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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.

December 2012

- 07 [BioMech - non pharmaceutical innovations in medicine and wellbeing](#) Rijeka (Croatia)
- 08 [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)
- 28 [Green Ventures - International Partnership Forum for Environmental and Energy Technologies](#) Leipzig (Germany)

February 2013

- 04 [International WIND Matchmaking Event - EWEA 2013 Annual Event](#) Vienna (Austria)
- 18 [Company Mission to Ambiente](#) Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
- 19 ["HCJ Fair 2013" - B2B meetings at the hospitality industry tradeshow in Japan](#) Tokyo (Japan)
- 26 [CONTACT: Business Meetings](#) Leipzig (Germany)

March 2013

- 05 [CeBIT Future Match 2013](#) Hannover (Fairground) (Germany)
- 07 [IndustryMatchMaking – IMM2013](#) Sofia (Bulgaria)
- 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)
- 12 [Vision 2013](#) Freiburg, Germany (Germany)
- 23 [German Games Days/Quo Vadis Conference](#) Berlin (Germany)

June 2013

- 12 [EEN Brokerage Event at "GR Business Days" in Luxembourg](#) Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 18 [Brokerage Event at Consense 2013](#) Stuttgart (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](#)

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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=fERuBYG7sWI

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

Intelligent Energy Europe 2013 - Info Day, 23 January 2013

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

Mission for Growth: opportunities for EEN clients in Chile and Peru, 23-26 January 2013

It is a company delegation accompanying Vice-President of the EC, Commissioner *Antonio Tajani* to Chile and Peru.

On the agenda: B2B meetings, meetings with high level decision makers, business conferences, [the 4th Business Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States – European Union \(CELAC-EU\)](#). It is a great opportunity to help your clients set foot into these Latin American growth markets. This Mission for Growth has as three objectives:

1. to promote sustainable and inclusive growth in the European Union and the visited countries;
2. to help EU companies, including SMEs, to exploit business opportunities in the countries concerned; to this end political agreements as basis for further cooperation in various sectors under Vice President Tajani's responsibility will be signed;
3. to promote EU industry in targeted sectors by organizing matchmaking events with local entrepreneurs and by participating in major events that take place in these countries during the visit.

The presence of individual CEOs/entrepreneurs interested in cooperation with Peru and Chile in the delegation will be the key for the success of the missions. To participate at EU-CELAC B2B on 24 January 2013, you should individually register on: <http://www.b2match.eu/celacue/participants/new>. To participate at Business Summit on 25 and 26 January 2013, you should individually register on <http://www.celacue2013.cl/en/inscripcion-y-acreditacion/informacion/>

More... for EEN members <http://portal.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/my/intranet/mission-growth-peru-chile-get-involved>

More... non-EEN, <http://portal.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/news-media/news/mission-growth-peru-chile-get-involved>

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>

COST Event - Social Robotics and its Sustainability, Bruxelles, 10-13 June 2013

Three COST Domains have joined forces to discuss innovative research, ideas describing rigorous scientific, sociological, psychological/philosophical advances in social robotics with a special focus on sustainability, as well as the applied latest technologies in the interactions, communications with humans, their acceptability by different types of users.

Covered topics will include the evolution of the field, including all the transdisciplinary stakeholders (coming from engineering to the social sciences), the models of society embodied in social robots as well as the communication and emotional impact they might generate in users and in the general public.

More... http://www.cost.eu/events/socialrobotics/?goback=%2Egde_1699127_member_190083812

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

Business Model for each Country and Targeted Industry in that Country

The Business Offer that I am making to each Country is:

