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

### March 2013

- 20 [STOM-TOOL Brokerage Event](#) Kielce (Poland)
- 20 [Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2013 – from Materials Research to Ramping up Production](#) Birmingham (United Kingdom)
- 21 [b2fair FURNITURE 2013](#) Vilnius (Lithuania)
- 21 [WIN Automation 2013 Matchmaking Event \(TR\)](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 21 [Brokerage event - Healthcare Technology Transfer Day: Seoul 2013](#) Seoul (Korea, Republic of)
- 21 [WIN Automation Matchmaking Event](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 21 [Oil & gas business meetings at OMC 2013 \(Offshore Mediterranean Conference & Exhibition\)](#) Ravenna (Italy)
- 21 [International Business meetings at BIOGAZ Europe and Fair BOIS ENERGIE 2013](#) NANTES (France)

### April 2013

- 09 [conhIT Business Meetings 2013](#) Berlin (Germany)
- 09 [HANNOVER MESSE 2013: Technology Cooperation Days on Industrial Energy Efficiency](#) Hannover (Germany)
- 09 [Company Mission & Partnering, Construction Sector, Clean Tech, Efficiency & Engineering](#) St. Petersburg Russia
- 10 [CORKMEET 2013 - Multi-sector brokerage Event](#) Cork (Ireland)
- 10 [2nd International B2B Software Days - The Big Data Challenge](#) Vienna (Austria)
- 10 [THETIS 2013 Brest - International B2B Meetings](#) Brest (France)
- 11 [Biopesticide Market Opportunities](#) London (United Kingdom)
- 11 [Automechanika 2013 Matchmaking Event \(TR\)](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 12 [Vision 2013](#) Freiburg, Germany (Germany)
- 17 [Brokerage Event SINAVAL-2013 on Industry, Energy and Maritime Services](#) Bilbao (Spain)
- 17 ["Unlocking the Potential" Euromediterranean Brokerage Event 2013](#) St. Julians (Malta)
- 17 [BioNanoMed - From nanomedicine to brain imaging](#) Pula (Italy)
- 23 [DGT and Quo Vadis. Create. Games. Business Conference](#) Berlin (Germany)
- 24 [NanoScience and Micro-Nanotechnologies \(Imagine Nano\)](#) Bilbao (Spain)
- 24 [AutoDay 2013](#) Bratislava (Slovakia)
- 24 [Photonics Brokerage Event 2013 \(NL\)](#) Veldhoven (Netherlands)
- 24 [High Tech Systems 2013](#) Eindhoven (Netherlands)
- 25 [Brokerage Event for the Construction Industry RESTA 2013](#) Vilnius (Lithuania)
- 26 [Matchmaking at jazzahead! 2013](#) Bremen (Germany)

### May 2013

- 02 [Europa Markt 2013](#) Magdeburg (Germany)
- 07 [Luxinnovation Forum "Business meets Research" – Innovation Matchmaking](#) Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 14 [ATWARM 2013 Brokerage Event - Water the Greatest Global Challenge](#) Dublin (Ireland)
- 17 [Energy efficiency in buildings-Technology Dating](#) Udine (Italy)

- 23 [AUTOPROMOTEC Matchmaking Event 2013](#) Bologna (Italy)
- 27 [Company Mission to the fair "Les salons de la santé et de l'autonomie"](#) Paris (France)
- 28 [Matchmaking event for Safety, Security and Emergency](#) Kortrijk (Belgium)
- 30 [Go Green to Environment 2013 Bulgaria](#) Sofia (Bulgaria)
- 31 [Matchmaking event - International Exhibition of Western Lithuanian Business Achievements](#) Klaipeda (Lithuania)

#### June 2013

- 05 [Futurallia Istanbul 2013 Brokerage Event](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 05 [Innovat&Match 2013](#) Bologna (Italy)
- 05 [London Gaming & Digital Media Mission to Tampere](#) Tampere (Finland)
- 12 [EEN Brokerage Event at "GR Business Days" in Luxembourg](#) Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 18 [Smart and sustainable city – B2B meetings](#) Nice (France)
- 19 [Biomedica Brokerage Event 2013](#) Aachen (Germany)
- 20 [Connect with international partners at EuroNanoForum Dublin 2013!](#) Dublin (Ireland)

