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Technology Transfer and Innovation

Events in technology transfer and innovation field



Enterprise Europe Network carries out a variety of events to promote their activities to companies and organisations at regional, national or European level. 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 have technology profiles in the fields? Please contact office@ipacv.ro to support you.

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- 28 ["Mission for Growth" – Brokerage event at "CAT 2012" Business & Technology Convention](#) Tunis (Tunisia)
- 28 [Brokerage Event "Fibre-reinforced Plastics"](#) Linz (Austria)
- 29 [LEaN2012 - International brokerage event on Logistics, Energy and Networking](#) Genova (Italy)
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December 2012

- 06 [Brokerage Event on Water Technologies in 6-9 December in Bursa / TURKEY](#) Bursa (Turkey)

January 2013

- 24 [Matchmaking Event between European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean](#) Santiago (Chile)

February 2013

- 15 [Company Mission to Ambiente](#) Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
- 19 ["HCJ Fair 2013" - B2B meetings at the hospitality industry tradeshow in Japan](#) Tokyo (Japan)

March 2013

- 05 [CeBIT Future Match 2013](#) Hannover (Fairground) (Germany)
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- 07 [Iceland Geothermal Conference](#) Reykjavik (Iceland)

April 2013

- 09 [HANNOVER MESSE 2013: Technology Cooperation Days on Industrial Energy Efficiency](#) Hannover (Germany)
- 11 [Biopesticide Market Opportunities](#) London (United Kingdom)

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](#)

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See how the Network's brokerage events work - in the short video shot during the global media tradeshow IBC in Amsterdam. See how Dutch entrepreneurs link up with business managers worldwide at a brokerage event organised by the Enterprise Europe Network in the Netherlands. Syntens & AgentschapNL organised an international matchmaking event, one of the most important events on the calendar for the global electronic media industry.
More... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWl

Brokerage Event Pollutec Lyon 2012 "GREEN DAYS", 26-30 November 2012, Lyon, France

The Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Rhône-Alpes, Enterprise Europe Network CIPRAA, will organise a brokerage event within Pollutec fair. Pollutec Lyon France is the Europe's most important International exhibition of environmental equipments, technologies, services, with more than 50 830 visitors/2528 exhibitors for the 24th edition. Main thematic:

- Water and Wastewater
- Energy and renewables
- Air
- Waste, Recycling, Cleaning
- Analysis, Measurements, Monitoring
- Products and sustainable development
- Sites and Soils
- Risks prevention
- Risks management

Other activities like company visits and interclustering meetings will be also proposed.

More... www.greendays-pollutec2012.b2b-match.com ; www.polutec2012.com

BioFIT 2012 - Fostering Innovation & Transfer, 3-4 December 2012, Lille, France

It is a international partnering event in the field of technology transfer/collaborative projects in the life sciences sector.

Academics, industry stakeholders, entrepreneurs, practitioners in technology transfer, intellectual property, licensing will share best practices, know-how, will maximize qualified alliances thanks to a cutting-edge partnering platform.

More... <http://www.biofit-event.com/index.html>

2nd Balkan Venture Forum, 22-23 November 2012, Belgrade, Serbia

The Balkan Venture Forum is a leading regional investment & innovation forum. It showcases innovative companies to active investors, promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, investment readiness, access to finance in the Balkans.

Belgrade is welcoming our entrepreneurial community. It's got a recent Innovation fund to show for, tons of bright people, it's big/central, so it looks promising! This time we are doubling the content, with the second programme track in preparation.. And in a big upcoming startup center like Belgrade, it is poised to be a landmark event for the region. Expect many heavyweight sharks on the networking floor, even better [apply for the pitching competition](#) or for a 1on1 meeting.

More... [Balkan-Venture-Forum](#) Check out the [programme](#) and the [participants](#), or directly book your early-bird tickets.

EVS - European Venture Summit, 6-7 December 2012, Berlin, Germany

This event will feature winning companies from Europe Unlimited Venture Foras held throughout EU to showcase their businesses to international investors, other industry experts. EVS will showcase 100 of EU's top start-ups in the areas of ICT, Life Sciences, Cleantech.

More than 100 international investors are attending to review company presentations, looking for deal-flow, partnerships.

More... http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events_pages_id=1528

6th VentureConnect, 27 November 2012, HUB Bucharest, Romania

It is a unique event that intends to facilitate direct contact between potential investors interested in online, entrepreneurs who want to impose with succesfull business in this area. At VentureConnect, you have the opportunity to interact with investors such as Dirk van Quakebeke - [Alps Venture](#), Dan Lupu - [Early Bird](#), Maxim Gurvits - [Eleven Accelerator](#), Lyuben Belov - [Launchub](#), Gwidon Humeniuc - [Xevin Investments](#) and many other guests. The best pitching start-up within this VentureConnect session will be awarded a pass for [LeWeb](#), the largest tech conference in EU. Until now, two significant investments were completed endorsing valuable projects such as: [Tjobs](#) (online recruitment platform for international jobs) and [Bittnet Systems](#) (network training company); investments that supported them to evolve from the startup phase to a more mature business strategy.

More... <http://www.ventureconnect.ro/events/venture-connect/>

Intelligent Energy Europe 2013 - Info Day , 23 January 2013

More... http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/news/2012/index_en.htm

InfoDay FP7 Environment Research- water innovation demonstration projects, 15 January 2013, Brussels

The European Commission (Research & Innovation DG - Directorate Environment) is organising an InfoDay on FP7 Environment Research in the specific field of "water innovation demonstration projects" on 15 January 2013 in Brussels. The event will focus on the Call FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO of the 2013 Work Programme. It aims to provide guidance on the preparation of proposals, to update proposers on recent progress by the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) on Water and to allow for brokerage amongst the participants.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/innovationpartnership/index_en.htm

Celtic-Plus Proposers' Day for new project proposals, Istanbul, Turkey, 6 December 2012

Celtic-Plus will organise its next Proposers' Day in Istanbul, Turkey, on 6 December 2012. The focus will be on preparing the 1st Call of 2013. Potential proposers are welcome to this event to present their project ideas and/or network with other potential participants. A specific focus will be made on involving Turkish SMEs, with support from Turkcell (who hosts the Proposers' Day), Turk Telekom, and Tubitak, the Turkish Public Authority. Participation is free of charge.

More... [Celtic-Plus Proposers' Day website](#)

Celtic-Plus Event 2013, Kayseri, Turkey, 6-7 March 2013

Celtic-Plus will organise its next Annual Event in Kayseri, Turkey, on 6-7 March 2013. This year, the Event is organised in conjunction with the EUREKA Turkish Chairmanship meetings of the EUREKA National Contact Points and High-Level Group representatives; it will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss projects and related issues with high-level people from public authorities from all EUREKA countries. The Event will include as usual an exhibition showing the achievements of completed and running Celtic and Celtic-Plus projects, as well as presentations and panel sessions.