1. As Incentive, each Strategic Partner will receive a free Exhibition Booth by placing 10 Exhibitors on the Exhibition
2. once 15 Exhibitors are reached a Hall directly representing that Country
3. once 30 Exhibitors are reached a entire Exhibition representing that Country with its own URL: Virtual-Cluster-Initiative
4. as the Exhibitor number increases the incentives increase
5. Project Managers of each Country will have the opportunity to contact directly to Project managers of each country. Enabling a quicker connection to your target Market in that Country.
6. Project Managers of each Country will have the opportunity to participate in the continuous development of the Business Model insuring it is tailored to their needs.
7. Project Managers of each Country will have the opportunity to create their own Pricing mechanism.
8. Some Project Managers are making a package deal to potential Companies in combination with their normal monthly dues: as Associate Member, Premium Member, Gold Member, or depending on the Company employee or yearly turnover size. The Project Manager of that Country is free to develop which Pricing Mechanism is most acceptable in that country. We have designed this Initiative setting a Framework for all Chamber-of-Commerce's / Cluster Managers / Business Park Managers to assist in their duties to form business network, e.g., a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interests of businesses economic development. I wish to enhance your services by Collaborating, visualizing SMEs/Clusters around the world, setting a Framework/environment which would assist in provided services.

More... info@virtuelle-cluster-initiative.de ; <http://www.virtuelle-cluster-initiative.com>

7th European conference on sustainable cities & towns, Geneva, Switzerland, 17-19 April 2013

The Conference, having as thema "A green & socially responsible economy: a solution in times of crisis?" will bring together local/national governments, UN, EU institutions, business, science institutes, research & development entities from all over EU. The Conference comes at a moment when the world's attention to the exemplary role of local governments in sustainable development may never have been as extensive, driven partly by the urgent need to find lasting solutions to present crises, both financial and environmental.

This is your opportunity to be part of an event that will mark a milestone for EU's local governments in their quest to achieve sustainable communities and which will allow you to exchange experiences and good practices. The Conference will explore sustainability in all areas of public administration and will try to identify effective institutional mechanisms to tackle the current financial and environmental crises.

More... <http://www.sustainablegeneva2013.org/?lang=en>

Perm: cooperation inside clusters and interindustry links key for cluster development in Russia

The Perm Cluster Conference on "Competitiveness of companies and territories: cluster technologies" was celebrated on 22-23 November in Perm, Russia. Discussions among representatives from all around Russia showed that the core aspects for further cluster development in the region, as well as in Russia, are fostering the cooperation inside the cluster and strengthening the interindustry links.

More... <http://ktconf.prognoz.ru/about-conference>

SMEs

Technology Profiles

Innovative cancer therapy identified need in the market

Tumors have a major socioeconomic impact having a severe prognosis. Conventional treatment consists of surgery, chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy. The most recent serious risk factor that affects the whole planet is the nuclear accident in Fukushima, Japan, but we must not forget the new technologies that promise wealth but may be associated with pollution accidents. The theoretical model developed by Research Beyond Limits Ltd (RBL) enables development of innovative treatment technologies in tumor therapy. RBL will conduct technical feasibility studies of proposed solution, associated industrial research. RBL will test the technology in laboratory animals (1st stage), cancer patients (2nd stage). RBL will protect intellectual and industrial property rights. The proposed technology is the use of innovative materials able to respond to laser stimulation depending on its wavelength. Consequently, this behavior can lead to useful applications:

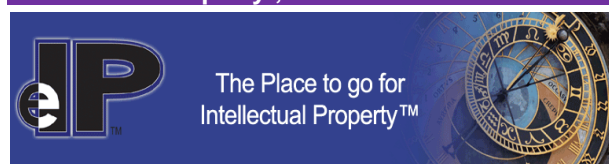
1. Thermal degradation can release drugs at target.
2. Creating a magnetic dipole, that can be stimulated in magnetic field. Secondary can be used as contrast agent for nuclear resonance imaging modified by external laser stimulation with or without tumor vascular damage, depending on the type of stimulation. The objectives of the proposal:

1. Testing technical feasibility/associated industrial research using innovative materials as targeted drug delivery system.

2. Testing technical feasibility and associated industrial research using magnetic dipole of innovative materials vascular destruction of targeted tissue (cancer areas) in the magnetic field of modified MRI system.

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Intellectual Property ; Standards



Training Praktika Intern 2013 programme

The programme is made up of three modules designed for participants with different levels of knowledge/experience, is intended for candidates preparing for the EU qualifying examination-EQE, 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>

Search Matters 2013: Seminar for patent information professionals, 18-19 March 2013, The Hague

For the 25th time, the EPO is holding its unique Search Matters seminar - the platform for presenting the EPO's patent search strategies and techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to meet over 40 patent examiners from a variety of technical fields. Search Matters thus offers an unrivalled look behind the scenes at the EPO.