#### September 2013

- 19 [Brokerage Event at EMO Hannover 2013 - Meet the World of Metalworking](#) Hannover (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.**

**More...** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWI)

#### **B2B CrossTour & Brokerage Event 2013, with Enterprise Europe Network support, 25 April 2013, Ruse, Bulgaria**

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| - Hotels, guest houses,                          | Creative industries stakeholders                                      |
| - Other types of accommodation;                  | - Craft villages; - Creative spaces of tourism interest;              |
| - Restaurants/Food and drink;                    | - Local art and creative festivals organisers;                        |
| - Spa hotels or medical/ health centres;         | - Companies willing to establish contacts with craft organizations,   |
| - Municipalities; - Tourist Information Centres; | organisers of cultural events from the Danube region;                 |
| - Tour operators; - Travel agents;               | - Historical and contemporary cultural heritage stakeholders;         |
| - Other organisations in the tourism field       | - Creative industry interested in cooperation with the tourism sector |

**Why do you have to participate?** To develop business relationships, experience, to establish joint activities & offers

**More...** <http://danubetournet.eu/crosstour2013> ; [Download the flyer](#)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> b2fair matchmaking event, 9-11 April 2013 at Hannover Messe**

The **b2fair matchmaking event** will take place during **HANNOVER MESSE**, the world's leading industrial and technological trade show. The new value added features of the **b2fair** matchmaking event of 2013 at a glance:

- Two days individual **business meetings** in an exclusive atmosphere
- A **complete hall** in the centre of the trade fair dedicated to business matchmaking
- **VIP lounge** at the disposal of the participants; **Festive evening** event with "Live Music"; **TV stage &** other innovative services; Participation of a **broad international spectrum of companies**; Professional **assistance**.

The **b2fair** concept combines the strongest assets of **professional trade fairs** and **international business cooperation platforms** offering participating companies the possibility to find **new business partners** on an international level during tailored prescheduled **business meetings**. The event is a decisive meeting place both for exhibitors and visitors of the trade show for finding the right business partner at a great speed, while saving a lot of time and money.

**More...** [www.b2faironline.com/hannovermesse2013](http://www.b2faironline.com/hannovermesse2013) ; [b2fair@cc.lu](mailto:b2fair@cc.lu)

#### **UniversAAL Open Day/Workshop, Vienna, 11 April 2013**

On this free event interested parties are welcome to learn more about universAAL, meet the project partners and propose and discuss possible ways of cooperating with the project. During the morning session the workshop will be held to present details of Reference Architecture for AAL and demonstrate advantages of universAAL runtime platform, development tools and uStore. In the afternoon, there will be optional collaboration session where everybody is free to present and discuss own ideas with the universAAL consortium and other guests.

**More...** <http://www.universaal.org/training/index.php/events/vienna2> or send an email to [info@universaal.org](mailto:info@universaal.org).

#### **Greek Innovation Expo - exhibition, workshops, b2b meetings, conference, Athens, 16-19 May 2013**

**More...** <http://www.greekinnovation.eu/2013/02/greek-innovation-expo-2013.html>

### **Company mission and brokerage event “B.e. Aerospace Connected!”, Toulouse, France, 17-18 April 2013**

Gain new opportunities, competitive advantages through technical and R&D cooperations. Attending this event will give you easy access to enterprises in the field of space/aeronautics. Focus: Trends in aerospace technologies, Get to know key players offering services to companies, Get your problem solved, Matching organizations offering/seeking solutions.

**More...** <http://www.b2match.eu/be-aero-connected/pages/home>, [Read more ....](#)

### **Euroinvent, European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation, Iasi, Romania, 9-11 May 2013**

The Exhibition promotes the International & Romanian creativity in EU context, by displaying the contributions of consecrated schools of higher education, academic research and also of individual inventors. In this way, at the exhibition are participating researchers and inventors through associations, foundations or institutions specialized on development and creativity. While the economic crisis continues to get worse, creativity & innovation are the key to strengthening EU's development. Creativity & innovation contribute to economic prosperity as well as to social, individual wellbeing.