More... [Celtic-Plus Event website](#)

8th COST Domain FTP - Forests, their Products and Services Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 11-14 March 2013

Direct the way to Innovation in the Forest-based Sector! Open Call for Applications.

The COST [FPS](#) Domain in conjunction with the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform FTP as well as research organisations InnovaWood-wood technology, the Association of EU Fibre & Paper Research Organisation EFPRO & the EU Forest Institute EFI invite Young Researchers to present their research results as well as ongoing/planned research. Bringing together young researchers, experienced researchers and researchers, industry representatives, the Forum is an ideal opportunity to encourage networking of young researchers within the entire forest-based sector in EU/abroad, additionally promote networking towards relevant industry, EU, national bodies.

More... <http://www.cost.eu/events/ftp8>

6th NoAE Project-Day European Showcase for Ideas, Innovations & Projects, 17-18 April 2013, Duesseldorf

The opportunity: Ideas become projects, projects become contracts. Interactive program with plenum-sessions, [workshops](#) and project-meetings via exhibition-partner (country-pavilions, eco-systems, best partner)

Step 1: **Presentations:** <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/presentations.html>

Step 2: **Changing ideas & projects** for cooperations: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/ideas-projects.html>

Step 3: **Innovations** for automotive, aerospace & transportation: October 2012 to March 2013

..... for the 6th project-day we offer **workshops** (: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/workshops.html>), **showcases & marketplaces**. We invite universities, small also bigger companies for 4 different areas:

- Ideas for Projects
- Proposals for Project-Industrial
- Proposals for Project Industry-Science
- Proposals for Funding Projects

We do have a great opportunity for Cooperation in CROSS-BORDER-Projects for:

- **Companies** (Automotive, Aerospace, Transportation, ICT, Electronic, eMobility, Manufacturing, Material) and
- **Research Insitutes** (Universities, Lab's, R&D Departments)

Feedback to the 5th project-day <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/workshops.html>

A Video from Romania: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53jB5sbrHu4&feature=plcp>

A video about 5th project-day this year: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53jB5sbrHu4&feature=plcp>

More Videos: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/videos.html>

All Workshops: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/workshops.html>

Link to cooperation's with Netherlands and Taiwan: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/news.html>

More... www.noae.com; <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/agenda.html>

22nd International Exhibition for Technological Developments in the Industry, Tel Aviv, Israel, 18-20 June 2013

Sectors: Automation control/measurement, technical supply, tools/equipment, raw materials, paints, chemicals, adhesives, oils, fuels, metals, laser tech, computers/software, machines/pneumatics/hydraulics/robotics, industry services

More... [Technology/2013/International Exhibition for Technological Developments in the Industry](#)

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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Clusters

Cluster Analysis Report - Sustainable Organisation between Clusters of Optimised Logistics @ Europe

Five regional logistics hubs are cooperating to develop their clusters and collaborate. Together, they build a leading network of logistics gateways in Europe.

In order to achieve the project objectives, the clusters formulate a Joint Action Plan of specific joint projects and activities following a regional cluster analysis as the scope of the report. The study at hand has analyzed the participating clusters along selected, mostly publicly available statistics performance indicators, the quality of the regional business environment, the networking/cooperation structure, the specific context for innovation.

Nearly all logistics clusters in the project show an above EU-average economic performance in terms of the Gross Domestic Product, employment concentration in logistics, wages and salaries paid in the logistics sector. The clusters show a medium to high innovation performance in terms of patenting activity, scientific publications in logistics. The five regions represent essential areas of logistics (deep-sea hubs, airports, land-hubs, short-sea hubs), have different transport modes as the focus of their regional modal split.

The results from the analysis of the specific context for innovation show that the increase of market share, quality, range of products, services, processes are the most important drivers for logistics companies to innovate. The lack or uncertainties of customer demand along with the cost of innovation are the largest barriers for innovation. Suppliers, business clients, fairs, exhibitions, informal contacts are among the major sources of knowledge relevant for innovation. All clusters have identified a variety of joint needs for action, which they will translate into specific projects and activities within the subsequent definition of a Joint Action Plan.

More... <http://www.socool-logistics.eu>

Virtuelle Cluster Initiative

What if all businesses in your area were centrally located on one Platform? How easy it would be to market the entire region all at once. Regionally, Nationally, International. [Jeffrey Kleinpeter](#) have created a Platform, setting the Framework which will enhance Global collaboration, an Initiative which is Digital, "The essence of competitiveness" which:

- Competitiveness is currently ranking high on the agenda of policy makers. In particular, ICT has put policy makers in a fast-changing environment, where new technologies and new businesses practices call for a continuous rethinking.....
- is innovative and will enhance EU targets for sustainable growth
- will shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy and allow a more competitive low-carbon economy (Green)
- will respond to globalization and will develop new green technologies
- will improve the business environment, in particular for SMEs
- outlined in the VIENNA CLUSTER MANIFESTO - "to easily mobilize different competences, build cross-sectoral linkages through cooperation, and promote innovation, clusters can be instrumental to facilitate and support the emergence of new and globally competitive industries in Europe (Global), which may result from key enabling technologies, radically new business models and cross-sectoral linkages."

[Jeffrey Kleinpeter](#) would like to offer the Platform, in terms of joining forces, to bring this Initiative to the next level with the use of this Innovative approach. This would provide for a better quality of services and network interaction, as well as, allowing each member to use his own Corporate Identity (CI).

More... www.virtuelle-cluster-initiative.com

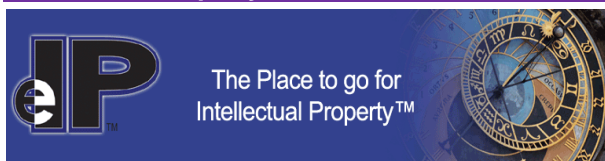
SMEs

Technology Profiles

Remote Video Transmission and Recording Systems for Security & Transportation Markets	Israel	OFFER
Brass Processing Systems-brass hot forging and precision machining technologies	Israel	REQUEST
A novel Dehumidifier and heater for cold climate Greenhouses	Israel	OFFER
Revolutionary cyanide removal system for treating industrial wastewater - absolute decontamination from cyanide without use of chemicals	Israel	OFFER
Innovative wastewater treatment system for heavy metals, removing metal ions by inducing sedimentation, without the use of any chemicals	Israel	OFFER
Test for early diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis based on chimeric vimentin peptides.	Spain	OFFER
Test for early diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis based on chimeric fibrin and filaggrin peptides	Spain	OFFER
PS-FP7-Economic & safe recycling process for medium density fiberboard: tech for efficient energy transformation	Spain	REQUEST
PS-FP7-Economic and safe recycling process for medium density fibreboard: technologies for water treatment by advanced oxidation	Spain	REQUEST
PS - SENET - SEnsor NETwork. FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013 - Optimising Energy Systems in Smart	Spain	REQUEST