More... <http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/conferences/search-matters.html>

Fees for international applications: new equivalent amounts

The Director General of WIPO has revised the equivalent amounts for certain fees and reductions for PCT applications with effect from 1 January 2013.

More... <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20121114.html>

Research

9th Progress report on the SME participation in FP7

9th Progress Report on SME participation in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research & Technological Development (FP7) / 2007 - 30 September 2012 EU research funding for SMEs under FP7's Cooperation Programme beyond target and still on the rise.

This Progress Report analyses SME participation in grant agreements that have been signed up to the end of September 2012. In the previous report – the eighth SME progress report published in January 2012 – it was reported for the first time that the 15% target had been reached with 15.2% of the total Cooperation Programme used budget going to SMEs. This figure has further increased, to an extent that today the percentage of used Cooperation programme budget going to SMEs has reached 16.3%, which represents about 3 Billion Euros total.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/pdf/sme_participation_in_fp7_oct_2012.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Research for SMEs: demonstration activity

Demonstration projects are aimed to prove (demonstrate) the viability of a new solution (itself a successful outcome of a Research for the Benefit of SMEs project) that offers a potential economic advantage but which cannot be directly commercialised as further technological or other developments are required. This leaflet gives an overview of the Demonstration Activity grants funded under the Research for the Benefit of SMEs scheme.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/pdf/leaflet_sme_en.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Creating innovation cultures in companies: CEO's, people and collaboration tools

- Two strategies that are proving most effective for CEO's to make their companies more innovative
- The summary of the 2012 Conference Board CEO's Challenge show the top two CEO's concerns are innovation and human capital, and the top two CEO's strategies to cope with them are creating a culture of innovation and applying new technologies

More... [Innovation-cultures](#)

White space mapping: A powerful tool for seeing new innovation opportunities

"White spaces" represent a significant opportunity for most companies to identify unmet and unarticulated needs outside their core businesses that can be the source of profitable new products and services. White space, in the context of innovation, is where products and services don't exist based on the present understanding of values, definition of business or even existing competencies.

Successful examples of white space innovation abound, if you know where to look for them. For example, it has been used by companies thinking of exiting existing business (Intel exited the D-RAM business or IBM exiting the PC business) and companies looking high growth opportunities (Research In Motion getting into the tablet business), or companies wanting to explore strategic diversification (Virgin extending the brand into insurance and banking).

More... [Innovationtools-Enterprise](#)

Do you want to provide services in another EU country?

The **freedom of establishment** and the **freedom to provide services** are both central EU principles governing the single market for services. These principles entitle EU entrepreneurs to establish a business in any EU country or to

temporarily supply services across borders, to other EU countries, without setting up an establishment there – e.g. by moving across borders, via the internet, etc. Find answers to your questions on the Your Europe Business portal.

More... http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/profitting-from-eu-market/providing-services/index_en.htm

Partner Search

Partner Search from Romania, Braila zone

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. Braila Free Zone has a very favorable location, divided into four functional perimeters, with the possibility of auto, railroad tracks and sea access.

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New call for proposal 2013 – Leonardo da Vinci Mobility PLM

Looking for partner in the sectors of domotic, ambient assisted living and e-health. We appreciate enterprises and universities as host and intermediary partner.

Contact: Andrea Marconi, andrea.marconi@unicam.it

Partner Search from Germany...A lots of projects All over the world....

What we need, is much more changing ideas & information's. We do have the vision – let us much more cooperate. We would like to invite you for cooperation's..... very simple 1, 2, 3 steps.

1. Just take this catalog and have a quick look at this projects

2. If you see something very interesting Come back to us to me.

3. We will connect you – you can start changing ideas and information....

Save the date: 6th NoAE Project-Day, April 17/18, 2013: The EU Showcase for ideas, innovations & projects, www.noae-project-days.com , www.noae-greencities.eu

Go for international projects: <http://www.project-days.com/index.php/news.html>

NoAE GreenCity-Special 2012, <http://www1.wi-paper.de/book/read/id/000093A00552EC11>

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Looking for partners for Social Policy Experimentations

Looking for partners for SOCIAL POLICY EXPERIMENTATIONS (from EU27, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia). The project is about social protection and social inclusion.