**More...** [www.eudirect.ro/euroinvent](http://www.eudirect.ro/euroinvent), [euroinvent@yahoo.com](mailto:euroinvent@yahoo.com)

### **B2B Matchmaking Forum Russia - Europe: Cooperation without Frontiers, 17-18 June 2013, Moscow**

The forum is being organized jointly with the European Commission. Mr. Antonio Tajani, Vice-President, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry, will lead delegation of EU companies.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day the forum would discuss acceleration of Russian economy modernization, diversification in line with the joint initiative Russia-EU “Partnership for Modernization”; sharing EU experience in enabling industries, large & small, to be dynamic, sustainable/innovative in developing a new culture of entrepreneurship, the internationalization of SMEs.

2<sup>nd</sup> day will be devoted to bilateral negotiations between Russian & EU industrial companies, *inter alia* SMEs, business support institutions, in production, R&D, services. Previous five fora brought together 492 Russian, 254 EU companies, business support organizations with 1,771 bilateral negotiations. Important no of “out-of-schedule” meetings were held.

**More...** [www.regionomica-moscow.ru](http://www.regionomica-moscow.ru)

### **EEN brokerage event during the 2<sup>nd</sup> trade fair “Greater Region Business Days”, Luxembourg, 12-13 June 2013**

The GR Business Days is a specialised multisectoral trade fair that focuses on the most important sectors of the Region:

Environment & Energy	Automotive & E-mobility	Transports & Logistics
Eco Construction	Machinery & Metallurgy	Training & Education
Sustainable Development	ICT and E-commerce	Banking and Finance
Life science & Biotechnologies	Marketing & Communication	Services to companies

Besides companies from the Greater Region, participants in the brokerage event will come from over 15 other countries.

The GR Business Days include besides exhibition stands, the EEN brokerage event, many other events, such as interactive conferences, speed pitches, a TV stage, networking receptions, in which you are invited to participate as well.

**More...** [www.een-matchmaking.com/gr-businessdays2013](http://www.een-matchmaking.com/gr-businessdays2013) ; [www.gr-businessdays.com](http://www.gr-businessdays.com)

### **7<sup>th</sup> edition of VentureConnect, 28 May 2013, Bucharest, Romania**

The event is organized in one of the most tech orientated cinema halls in Bucharest: **Grand Cinema Digiplex at Baneasa Shopping City**. Our goal is to create the necessary context for more seed or venture investments with a two-track pitching session. We welcome **early stage projects** looking for business-angels, mentors, business advisors, **mature companies** in search of larger investments, strategic national & international partnerships. Entrepreneurs should hurry and send in their [Application Form](#) by **10 May 2013**. The benefits of attending **VentureConnect** are numerous from investments to business mentoring and five-star networking.

**More...** [VentureConnect](#), [VentureMentoring](#), [AngelConnect](#), [office@ventureconnect.ro](mailto:office@ventureconnect.ro)

### **Business For, 1<sup>st</sup> Eurasian Forum of business communities, 25-27 April 2013, Novosibirsk, Russia**

The event is initiated by Novosibirsk Presidential Program Alumni Association "Leader-Resource" under support of Government of the Novosibirsk region. Partners of the event are EEN in Novosibirsk region, French Embassy in Russia, Consulate General of Germany in Siberia, German society for international cooperation GIZ, Chamber of Commerce & Industries of Paris, French-Russian Chamber of Foreign Commerce, Alliance Francaise Novosibirsk and others.

The aim of the event is to identify new opportunities, tools for effective business cooperation in the global world, based on the use of business communities network capacity. The stakeholders, among which are the networks, communities contributing to the international business development, will negotiate the capabilities and benefits of co-operation, international networking, identify promising areas of inter-regional/international partnerships, tools to strengthen international/interregional business relationships, increase business activity in Siberia.

A b2b partnering event will be organized on 26<sup>th</sup>, April. Cooperation & Suppliers Exchange «WE ARE IN SIBERIA» is an excellent opportunity for foreign companies and Russian suppliers to exchange contacts, establish communication.