PS - ESAB: Energy Saving Buildings. FP7-2013-EeB.NMP.2013-3 - Integration of technologies for energy-efficient solutions in the renovation of public buildings [EeB.NMP.ICT.2013-3]	Spain	REQUEST
A PREDICTIVE FACTOR FOR AZACITIDINE RESISTANCE.	France	OFFER
A new oligonucleotide to treat catratation-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC).	France	OFFER
The Technology for Direction Finder and Monitoring System	Korea	OFFER
Cost-effective Wood Binders	USA	REQUEST
Odour extraction system for the efficient odour extraction and antibacterial treatment of toilets.	Hungary	OFFER
Novel Packaging Solution for Extra-virgin Olive Oil	Greece	REQUEST
Nano-coating for formwork elements & foils as permanent release agent in the construction industry	Germany	OFFER
High-performance low-cost H2 sensor (battery powered) e.g. for private homes with H2-fuel cell	Germany	OFFER
Complete solutions in the areas of development, manufacture & support for the electronics industry	Slovenia	OFFER

Intellectual Property ; Standards



Decision reducing the fee for the supplementary EU search

The Administrative Council has decided to reduce the fee for the supplementary EU search where the international or supplementary international search report was drawn up by the Austrian, Finnish, Spanish or Swedish national offices, or the Nordic Patent Institute.

More... <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/ac-decisions/archive/20121031.html>

Training for patent professionals: Praktika Intern 2013 programme

The programme is made up of three modules designed for participants with different levels of knowledge and experience and is intended not only for candidates preparing for the EU qualifying examination-EQE but also for professional representatives working in private practice or industry.

More... <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20121113.html>

Pan-European Intellectual Property Summit "Patents Reloaded", 6-7 December 2012, Bruxelles

- New patent systems & rules harmonization
- Future of IP litigation and 'Patent Wars'
- Antitrust v. intellectual property cleavage
- Greatest IP deals: behind the scenes
- Patent strategies in emerging countries
- Practical sessions: tying IP to profitability

More... <http://www.premiercercle.com/sites/ipsummit/2012/brussels2012/index.php>

Pan-European Intellectual Property Summit "Regenerating Trademarks", Alicante, Spain, 10-11 December 2012

- Creative brand strategies for max. value & fame
- Important EU reforms under OHIM leadership
- The advanced fight against counterfeiting
- Brands caught in the claws of social media
- Trademarks v. unfair competition dilemma

More... <http://www.premiercercle.com/sites/ipsummit/2012/alicante2012/index.php>

Calendar of Intellectual Property events

More... http://archive.epo.org/epo/pubs/oj012/10_12/10_cal2.pdf

Why is it important to conduct a patent prior-art search?

Is my invention or idea patentable? This is usually an inventor's first question. It is very important to understand how to protect intellectual property in order to raise capital and create a definable market advantage.

There are certain preliminary patentability requirements regarding the nature of the invention that you can have us quickly assess through our special free initial consultation offer. In addition to being an acceptable type of invention, the invention must be novel with respect to relevant prior art. With over 6 million US patents, 40 million worldwide, millions of printed publications, which are all potential prior-art against your application, there is a good chance that some reference, or combination of references, may render your invention anticipated or obvious, therefore unpatentable.

A prior-art patentability search can avoid losing your investment in a patent application if the search discovers prior references that would likely preclude patenting your invention. Considering the significant investment of time and money involved in a non-provisional patent application, a comprehensive patentability search and patentability opinion is a prudent upfront investment to safeguard your invention and conserve limited resources.

Inventors also need to understand the difference between a patentability search and a right to practice search.

More... http://www.ipgalaxy.in/?goback=%2Egde_4520322_member_183203002

Symposium *The Role of Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurship & Innovation*, 4 Dec 2012, New York, USA

When a company's formation is based on proprietary innovation, understanding how to protect intellectual property (IP) is integral to raising capital, creating a definable market advantage. At this symposium a group of IP attorneys/ developers will discuss how to research, protect, leverage, enforce IP. Technology businesses are increasingly dependent on the development, licensing, commercialization, implementation of IP. IP represents:

- The commercial value and marketability of proprietary innovation and creativity
- The most significant method to assess the potential valuation of a proposed investment and
- Corporate vulnerability if your IP is copied, altered or used (knowingly or unknowingly)

More... [Event--The-Role-of-Intellectual-Property-in-Entrepreneurship-and-Innovation](#)

Research

Fifth FP7 Monitoring Report

The Fifth FP7 Monitoring Report covers the implementation of the Framework Programme in the years 2007-2011. It is based on the FP7 Monitoring system, which was designed as an internal management tool using a core set of performance indicators. The FP7 Monitoring system is complementary to existing systems of data collecting and monitoring at operational level and within different DGs. While a substantial part of the report is based on existing material which has been already (at least partially) released, each annual Monitoring Report provides an integrated view on the different strands of FP7 activities.

FP7 builds on the achievements and good practice of earlier Framework Programmes with a good deal of continuity both at an operational level and in terms of strategic objectives. There are however, a number of novelties which represent a significant change compared to previous Framework Programmes.

More... [FP7_monitoring_reports](#)

- [DG RTD Annual Report on Programme Evaluation Activities 2011](#)
- [Interim Evaluation of the European Metrology Research Programme \(EMRP\) - Expert Panel Report](#)
- [Understanding the Long Term Impact of the Framework Programme](#)
- [Interim Evaluation of the 7th Framework Programme - Report of the Expert Group ; More info on FP7 Evaluation](#)
- [Interim Evaluation of the Risk Sharing Financial Facility \(RSFF\) - Expert Group Report ; More info on RSSF](#)

OpenAIRE, the Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe - to FP7 peer-reviewed articles & publications

Launched in 2010, the OpenAIRE portal operates an electronic infrastructure for handling peer-reviewed articles as well as other important forms of publications. Users can search and browse articles, while scientists are provided with post-authoring tools, as well as monitoring tools through analysis of document, usage statistics.

OpenAIRE's main objective is to support the implementation of 'Open Access' in EU. The EC programme grants free Internet access to research articles, with a view to accelerating scientific progress. CORDIS already compiles project details, participant contacts, links to official websites, related news. Via the OpenAIRE portal, it now links to existing final published articles and/or peer-reviewed manuscripts deposited into an institutional, subject-based or orphan repository.

