.03.2012	Lausanne (CH)
Smart Materials in Robotics and Microtechnology	12-13.03.2012	Lausanne (CH)
Reliability and Test	26-27.03.2012	Zurich, CH
Wafer Bonding	29-30.03.2012	Zurich, CH

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

eHealth: Innovating for Life, 25-26 January 2012, Maastricht

eHealth simplifies, improves patients' access to and interactions with the wide range of people taking care of their health needs. Citizen-centred information systems and health portals are empowering patients by increasing the availability of information and accessibility to health services. The seminar will focus on the following fields:

- the key EC eHealth Programmes; integrated approaches for enhancing the synergies between ICT providers and healthcare providers;
- cross-border care and pan-European eServices in health and social insurance; telemedicine & telecare services;
- patient empowerment and eHealth tools for citizens; patients' privacy and data protection concerns
- programmes and large-scale projects implementing eHealth applications;
- financial benefits achieved by eHealth solutions

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Postdoc researchers, IMS, Univ. of Padua, Deadline 28.12

The Information Management Systems (IMS) Research Group <http://ims.dei.unipd.it/>, Depart of Information Engineering <http://www.dei.unipd.it/wdyn/index.php?lingua=en> of the University of Padua http://www.unipd.it/index_en.htm, Italy, invites applications for 2x18 months post-doctoral researcher positions in experimental evaluation of information systems. Pos 1: Design of Component-based Evaluation Methodologies for Multimodal Information Access Systems
The research activities concern the study and development, in the context of the PROMISE project, of innovative methodologies to carry out a component-based evaluation of multilingual and multimodal information access systems in order to assess the contribution of each component to the overall performances.

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Pos 2: Design, Development of Knowledge Management, Semantic Tools for Information Experimental Evaluation
The research activities concern the study and development, in the context of the PROMISE project, of innovative tools for knowledge management and semantics in order to describe the scientific data produces by experimental evaluation of information retrieval systems and to make the accessible and re-usable.

The researcher will join an energetic and highly collaborative team of computer scientists. Tasks will include developing new algorithms and architectures; their prototyping and analysis; and, scientific publishing of the results.

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