**More...** Maria Pelipas, [eic@ick-rttn.ru](mailto:eic@ick-rttn.ru), +7(383) 306 19 17, [www.siora.ru/en/](http://www.siora.ru/en/)

### **18<sup>th</sup> International Business Development Forum, Futurallia, Istanbul, Turkey, 5-7 June 2013**

Explore Turkey, the huge region that stretches from Europe to Central Asia & Middle East. Meet with Turkish companies as well as companies from all over the world. Experience Turkey and its economy first hand while keeping a proactive approach to new business and partnership.

- More than 600 attendees gathered in one place- at the heart of Turkey's trade and culture;
- More than 20 business sectors from over 30 countries;
- More than 8000 meetings organized; up to 16 prescheduled one- to- one meetings, per participant, in 2 days;



- A matchmaking process tailored to your needs; identification of your best prospect leads by our team of experts;
- Access to a rich network of contacts and international business experts.

More... [www.futuralliaistanbul2013.com](http://www.futuralliaistanbul2013.com) ; [info@futuralliaistanbul2013.com](mailto:info@futuralliaistanbul2013.com)

### Technology transfer services / All reasonable models of co-operation will be considered

You are an inventor, do you have technology to transfer, do you have new products, technology based on innovations to offer; do you need new technologies, do you need technical assistance in technology transfer...

Please **contact** IPA CIFATT Craiova, e\_mail: [office@ipacv.ro](mailto:office@ipacv.ro) ; web site: [www.ipacv.ro](http://www.ipacv.ro).

## Clusters

### Cluster-to-Cluster Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 9-10 April 2013

It is a conference dedicated to matching clusters & SME networks in the Baltic Sea Region with each other, support them in finding relevant funding for international activities. This 2-day event gives both insight into funding schemes dedicated to clusters (such as BSR Innovation Express), an opportunity to establish international collaboration with other clusters.

**Cluster-to-Cluster Meetings - Matchmaking Between Clusters** - Sign up for 30 minute cluster-to-cluster meetings where you can meet potential project partners. This is a quick/easy way to meet with other clusters. An online tool makes it easy to book meetings with the other participants already before the event. All you have to do is to sign-up [here](#).

More... <http://www.cluster-to-cluster.dk/>

### Cluster Academy 2013 - Linz, Austria, 14-17 May 2013

Innovation through cooperation and competence - These are the pillars on which Upper Austria's innovation policy is built! Our homepage gives you a detailed insight into the methodology and working procedures of clusters and networks in Upper Austria. Please feel free to inform yourself about our partner companies and current services in the areas of information, qualification, cooperation and internationalization! Join us on a trip through the virtual cluster and network land, which represents a truly exemplary European region!

More... [http://www.clusterland.at/index\\_ENG\\_HTML.php](http://www.clusterland.at/index_ENG_HTML.php)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Balkan & Black Sea Conference: Days of Clusters, Sofia, Bulgaria, October 31 - November 1, 2013

Goal of the Conference will be to gather more than 40 cluster organizations, representatives of government and SME sector supporting institutions, financial institutions, donors to create a favorable environment for the development of clusters in this region, exchange of knowledge, experience, efficient inter-cluster connectivity.

Out of 163 past Conference participants, there were 32 clusters (24 domestic, 8 international), 45 support institutions (33 domestic, 12 international), 6 scientific research institutions, 3 EU programs and 27 experts from European countries.