More... http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_NEWS&ACTION=D&RCN=35148 ; OpenAIRE portal: <http://www.openaire.eu/>

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2012

This edition of the European Regional Innovation Scoreboard (RIS) provides a comparative assessment of innovation performance across NUTS 1 / NUTS 2 regions of the EU, Croatia, Norway, Switzerland. As the regional level is important for economic development, for the design/implementation of innovation policies, it is important to have indicators to compare/benchmark innovation performance at regional level. Such evidence is vital to inform policy priorities, to monitor trends. The 2012 Regional Innovation Scoreboard replicates the methodology used at national level in the Innovation Union Scoreboard (IUS), using 12 of the 24 indicators used in the IUS for 190 regions across EU.

It is proven in the report that there is considerable diversity in regional innovation performances. The partner regions of the SoCool@EU project Rijn-Schelde Delta (NL/B), Frankfurt/Rhein-Main (DE), Øresund (SE/DK) are considered are Innovation Leaders, Aragón (ES) Innovation Follower. The report is accompanied by the "Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2012 Methodology report" on: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/index_en.htm

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/ris-2012_en.pdf

Innovation Union: An integrated innovation strategy for growth and jobs

The [Innovation Union](#) is one of several flagship initiatives which support [Europe 2020](#), the EU's growth strategy until the end of the decade. Peter Dröll, head of the Innovation Policy Unit at the [Directorate-General for Research and Innovation](#), explains how SMEs can contribute significantly to achieving the objectives of this initiative by generating growth and creating jobs. 'We need SMEs in our drive to become a more competitive, sustainable, inclusive economy. We need SME's ingenuity to address societal challenges'. EU SMEs are key players, considering their 85% contribution to total

employment growth, while accounting for 67% of jobs. 'It is impressive that SMEs create more new jobs than their actual share in the economy. They are a job-creation machine!'

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/newsletter/issue14/editorial_en.html

Carpathian Region Business Network

The Carpathian Region Business Network are established and operated by the Hungarian Investment and Trade Agency (HITA) – consortium leader of the Hungarian Enterprise Europe Network, and the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MKIK) under the management of the Ministry for National Economy of Hungary. The aim of the Carpathian Region Business Network is to foster close economic relationships between Central-Eastern European countries.

More... <http://www.crbnet.eu/en/3-About-the-Network>

Financing Technology Transfer - EIF Working Papers

Global policy discussions increasingly focus on **innovation & the knowledge economy** as a driver of long-term growth. Links between universities and the business sector are of particular importance as many inventions coming out of universities need to be further developed to become economically relevant innovations.

This paper addresses new financial instruments for **Technology Transfer**, building on EU Investment Fund's experience in this field. EIF Working Papers make available to a wider readership selected topics in relation to EIF's business.

More... http://www.eif.org/news_centre/publications/EIF_Working_Paper_2009_002.htm?lang=-en

Eco-innovation in action

Since the launch of the programme in 2008, almost 200 projects, involving more than 650 organisations in five sectors of activity have been selected.

More... [Eco-innovation/in-action](#) ; [database of Eco-innovation projects](#) ; [Analysis of the call for proposals 2011](#)

Small Business Act, fact Sheet 2012

The EC released the results of the SME Performance Review, which includes the Annual Report on European SMEs and the country fact sheets describing SMEs' progress in all EU Members States. Despite the challenging environment, in 2012 SMEs stood their ground as the backbone of the European economy, and continued to strive for recovery. Have a look to the points 3 & 4 as they look at technology enterprises and tech start ups.

The country fact-sheets assess progress in implementation of the SSBA at national level, based on a set of indicators and national policy developments grouped according to the SBA's ten policy dimensions. The SBA fact-sheets cover the 27 EU Member States, Albania, Croatia, FYROM, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/performance-review/files/supporting-documents/2012/annual-report_en.pdf

What's an 'innovative' or 'resource efficient' business model?

There's a range of terms that describe these models - product service systems, circular economy models and so on. The common feature that WRAP wants to accelerate is that these models all extend product life, conserve resources and prevent materials from becoming waste. There are many different models that work on this theme already.

More... <http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/innovative-business-models>

Resource efficient business model case study: incentivised return

This case study looks at incentivised return of Electrical & Electronic Equipment, particularly the commercial opportunities presented by getting re-used electrical products back into the market place.

An incentivised return model works by a service provider purchasing used electrical equipment from individuals, refurbishing it/selling it on to new owners for a profit. This type of model is more resource efficient as it keeps electrical / electronic equipment in use for longer. It also encourages capture of end of life products for effective recycling.

More... <http://www.wrap.org.uk/sites/files/wrap/Incentivised%20return%20case%20study%20final.pdf>

Another Eurostars success story: how to bring the leather industry back to Europe

A collaboration between SMEs and research institutes from Spain and Germany. First client: BMW.

The Eurostars TaniXing project allowed a small company to create a new leather-tanning agent for luxury and high-end brands. Together with partners from Germany & Spain, it has built from scratch a supply chain to deliver a 'Made in Europe' product in a sustainable way.

More... [Eurostars project brings leather industry back to Europe](#)

An UK company committed to help people who wish to start their own companies, by offering startup packages

We are pleased to present you with attractive packages for people who are in the process of starting up their companies in EU countries. Our packages have been specially designed to ensure that they make the process more manageable, affordable and easier to understand. Please proceed by choosing the jurisdiction of interest, in this case Spain, Cyprus and the UK are available to you. Each member state will display different types of business structures, such structures have been brought to you for it's easy formation and management (Start-ups). Please note that more countries will be added to our portfolio in order to bring you a full European start-up experience.

More... <http://interlegalvirtual.com/our-jurisdictions/>

Partner Search

Looking for partners interested in submitting a project in the upcoming call FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013

The University of Perugia and the Urban Community of Terni are looking for partners/partnership interested in submitting a project in the upcoming call FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013 Theme 5 – Energy: Demonstration of optimized energy systems for high performance-energy districts (**deadline: 28/11/2012**). Using the infrastructure for the district heating which is built but not yet in operation, there are several possibilities to make the grid smart.

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Partner Search Request for a EUREKA/Eurogia Project

A Turkish company is looking for partners for the project of which details are: Project Title: Fuel Cell System for Telecom Applications: Alow Cost Green Back-up Power System Alternative to Diesel Generators. Project Target: Development of Fuel Cell System to provide back up power critical communication network infrastructures and telecom applications
Contact: Ms. Seda Koksall, t: + 90 542 640 77 84, sedakoksall@hydraenergy.com.tr, www.hydraenergy.com.tr

Partnering offer from Malta

We are an emerging company in the field of energy consultancy. We offer specific research services in the fields of energy efficient buildings and transport. We are also interested in other similar innovative projects addressing sustainable ways of living as it is our mission to help our community to live a healthier and more balanced life. We offere expertise in:

-Building Thermal Analysis (BTA):

-Thermal Modeling that is created by building simulation software together with Infrared cameras.