Contact: Sinan Koruc, sinan.koruc@hotmail.com

Turkish partners for your all kind EU projects

We have a big Turkish network from schools (preschools, primary/secondary schools), public authorities, Universities, NGO's. If you have a project at the field of Comenius, Grundtvig, Ldv, TOI/DOI, let me know. Send description of project

Contact: Mr. Mehmet ALTAY, Project Manager, maltay71@hotmail.com

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
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

Call Title	Call Identifier	Deadline
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
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		

New funding for Countries in Central and South East Europe, Euro 30 billions for East EU recovery

The EU Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD), EU Investment Bank (EIB) and World Bank endorsed mutual plan for supporting the Economic development & growth of Central & South East EU countries.

EIB provides EURO 20 billions, World Bank – EURO 6.5 billions, and EBRD – EURO 4 billions.

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://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>

Enterprise Development & Innovation Facility to support development of competitive SMEs in Western Balkans

To support the development of SMEs in the region – particularly innovative and high-growth SMEs (IHGSMEs) – economies of the region in partnership with the European Commission, the European Investment Bank Group and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will launch the **Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF)** in Paris on 5 December 2012. A key objective of the Facility is to enable firms to access needed financing by providing direct financial assistance from equity funds and establishing credit guarantees to reduce investor risk. The EDIF is expected to attract approximately EUR 142 million of initial capital from the EC, IFIs, beneficiaries and bilateral donors, resulting in estimated leverage for SMEs of more than EUR 300 million.

More... <http://wbc-inco.net/object/news/11195>

Policy

Commission presents new Rethinking Education strategy

The youth unemployment rate is close to 23% across the European Union – yet at the same time there are more than 2 million vacancies that cannot be filled. Europe needs a radical rethink on how education and training systems can deliver the skills needed by the labour market.

The challenge could not be tougher in the context of widespread austerity measures/cuts in education budgets. The EC is launching a new strategy called Rethinking Education to encourage Member States to take immediate action to ensure that young people develop the skills, competences needed by the labour market, to achieve their targets for growth/jobs.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/20121120_en.htm

1st Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, Regensburg, Germany, 27-28 November

The 1st Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR), was co-organised by the European Commission and Bavaria. In opening the Conference, Commissioner Hahn highlighted the Strategy work as key to Cohesion Policy as engine of growth. In a centre-piece speech, Chancellor Angela Merkel described the EU Strategy for the Danube Region as a new way to overcome 20th century division and conflicts in the Region, and as an important impulse for overall socio-economic development. It attracted more than 600 high level participants from the Region, including Ministers, showing the commitment of the countries to the Strategy.

This first Forum provided the overall possibility to discuss the implementation of the Strategy, to reflect on its added value and to assess best ways forward. The discussion started through two plenary sessions which address the strengths and the weakness of the region and what the Strategy can do for them. During the second day, the participants joined 6 workshops that tried to tackle the specific issues and challenges of the Strategy.

The conference was focused on the Strategy, these two days were also the occasion for a broader discussion on the challenges for the Region in its global perspective. Indeed the title was 'How can the Danube Region can help to build a more competitive Europe?'.

More... http://freecaster.tv/euforum/live_2012 ; [speeches of Chancellor Merkel and Commissioner Hahn.](#)

OPEN DAYS 2013 kick-off, 11 December 2012

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the EC Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) invite interested stakeholders to join the OPEN DAYS 2013 Kick-off meeting (11:00-12:15, Brussels). Opened by Directors-General Gerhard Stahl (CoR) and Walter Deffaa (DG REGIO), the meeting will provide the opportunity to evaluate the OPEN DAYS 2012, present the 2013 thematic priorities and inform about conditions of participation and the timetable for 2013. More information will be posted beginning of December on the [OPEN DAYS 2013 website](#).