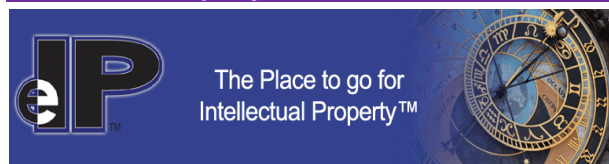
More... <http://www.clusterhouse.rs>

## SMEs

### Technology Profiles

<a href="#">Reduced gliadin wheat for coeliac sufferers and gluten intolerant customers</a>	UK	OFFER
<a href="#">A small and low energy water booster pump that obviates power showers</a>	UK	OFFER
<a href="#">Technology for printing optimization, control and management</a>	Spain	OFFER
<a href="#">Electroextraction of compounds of interest from microorganisms</a>	France	OFFER
<a href="#">Detection of Malicious Executable Content in Non-Executable Files for Antivirus Products</a>	Germany	OFFER
<a href="#">An intelligent power distribution management system</a>	Spain	OFFER
<a href="#">Water based, sound-dampening coating system for reduction of acoustic vibrations in metal.</a>	Ireland	OFFER
<a href="#">New controlled solar ventilation system reducing humidity problems in house foundations</a>	Sweden	OFFER
<a href="#">Variable speed driver for bicycle, e-bike, any other vehicle or windmill</a>	France	REQUEST
<a href="#">ICT for water resources management</a>	Spain	OFFER
<a href="#">Innovative Ultra-Wideband Wireless USB single chip, reference design solutions</a>	Israel	OFFER
<a href="#">Phyto-modules for customer-specific improving the indoor air quality</a>	Russia	OFFER
<a href="#">New injection nozzle for improved aerodynamics in cars.</a>	Spain	OFFER
<a href="#">PS-EUROSTARS- An instrument to predict pregnancy viability &amp; embryonic sex in cattle embryo transfer based on metabolomics</a>	Spain	REQUEST

## Intellectual Property ; Standards



### Workshop oral proceedings, EPO, Munich, 8-9 April 2013

A workshop for professional representatives seeking to improve their practical experience of oral proceedings will be held. Apart from gaining an overview of opposition proceedings before the EPO and the related case law, participants will have the opportunity to take

part in mock oral proceedings. The registration deadline is 18 March

**More...** <http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/search/oral-proceedings.html>

### Job vacancies for engineers and scientists

EPO is currently recruiting scientists, engineers to work as patent examiners at its offices in Munich, The Hague, Berlin.

**More...** [Read more and apply online](#)

### Requests for early processing

In recent years the number of requests for early processing of Euro-PCT applications filed with the EPO as designated/elected Office has risen. The EPO has just published a notice further clarifying the information on early processing provided in the Euro-PCT Guide, outlining the requirements and implications for the procedure in the European phase, and giving various examples.

**More...** [Read more](#)

### Learning & Events - East meets West 2013, Vienna, 18-19 April 2013

Registration is now open for the EPO's annual forum on patent information.

**More...** [See the programme and register](#)

### PCT at the EPO: conference for patent professionals and industry, Munich, Germany, 13 June 2013

The EPO is organising this in-house training event for patent attorneys and IP professionals from industry in Europe and elsewhere interested in filing PCT applications with the EPO.

**More...** [Read more and register](#)

### Learning Event - Searching patent documents with Global Patent Index, Vienna, 14-16 May 2013

This classroom training seminar, will help participants acquire a thorough understanding of the EPO's Global Patent Index (GPI), a professional patent searching tool with sophisticated search functionalities. Other patent information products including Espacenet & the European Patent Register will also be shown.

**More...** [Read more and register](#)

## Research

### Horizon 2020 - the programme that will cover all research & innovation funding 2014-2020, Budget: 71 billion

Horizon 2020 will be an integrated programme that will cover all research and innovation funding currently provided through the Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). The different types of funding provided by the existing programmes will be brought together into a single coherent, flexible framework. It will provide funding for every stage of the innovation process from basic research to market uptake.

Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union.

EU funding for research & innovation will be focused on 3 key objectives (Excellent science, Competitive industries, Better Society) implemented through specific programs, dedicated financial contribution to the EIT. The primary aim of Horizon 2020 is to strengthen the EU's position as a world leader in science, to help make EU a more attractive location to invest in research & innovation, to bring excellent research results to market which will deliver direct benefits to citizens, affordable health-care, protection against cyber crime, the transition to a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy.