-Occupants Behaviour (OB): Studies for the behaviour of people in energy use, trends in energy consumption. **Topics:**

- Topic ENERGY.2013.2.4.1: Exploration and assessment of geothermal reservoirs.
- Topic ENERGY.2013.2.9.1: Research cooperation & knowledge creation in the area of renewable energy with Mediterranean partner countries.
- Topic ENERGY.2013.2.9.2: Methods for the estimation of the Direct Normal Irradiation (DNI).
- Topic ENERGY.2013.4.1.1: Research and development of innovative solar thermal Facades.
- ENERGY.2013.9.2.1: European scientific multidisciplinary "think-tank" to support energy policy
- FP7-ICT-2013.6.4: Optimising Energy Systems in Smart Cities.
- FP7-ICT-2013.6.6: Integrated personal mobility for smart cities.
- Topic ENERGY.2013.7.3.1: Planning rules for linking electric vehicles (EV) to distributed energy resources.
- Call FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-EeB, EeB.NMP.2013-4: Integrated control systems/methodologies - building energy.
- Call FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-EeB, EeB.NMP.2013-5: Optimised design methodologies for energy-efficient buildings.
- Call FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-EeB, EeB.NMP.2013-6: high efficiency by deep retrofitting - commercial buildings.
- Call FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-EeB, EeB.ENV.2013.6.3-4: Energy efficient retrofitting, renewal of existing buildings.

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Seeking urgently ONGOING consortiums in ENERGY.2013.8.8.1: Demonstration of optimised energy systems for high performance-energy districts & ICT-2013.6.4 Optimising Energy Systems in Smart Cities

The Barcelona-based cleantech company ENERBYTE is looking forward to join ongoing consortiums in following topics:

- ENERGY.2013.8.8.1: Demonstration of optimised energy systems for high performance-energy districts;
- ICT-2013.6.4 Optimising Energy Systems in Smart Cities.

ENERBYTE works in the smart grid market, focused in the utilities' marketing/customer service processes. ENERBYTE's added value lies in integrating data from smartmeters with data from socioeconomic, weather, human-computer interaction, social media, information sources, combining expertise in computer science (data base, analytics, IT multi-platform, social networks), social psychology applied to marketing (behaviour science, human-computer interaction).

Based on this global approach, ENERBYTE is able to provide Utilities with a powerful tool outperforming traditional energy data analysis, improving customer engagement and generating new revenue sources thanks to an energy-related product and services marketplace. ENERBYTE provides consumers with an energy management tool to help them to reduce energy bills and increase awareness about efficient energy use.

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Offer to Join a running FP7 project in the field of printed electronics / Electronic Design Automation

The currently-open ICT Call 10 includes Objective ICT-2013.11.4 Supplements to strengthen cooperation in ICT R&D in an enlarged EU. This offers Ideal-ist, as coordinator of the ongoing TDK4PE projects (STREP) which finish by 30th September 2014 the opportunity to add one/more new partners to their project, to expand its activities into new countries which are not already present in the existing consortium and which are under-represented in the ICT programme. Such countries can include for example the 12 new EU Member states (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the two EU candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey) and other European countries such as the states of the former Yugoslavia, the states of the former USSR and Albania.

More... <http://wbc-inco.net/object/news/11087>

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Call Title	Call Identifier	Deadline
Call for proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant	ERC-2013-CoG	2013-02-21

Call Title	Call Identifier	Deadline
MARIE CURIE CAREER INTEGRATION GRANTS (CIG)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-CIG	2013-09-18
Call for proposals for ERC Synergy Grant	ERC-2013-SyG	2013-01-10
ICT-EU Japan Coordinated call	FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Japan	2012-11-29
RESEARCHERS' NIGHT (NIGHT)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-NIGHT	2013-01-08
Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IAPP	2013-01-16
Call for proposals to support ERC monitoring and evaluation strategy (gender aspects)	ERC-2013-Support-1	2013-01-16
FET Open	FP7-ICT-2013-C	2013-03-12
ICT call 11	FP7-ICT-2013-11	2013-04-16
FET Open Xtrack	FP7-ICT-2013-X	2013-01-29
ICT EU-Brazil Coordinated call	FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Brazil	2012-12-12
Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies (INCO-NET)	FP7-INCO-2013-1	2012-12-18
MARIE CURIE CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-COFUND	2012-12-05
Call N° 11 - FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-1	FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-1	2012-12-05
Energy Call part 2	FP7-ENERGY-2013-2	2013-01-24
KBBE-2013	FP7-KBBE-2013-7-1-stage	2013-02-05
Theme 4 - NMP - Nanoscience, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New production Technologies - CSAs 2013	FP7-NMP-2013-CSA-7	2012-12-04
Smart Cities and Communities	FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013	2012-12-04
ERA-NET Call 2013	FP7-ERANET-2013-RTD	2013-02-28
"Materials for Green Cars" - 2013	FP7-2013-GC-Materials	2012-12-04
SME Initiative on Analytics	FP7-ICT-2013-SME-DCA	2013-01-15
FP7-SEC-2013-1	FP7-SEC-2013-1	2012-11-22
"Factories of the Future" - 2013	FP7-2013-NMP-ICT-FOF	2012-12-04
FP7-AERONAUTICS and AIR TRANSPORT (AAT)-2013-RTD-High Speed	FP7-AAT-2013-rtd-High-Speed	2013-03-29
Supporting the coordination of national and regional policies and activities of Member States and/or Associated countries in the field of international cooperation – Activity ERA-NET/ERA-NET PLUS	FP7-INCO-2013-3	2012-12-18
ENVIRONMENT 2013-WATER INNO&DEMO	FP7-env-2013-Water-demo	2013-04-04
ICT call 10	FP7-ICT-2013-10	2013-01-15
Bilateral coordination for the enhancement and development of S&T Partnerships (BILAT)	FP7-INCO-2013-2	2012-12-18
Supporting the awareness raising of Horizon 2020 in the third countries (INCO-H2020)	FP7-INCO-2013-4	2012-12-18
Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-ITN	2012-11
Reinforcing cooperation with European Neighbourhood Policy countries on bridging the gap between research, innovation (R2I-ENP)	FP7-INCO-2013-9	2012-12-18
FP7-SCIENCE-IN-SOCIETY-2013-1	FP7-science-in-Society-2013-1	2013-01-16
The Ocean of Tomorrow 2013	FP7-OCEAN-2013	2013-02-07
Prizes for Innovation in Public Administration	FP7-CDRP-2013-Admin-Innov	2013-02-15
Call for proposals for ERC Advanced Grant	ERC-2013-ADG	2012-11-22
ICT for Green Cars	FP7-2013-ICT-GC	2012-12-04
FP7-SSH-2013 - Collaborative projects (Large-scale integrated research projects)	FP7-SSH-2013-1	2013-01-31
FP7-SSH-2013 - Collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects) as well as coordination and support actions	FP7-SSH-2013-2	2013-01-31