If you wish to participate at the Kick-off meeting, you can register [here](#) (one member per organisation only). You can also follow the meeting online - the link will be provided on the OPEN DAYS 2013 website.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

URBACT Annual Conference 2012 "Cities of Tomorrow: Action Today"

The URBACT Conference, a EU exchange/learning programme promoting sustainable urban development, will bring together urban practitioners, policymakers, experts, to investigate solutions to the critical challenges faced by EU cities.

The conference is built on the European Commission's report "Cities of tomorrow - Challenges, visions, ways forward" (October 2011), which highlighted many of the major challenges that hundreds of cities in URBACT projects were trying to solve through sustainable urban development. Six parallel workshop sessions will be organised covering main challenges facing EU cities.

Participants will discuss how cities can tackle six key issues: (1) How can cities create more jobs; (2) How can cities foster active inclusion through social innovation; (3) How can cities fight against the socio-spatial divide; (4) How can cities deal with the urban shrinkage; (5) How can cities improve buildings' energy efficiency; (6) How can cities develop low carbon urban environment through better mobility and accessibility.

More... <http://www.conference2012.urbact.eu/>

Connecting Smart & Sustainable Growth through Smart Specialisation; A guide for ERDF Managing Authorities

The shift to a low-carbon and resource efficient economy represents both a challenge and an opportunity for the Member States and the regions. In order to deliver benefits in terms of jobs and economic development, the deployment of a green economy needs to be very closely linked with innovations, both technological and non-technological.

This practical guide shows concrete ways ahead on how to connect smart and sustainable growth in the crucial framework of the forthcoming research and innovation strategies for smart specialization (RIS3). It highlights a broad range of good practices, often co-financed by EU's Regional policy, in various areas such as eco-innovation, the bio-economy and ecosystems as well as renewable energy or adaptation to climate change.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/presenta/green_growth/greengrowth.pdf

How do you think the world will look like in 2050?

Do you want to create your own vision of how the world will look like in 2050? Would you like to read other people's visions, vote on how desirable/likely they are to happen? Do you want to develop ideas for policies that underpin these visions? Or you like to support an idea, vote its probable impact. Would you want to link scientific evidence to your visions/policy ideas, announce events?

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/how-do-you-think-world-will-look-2050>

Events

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

The conference ECIE 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). The call for papers will close on 28 February 2013.

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

IEEE SSCI, Symposium on Computational Intelligence, Singapore, 15-19 April 2013

The event is one of the two flagship biennial international events sponsored by the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (IEEE CIS) promoting all aspects of the theory and applications of computational intelligence.

The IEEE SSCI co-locates several technical meetings at one location. This event attracts top researchers, professionals, students from around the world. The IEEE SSCI 2013 (Singapore) now calls contributions from experts around the world. Tutorial \ Keynote Proposal Submission: Before 15th Jan 2013

More... <http://www.ieee-ssci.org>

1st International Conference on Solid State and Materials, ICSSM Los Angeles, CA, USA, January 30-31, 2013

All ICSSM 2013 Papers will be published by **Solid State Phenomena (ISSN: 1012-0394)**, which will be indexed by Indexed by Elsevier: SCOPUS www.scopus.com and EiCompendex (CPX) www.ei.org. Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA) www.csa.com, Chemical Abstracts (CA) www.cas.org, Google and Google Scholar google.com, ISI (ISTP, CPCI, Web of Science) www.isinet.com, Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) www.iee.org, etc. Selected excellent papers will be published on international reputation journals. Paper submission due: **December 10, 2012**

More... <http://www.icssm-conf.org> ; <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icssm2013> ; icssm2013@163.com

UK HealthTech Conference. 11 December 2012, Cardiff, UK

MediWales is delighted to announce our one-day national health technology conference to be held at the historical Cardiff City Hall in the heart of the Welsh capital. The event will be a valuable day of briefings and networking for health technology companies and those who work with them.

More... http://www.ukhealthtech.com/?qoback=%2Egde_1287967_member_190152248

International Conference on Computer Science, Mechatronics & Information Technology, ICCSMT, 14 – 15 January 2013, Zurich, Switzerland

The International Conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Computer Science, Mechatronics and Information Technology, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

More... <https://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/zurich/iccsmit/>

9th Nanoforum, 24-26 September 2013, Sapienza University, Rome

The Conference & Exhibition are organized under the motto: micro, nano, advanced technology, where research meets business. With nanoscience and nanotechnology (shortened to "nanotech") we are dealing with new scientific and technological approaches, whose aim is to study and modify matter on the molecular and atomic scale.