Call Title	Call Identifier	Deadline
EU Prize for Women Innovators 2014	FP7-CDRP-Women-Innovators	2013-10-15
Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IRSES	2013-01-17
Energy Call - Part 1	FP7-ENERGY-2013-1	2012-11-28
Energy Call - Integrated Research Programmes	FP7-ENERGY-2013-IRP	2013-01-08
Space Call 6	FP7-SPACE-2013-1	2012-11-21
"Energy-efficient Buildings" - 2013	FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-EeB	2012-12-04
FP7-AERONAUTICS and AIR TRANSPORT (AAT)-2012-RTD-L0	FP7-AAT-2012-RTD-L0	2013-03-14
More... User manual ; Electronic submission user manual ; Presentations ; Submission of proposals ; Contact Helpdesk		

Call for proposals for FP7-ICT-2013-10, Specific Programme: Cooperation, Deadline: 15 January 2013

Budget: € 705 500 000, **OJ Reference:** [OJ C202 of 10 July 2012](#). This call uses the new Participant Portal Submission Service for submission of all funding scheme proposals, not the EPSS.

More... <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-ICT-2013-10;>
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/>

ICT call 11 - FP7-ICT-2013-11; Deadline: 16 April 2013

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes
Challenge 1: Pervasive & Trusted Network and Service Infrastructures	ICT-2013.1.1 Future Networks	IP/STREP, CSA
Challenge 3: Alternative Paths to Components & Systems	ICT-2013.3.1 Nanoelectronics	STREP, CSA (SA only)
	ICT-2013.3.2 Photonics IP, STREP, CSA,	ERANET Plus
Challenge 4: Technologies for Digital Content & Languages	ICT-2013.4.2 Scalable data analytics	IP/STREP, CSA
Challenge 6: ICT for a Low Carbon Economy	ICT-2013.6.1 Smart Energy Grids	STREP
	ICT-2013.6.3 ICT for water resources management	STREP
Challenge 8: ICT for learning & Access to Cultural resources	ICT-2013.8.2 Technology enhanced learning	IP/STREP, CPCS, CSA
Future & Emerging Technologies	ICT-2013.9.9 FET Flagship Initiatives (b)	CSA
Horizontal Actions	ICT-2013.11.2 More efficient and affordable solutions for digital preservation developed and validated against public sector needs through joint Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)	CP-CSA

The [11th Call for proposals](#) brings a fresh **€48,5m** for a new generation of [Future Networks](#) R&D projects.

The already published [10th Call for proposals](#) brings in addition funding opportunities for [Connected Media & Internet of Things for Smart Cities](#) EU Research. [Future Internet](#), network communications **opportunities for EU-Japan research cooperation** are as well available.

The **EU networks projects** come at the [Future Networks 10th FP7 Concertation Meeting](#), Brussels, **10-11 October**.

The draft [programme](#) is now available, while [registrations](#) are open **until 5th October**.

Regarding [Horizon 2020](#), the upcoming Framework Programme for Research & Innovation. I would point you to the recent [multi-stakeholder consultation](#) report, [Future Network Technologies Research and Innovation in HORIZON2020](#).

More... [Research/participants/portal/page/cooperation;efp7_SESSION=FP7-ICT-2013-11](#)

Energy Call part 2 - FP7-ENERGY-2013-2 Deadline: 24 January 2013

Budget: € 83 000 000 ; In order to receive a complete Information Package for this call, you will need to select the following elements:

1. The call fiche (only available in .pdf format)
2. The work programme (.pdf format)
3. FP7 factsheets in your preferred language - an overview of the basic features of this programme (.pdf format)
4. The Guides for Applicants relevant to the funding schemes used in this call (.pdf format)

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation;efp7_SESSION_ID=0G2yQ00JZz7XqJb2GbRT1ynvfn84WT95dTzclDRdJpvMtqsnQT01!774768850?callIdentifier=FP7-ENERGY-2013-2

Lifelong Learning Programme - General Call for Proposals 2013

The Lifelong Learning Programme applies to all types and levels of education and vocational education and training. The total budget earmarked for this call is estimated at **EUR 1 276 million**. The main **deadlines** are as follows:

- Comenius: Individual pupil mobility - 3 December 2012.
- Comenius, Grundtvig: In-service training – 1st deadline: 16 January 2013, further deadlines: 30 April/17 Sept 2013.
- Comenius: Assistantships - 31 January 2013.
- Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: Multilateral projects/networks/accompanying measures-31 Jan

- Leonardo da Vinci: Multilateral projects for the transfer of innovation - 31 January 2013.
- Leonardo da Vinci: Mobility (including LdV mobility certificate); Erasmus: Intensive language courses (EILC) - 1 Feb.
- Jean Monnet programme - 15 February 2013.
- Comenius, LdV, Grundtvig: Partnerships; Comenius Regio partnerships; Grundtvig: Workshops - 21 February 2013.
- Erasmus: Intensive programmes (IP), students mobility (incl Erasmus consortium placement certificate), staff mobility (teaching assignments and staff training) - 8 March 2013.
- Grundtvig: Assistantships, senior volunteering projects - 28 March 2013.
- Transversal programme: Key activity 1 — Study visits – 1st deadline - 28 March 2013, 2nd deadline - 15 October 2013.
- Transversal programme: all other activities - 28 February 2013.
- For Grundtvig Visits/exchanges/Preparatory visits there are several deadlines specific to each country.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/education/lfp/official-documents-on-the-lfp_en.htm

Euro 30 billions for Countries in Central & South East Europe; East Europe recovery

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB) and World Bank endorsed mutual plan for supporting the Economic development and growth of Central and South East Europe countries. EIB provides EURO 20 billions, World Bank – EURO 6.5 billions, and EBRD – EURO 4 billions.

The financial support will be delivered to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Check Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Macedonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Slovenia. Apart from funding the Banks will provide consultancy support for the countries at the period 2013 - 2014.

More... <http://www.ebrd.com/downloads/research/factsheets/viennainitiative.pdf> ; <http://actmedia.eu/daily/new-joint-ifi-action-plan-for-growth-in-central-and-south-eastern-europe/43046>

Call: SME Engagement in European Virtual Smart Grid Laboratory

Security for heterogeneous access networks between micro-grid actors in the Virtual Smart Grid Laboratory that is building up a network of Power & ICT related partners active in the development of Smart Grid. Different labs will be connected on certain access levels for data exchange, remote experiments. By doing so we are looking for an innovative SME partner concerned with ICT security.

- The SME partner shall provide a strong cryptographic solution for payment/transaction security. The solution will be integrated on clients in the micro-grid.
- Competences in programming of server based PKI and real-time performance testing are required.
- The SME will join the EIT ICT Activity from 01.01.2013 - 31.12.2013.

More... <http://www.eitictlabs.eu/ict-labs/tenders-and-calls/list-of-calls/call-sme-engagement-in-european-virtual-smart-grid-laboratory/>

Call for proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant, Budget: € 523 000 000, Deadline: 21 February 2013

The call 'ERC-2013-CoG' consists of **one call with a single deadline** applying to the three domains:

- Physical Sciences & Engineering (Panels: PE1 – PE10),
- Life Sciences (Panels: LS1 – LS9),
- Social Sciences & Humanities (Panels: SH1 – SH6).

More... [ERC Call Fiche](#) ; [Guide for Applicants](#) ; [WP 2013 - Ideas](#) ; [FP7 Factsheets](#) ; [ERC-2013-CoG](#)

EACEA calls - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

EACEA is responsible for the implementation of the centralised Actions of the Lifelong learning Programme. It is in charge of the complete life cycle of these projects, from analysing the grant request to monitoring projects on the spot. It is also responsible for launching the specific calls for proposals.

More... Calls for proposals: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/lfp/funding/2013/index_en.php ;

Calls for tenders: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_tenders/call_tenders_en.php ;

Call for experts: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_experts/call_experts_2007_en.php

European Cycling Challenge 2013

The Municipality of Bologna and SRM (the local Transport Authority) are glad to invite you to the “EU Cycling Challenge 2013” (ECC2013), a urban cycling competition involving several cities all around EU.

The ECC2013 consists in a mileage challenge where groups of urban cyclists track their “transport cycling” trips during a month, quantifying CO2 savings in comparison to their habitual behaviour.

More... <http://www.endomondo.com/teams/4370400> ; <http://www.endomondo.com/challenges/4370406> ; ecc2013@srm-bologna.it

Call for Applications: Individual Research Visits to EUROLAB, GESIS, Cologne, Germany

The “European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research – EUROLAB” is pleased to invite application for one month research visits. Individual researchers, who want to work on survey data stored in the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences, may apply for support to access EUROLAB for maximum one month between April and June 2013.

The deadline for applications is December, 15th 2012. An international selection panel will evaluate the applications on a competitive basis. The applications will be assessed depending on the on scientific merit. Successful applicants will receive a travel grant that covers travel costs (economy class, up to 500 Euro) and accommodation.

More... <http://wbc-inco.net/object/news/11136>

KBBE-Knowledge-Based Bio Economy Smart Cities & Communities & Social Innovation, Deadline 4 Dec 2012

Indicative budget : EUR 209 million from the budget of which:

- EUR 95 million from Theme 3 – Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

- EUR 114 million from Theme 5 – Energy

DG ENERGY organises an additional information session for participants of the call FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013, intending to apply for topic ENERGY.2013.8.8.1. The session will be held on 26/10/2012, 9:30-12:30, on the premises of DG ENERGY, Rue De Mot 24, Brussels. Register: ENER-EVALUATION-2013-SMART-CITIES@ec.europa.eu

More... [CooperationKBBE-FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013](#)

Policy

Delivering Europe 2020 requires more involvement of local & regional authorities & more financial investment

A report published by the Committee of the Regions has shown that whilst there is widespread awareness/support for EU 2020, there is an urgent need to commit more financial resources and to better engage local and regional authorities if its ambitious targets are to be met. This is a step to allow local/regional authorities to be directly involved in EU2020.

The results of the report, "[Third CoR Monitoring Report on EU 2020](#)", are based on a number of surveys carried out by the CoR and form part of the institution's efforts to measure the impact of EU 2020 at a local and regional level. EU 2020, the report stresses, is therefore failing to benefit from the potential that a coordinated approach between the different levels of governance could bring in delivering its objectives.

There is a market failure to address, access to finance for SMEs has dried up. SMEs are hostage to the necessary clean up of balance sheets of banks which caused the crisis through reckless lending in the property market. As we pour public money into bank rescues, we should be obliging them to finance innovation. Moreover there should be a big shift from subsidising agriculture to funding R&D which addresses real needs.

More... <http://portal.cor.europa.eu/europe2020/SiteCollectionDocuments/Third%20CoR%20report.pdf>

European Commission/DG CONNECT's Stakeholder Survey

The aim of the survey is to learn more about individuals, groups, organizations, entities who are involved in, or have views on, shaping EU Digital Agenda. It is open until 2 December. We seek more information on the areas stakeholders are interested in as well as rating the importance, level of satisfaction of aspects of interaction, easy access to information, the importance of timely/accurate feedback. The survey will take from 5-10 min to complete.

January 2013: the main findings of the survey will be published on the Digital Agenda, <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda>

More... <http://bit.ly/daestakeholder> ; <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=stakeholder2012>

Events

Panel discussion Bottom up in the EUSDR: How to improve Participation in the Danube Region, 27 November 2012, Regensburg, Germany

Independent event, organized by the [Danube Civil Society Forum](#), to the 1st EUSDR Annual Forum, 27-28 November, Regensburg, Bavaria: *How can the Danube Region help to have a more competitive Europe?*

For information, assistance please contact Laura Sztár at office@foster-europe.org or +43 2682 634 2630.

3rd Workshop Regional Innovation Monitor, 5 December Brussels

The Regional Innovation Monitor "Achievements and outlook on RIM, a tool for policy learning", aims to improve regional innovation policies, strategies in Europe by offering different tools for policy learning. RIM's innovation repository provides easy access to all relevant regional innovation support measures, strategies, regional policy documents, organisations.

More... <http://www.merit.unu.edu/RIM/programme.php>

24th Conference Innovating in Global Markets: Challenges for Sustainable Growth, Helsinki, 16-19 June 2013

Organised by ISPIM and hosted by Aalto University School of Economics in partnership with Lappeenranta University of Technology, this conference will bring together around 500 innovation experts from 50 countries. The 3-day programme will include: Industry-Leading Keynote Speakers; Innovation for Business Sessions; Innovation Thought Leaders; Roundtable Discussions; Facilitated Themed Sessions with Academic & Practitioner Presentations; Workshops; Special Interest Groups; Academic Research Development Sessions. Accepted submissions will be published in the Conference Proceedings with ISBN number. Outlines will appear in Conference Book with ISBN number. Issues containing papers from this conference will be published in ISPIM's official journal, The International Journal of Innovation Management.

More... <http://conference.ispim.org>

8th EU Conference on Innovation & Entrepreneurship, ECIE, Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel, 19-20 Sept 2013

The call for papers will close on 28 February 2013. The conference provides an opportunity for scientific discussion, collaboration on a broad range of relevant fertile areas associated to recent trends in innovation. Practitioners, academics, people in the field of policy making are invited to present their research, to share their experiences in a broad range of areas related to the new trends in innovation/entrepreneurship. Topics can be related to all types of organizations (SMEs, YICs, spin-offs, MNEs, private/public research centres, Universities, Government Institutions).