Nanotechnologies would be able to transfer the recent scientific knowledge in new products/devices. Nanotechnology refers to the possibilities opened by the direct investigation, control, modification of matter on the molecular/atomic scale.

More... www.nanoforum.it/en

ICM 2013 : International Conference on Mechatronics, 15-16 May 2013, Amsterdam, Netherlands

The International Conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Mechatronics, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

More... <https://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/amsterdam/icm/>

Intrapreneurship 2012 Conference, December 13 2012, Paris

With the support of world-class speakers, the Intrapreneurship 2012 Conference aims to provide the audience with the various dimensions embodied in the Intrapreneurship concept. Some topics:

- The vision of an intrapreneur (3M Group)
- A startup accelerator in the media industry
- Open Innovation needs intrapreneurs
- Social Intrapreneurship

- The Garage initiative at Microsoft

- Many other theoretical and practical learnings

The event is jointly organized by [Global Enterprise](#) and [Novancia](#) Business School.

More... [Global-Enterprise.What-to-expect-from-the-intrapreneurship-Conference](#)

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.

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>

22nd IEEE International Symposium on Industrial Electronics, May 28-31, 2013, Taipei, Taiwan

IEEE-ISIE is the largest summer conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society, which is an international forum for presentation and discussion of the state of art in Industrial Electronics and related areas.

More... <http://www.isie2013.org>

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

Investments in innovation, entrepreneurship, regional partnership have been the key priority to ensuring a strong, 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>

14th International Conference on AI and Law, ICAIL 2013, Rome, Italy, 10-14 June 2013

The Conference will be held under the auspices of the Senate of the Italian Republic, at the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council of Italy), central unit in Rome. Call for papers and workshops is open.

ICAIL 2013 is promoted by the [International Association for Artificial Intelligence and Law](#) (IAAIL), an organization devoted to research and development in the field of AI and Law with members throughout the world.

More... http://icail2013.ittig.cnr.it/?goback=%2Egde_166290_member_190018028

21st European Biomass Conference, 03-07 June 2013, & Exhibition, 03-06 June 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark

With its **1500+ professional attendees**, more **than 900** oral and poster presentations and **70** exhibitors from more than **60** nations, the Biomass Conference & Exhibition has become one of the key events in EU/world-wide for companies and professionals operating at the top end of the biomass, bioenergy sector. Join us if you wish to take part in the latest developments & innovations in bioenergy, giving you the tools to implement more effective market strategies, obtain a deeper understanding of the sector. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this business-to-business platform.

More... <http://www.conference-biomass.com/Conference.405.0.html>

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

[Micro-Optics](#), December 10-11, 2012, Zurich (CH)

[Basic Introduction to CMOS Image Sensors](#), December 13-14, 2012, Delft (Netherlands)

[Maîtrise de la métrologie dimensionnelle](#), 13-14.05.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Critères de choix des capteurs et des appareils de mesure](#), 19.06.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[AMDEC- Analyse des Modes de Défaillance, de leurs Effets et de leur Criticité](#), 23.01.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Fabrication additive - impression 3D](#), 06.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Système TRIZ de stimulation de la créativité et d'aide à l'innovation](#), 07.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Conception des guidages flexibles](#), 18.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Développement de logiciels selon des normes de qualité éprouvées](#), 20.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Évolution d'un produit, améliorations et innovations](#), 21 -22.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

More... <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; [More FSRM courses](#) ; <http://www.eurotraining.net/>

ESI CEE Agile oriented portfolio – trainings for the software industry

Following the trends in the software industry, ESI CEE is launching trainings, from the source, at the beginning of 2013:

- 20-21 February 2013, Scrum & CMMI: Disciplined Agile & Process Optimization, Kent A. Johnson and David Reo
- 20-21 March 2013– Kanban: Optimize success – David J. Anderson
- April 2013 – Leading a Development Team

More... Please contact us [by December 10th](#) to book your seat, obtain additional information, for registration at +359 24899740; +359 897906431; Hristina Nikolova, hristina@esicenter.bg; www.esicenter.bg

IMP³rove Training: Introduction to the IMP³rove Approach, 12-13 December 2012, London, UK

Objectives: Effective support of SMEs in Innovation Management Assessment, Leveraging the IMP³rove Assessment Reports for value-adding feedback workshops. This is an excellent opportunity to gain access to international benchmarks on Innovation Management, to an international network of professional IMP³rove Consultants.