More... <http://academic-conferences.org/ecie/ecie2013/ecie13-call-papers.htm>

6th Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Regional Development, 20-21 June, 2013, Istanbul, Turkey

In the face of fragile economic recovery following the economic, financial crisis of 2008, many firms all around the world continue to invest in growth-enhancing activities to achieve a sustainable development. Investments in innovation, entrepreneurship and regional partnership have been the key priority to ensuring a strong and stable economic growth.

The objective of the conference is to gather decision makers (government, ministries, state agencies), innovation experts (universities, research, development centers, technology transfer centers, start-up centers), practitioners (SMEs, business incubators, business support organizations) to generate discussion, exchange on the potential of entrepreneurship promotion, innovation to national, regional competitiveness.

More... <http://www.sehir.edu.tr/iceird2013>

IFAC MIM Conference *Manufacturing Modelling for Management & Control*, 19-21 June 2013, Saint Petersburg

The IFAC MIM '2013 Conference is the next one in the series of IFAC events on Manufacturing Modelling, Management, and Control. The event, MIM '2013, is thought as a new step in developing MIM's traditions, scopes, and aims.

All the papers accepted for presentation will be published in the Conference Proceedings by Elsevier and will be referenced in SCOPUS. IFAC journals, many Operational Research, Manufacturing Engineering & Industrial Engineering journals will select papers for post-conference publications of extended versions. Deadline: **November 30, 2012**

More... <https://ifac.papercept.net/conferences/scripts/start.pl> ; <http://mim2013.org/>

2nd EuropaProperty CEE Green Building Awards; Investment & Occupier Forum, 29 Nov 2012, Warsaw, Poland

The EuropaProperty CEE Green Building Awards is the only event of its kind dedicated to sustainable development in the region. As well as recognising the most outstanding certified-green developments, Europaproperty will be awarding the region's top green firms. Discussion panels lead by industry leaders involved in the CEE commercial real estate market with insight from some of the top global end-users of commercial space, bankers and investors on the investment market and a discussion on the direction of the sustainable "Green" development sector.

More... Greenbuildingawards.eu ; [more »](#)

8th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water & Environment Systems, Dubrovnik, Croatia

The Conference is dedicated to the improvement, dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies, technologies for increasing the sustainability of development by de-coupling growth from natural resources, replacing them with knowledge based economy, taking into account its economic/environmental/social pillars, methods for assessing, measuring sustainability of development, regarding energy/transport/water/environment/food production systems.

More... <http://www.dubrovnik2013.sdewes.org>

Europeone - eGovernment Conference, 3 - 4 December 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus

The Conference will bring together experts from the EC, the Member States, the Candidate Countries, the Private Sector. The conference will focus on issues related to interoperability, key enablers, cross border services, trust, privacy, new technologies tendencies, e-procurement. Experts will discuss/exchange ideas on how to empower citizens/businesses in order to improve their mobility across EU. Discussions will also focus on how Governments are transforming in order to be more efficient, productive, push economic growth in these difficult global times.

More... http://www.egov2012.gov.cy/mof/DITS/conference/Europeone.nsf/page07_en/page07_en?OpenDocument

Destination Europe, 6-7 December 2012, San Francisco, California

'Destination Europe' events showcase the vibrant and exciting research and innovation culture in Europe and the opportunities available to researchers, from anywhere in the world, interested in working in Europe. It is a joint initiative of the European Union and its Member States. At the San Francisco event you will find:

- Experts from EU research organisations, funding agencies and European Commission services who will present programmes, initiatives, excellent institutions and opportunities to develop innovation and technology transfer;
- Researchers who have had the experience of moving to Europe temporarily or permanently and who will share their experience with you;
- Information about the practicalities of moving to Europe (scientific visa, mobility centres etc.);
- An exhibition space with stands to provide additional information.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=events&eventcode=D55291BD-E91D-2322-3C277A4B9F3EFD03>

The Forum for the Future of Agriculture, 5 March 2013, Brussels

This Forum for FFA 2013 is set to be even bigger, so for all those with a stake in agriculture and the environment put this date in your diary now and join us at this premiere meeting place!

More... [FFA website.](#)

4th International Conference on Clean Electrical Power - ICCEP 2013, Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, 11-13 June 2013

The aim of the Conference is to promote a Forum, where people involved with clean electrical power generation may compare their experiences, present solutions found for requirements.

Accepted papers will be included in the **Conference Proceedings published by IEEE on IEEE Xplore.**

More... www.iccep.net/cfp.pdf ; www.iccep.net

COST TU0905, International Conference on Structural Glass, 18-19 April 2013, Poreč, Croatia

The European COST Action TU0905 'Structural glass – Novel design methods and next generation products' organizes a two-day international conference that addresses the challenging and rapidly evolving domain of structural glass. The main theme of the conference embodies the application of glass as a structural material in architectural, civil applications.

More... www.glassnetwork.org/conference

1st Virtual International Conference on Advanced Research in Scientific Fields, ARSA-2012, 3-7 December 2012

ARSA-virtual conference gives you a great opportunity to participate in the fully fledged, scientific, professional conference without personal participation. ARSA Conference is designed for all scientific groups. The conference will bring the scientific debate among the scientists. At the virtual conference, you have access to all articles in the conference at any time, can use virtual discussion with the author of any article at any time.

More... www.arsa-conf.com

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

[3GPP Long Term Evolution - Radio Protocol and Architecture](#), 22 Nov, Spain

[Optical MEMS](#), 22 Nov Switzerland

[Behavioral Modeling with Verilog-AMS 12.1](#), 22 Nov, Germany

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8th Symposium EU Funds 2013, transition to the next programming period 2014-2020, 11-13 March 2013, Berlin

We highly recommend registering until 30th November 2012, so that you can benefit from the preferential early booking tariff! The Symposium is clearly focussing on how to manage the transition to the next programming period 2014-2020 – enabling you to benefit from EU Funds in the most efficient way. EU Funds experts.

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WebCast: Maximize performance & simplify processes with Integrated Drive Systems, 27 November 2012, 2 p.m

Engineering/plant managers like you assume an ever-increasing load of responsibilities, manage vendors for components for the entire drive train. You're called on to review quotes, features, pitches, service agreements.

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It provides a greater level of detail, addresses a wider range of funding opportunities, includes more practical exercises. The section on audit is presented by our guest auditor Julian Rummins, partner at Littlejohn LLP, chartered accountants and the two days concludes with an overview of proposals for Horizon 2020, successor to FP7 due to start in 2014.

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