You can offer them a thorough innovation management benchmarking with their competitors, support them in re-gaining competitiveness. With the IMP³rove Assessment, the EU approach to better innovation management, you will be able to provide a comprehensive benchmarking report as basis for actions to improve the business performance of your clients.

Pre-requisites: At least 2 years of experience in rendering services to SMEs, Registration of a SMEs interested in executing the IMP³rove Assessment via the IMP³rove Platform

Target groups: Innovation Management consultants, cluster managers, intermediaries supporting SMEs in developing their Innovation Management capabilities.

More ... www.improve-innovation.eu ; improvecoreteam@atkearney.com

DIMP³rove Training: Introduction to the Innovation Management, 17-18 December 2012, Duesseldorf, Germany

Objectives: Introducing definitions and benefits of Innovation and Innovation Management, Describing the dimensions of Innovation Management, Demonstrating the impact of Innovation Management of profitable growth and introducing KPIs, Leveraging the trigger points to better support SMEs in developing their Innovation Management performance

Pre-requisite: At least 2 years of experience in rendering services to SMEs

Target groups: Experienced consultants, cluster managers and intermediaries supporting small and medium sized enterprises in developing their innovation management capabilities

More... www.improve-innovation.eu

European Seminar Improving Public Sector Budgets in Practice Strategic Planning, Programme Budgeting, Performance Measurement, 18-19 February 2013, Berlin

Learn benchmark budgeting methods from practical case studies and train your new knowledge in practical workshops:

- Developing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating performance oriented budgeting
- Defining indicators for successful performance budgeting
- Harmonisation with organisational cultures
- How to establish output focussed budgeting
- The auditor's role in improving public sector budgeting

Tailored to your needs: send in your questions beforehand, work on hot topics specific to your institution! Experts from:

- General Finance Inspectorate, Luxembourg,
- Danish Agency for Governmental Management, Ministry of Finance, Denmark,
- State General Accounting Office, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy,
- Directorate for Budget and Financial Services, European Parliament,
- Programming and Evaluation Support Unit, OSCE

More... For direct registration please use the [online booking form!](#) Please find detailed brochure information [here!](#)

European Seminar Practical Toolbox for EU Funds Project Managers Cost-Benefit & Value Analysis • Project Management • Evaluation Techniques, 25-27 February 2013, Berlin

The Practical Toolbox for EU Funds Project Managers will provide you with a set of practical instruments for your daily work in one package. Intensive workshops in the afternoon will follow up the skills learned during the morning sessions.

- **Day 1 – Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) & Value Analysis (VA)** the backbone of successful project appraisals.

- Decide whether to go ahead or stop a project
- Put your project on a sound financial basis and avoid immense risks

- **Day 2 – Project Management;** Efficient project management relies on elaborated methods such as:

- Advanced Project Cycle Management (PCM)
- The Logical Framework Approach (LFA)
- Results Based Management (RBM)

- **Day 3 – Evaluation Techniques;** Improve your current evaluation & prepare for new obligations.

- The new intervention logic of 2014-2020
- Future requirements regarding ex-ante evaluation and the impact evaluation method
- Elaborate your evaluation plan
- Drafting Terms of Reference (ToR)

You have the possibility to choose between our three specific training days or take part in the complete set of seminars.

Please find detailed information in the [event brochure](#). For direct online registration please use the [online booking form!](#)

Vocational trainings on European Subsidies access

- [EU funds from the European Commission: How to apply?](#)
- [Reporting & Management: How to successfully manage an EU funded project?](#)
- [FP7 Management & Reporting: Administrative and financial management of FP7 contracts](#)
- [Funds for Candidate Countries: How to obtain grants from the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance?](#)

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