**More...** [Commission Proposal on Horizon 2020](#), [Council meeting on the rules of participation in Horizon 2020 \(press release\)](#), [Presentation on H2020](#), [http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm)

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## Innovation and Entrepreneurship

### Community innovation survey: product, process, organisational, marketing innovation.: innovation behaviour

This article looks at the state of innovation in the European Union (EU) by presenting data on countries' innovation behaviour. Among the EU Member States, the highest shares of innovative enterprises during the period 2008-2010 were observed in Germany (79.3 % of all enterprises), Luxembourg (68.1 %) and Belgium (60.9 %). More than half of all enterprises (52.9 %) in the EU-27 Member States (excluding Greece) reported innovation activity. The lowest shares were recorded in Bulgaria (27.1 %), Poland (28.1 %) and Latvia (29.9 %).

It seems that in the countries where the shares of innovative enterprises are high, the share of innovative enterprises that combine product/process, organisational/marketing innovation tends to be high too. In Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, the shares of innovative enterprises are higher, these innovative enterprises tend to report both categories of innovation, 58.7 %, 61.5 %, 55.4 %. The countries with low shares of innovative enterprises seem to have fewer innovative enterprises that develop both types of innovation: in Romania, only 32.3 % of innovative enterprises developed both types of innovation, in Latvia 34.5 %, in Poland 33.3 % and in Bulgaria 29.5 %. Among product and/or process innovative enterprises in the EU-27, 25.5 % was engaged in cooperation regarding their innovation activities.

This cooperation might be with other enterprises within the group, suppliers, commercial labs, universities or public research institutes. The remaining (74.5 %) relied only on internal resources. The highest shares of innovation cooperation were found in Cyprus (62.3 % of all product and/or process innovative enterprises), Austria (51.0 %), Slovenia (44.7 %), Lithuania, Hungary (43.3 % and 43.2 % respectively), and the lowest in Italy (12.1 %), the United Kingdom (13.7 %), Malta (18.5 %), Portugal (19.5 %), Spain (22.3 %) and Bulgaria (22.4 %).

**More...** [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Innovation\\_statistics](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Innovation_statistics)

### **COSME, the programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises & SMEs, 2014-2020, Budget: EUR 2.522 billion**

The programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises & SMEs (COSME)'s aim is to strengthen the competitiveness, sustainability of the Union's enterprises, including in the tourism sector, encourage an entrepreneurial culture, promote the creation, growth of SMEs. It largely continues the activities started under the current Competitiveness & Innovation programme (CIP) and also ensures continuity with initiatives and actions already undertaken under the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP), such as the Enterprise Europe Network. **Objectives**

- Improve the framework conditions to make for the competitiveness and sustainability of Union enterprises including in the tourism sector
- Encouraging an entrepreneurial culture and promoting the creation and growth of SMEs.
- Improving access to finance for SMEs in the form of equity and debt
- Improving access to markets inside the Union and globally

#### **Objective No 1: Actions to improve the framework conditions for the competitiveness & sustainability of Union enterprises (384.4 million EUR).**

1. Actions to improve and strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of Union enterprises, particularly SMEs.
2. Actions intended to develop new competitiveness strategies. Such actions may include the following:
  - a) measures to improve the design, implementation and evaluation of policies affecting the competitiveness and sustainability of enterprises, including disaster resilience, and to secure the development of appropriate infrastructures, world class clusters and business networks, framework conditions and development of sustainable products, services and processes;
  - b) measures to encourage cooperation in policy making and exchange of good practices and to address international aspects of competitiveness policies.
  - c) support for SME policy development and cooperation between policy makers, particularly with a view to improving the ease-of-access to programmes and measures for SMEs.
3. Initiatives accelerating the emergence of competitive industries based on cross-sectoral activities in areas characterised by a high proportion of SMEs and with a high contribution to the Union's GDP.

#### **Objective No 2: Actions to promote entrepreneurship (86.8 million EUR)**

1. Improving framework conditions affecting the development of entrepreneurship; support a business environment favourable to enterprise development and growth.
2. Particular attention shall be paid to young entrepreneurs, new and potential entrepreneurs and female entrepreneurs, as well as specific target groups.
3. The Commission may support Member States' measures to build-up entrepreneurial education, skills and attitudes, in particular among potential and new entrepreneurs.

#### **Objective No 3: Actions to improve access to finance for SMEs (1.436 billion EUR)**

1. Actions which aim to improve access to finance for SMEs in their start-up and growth phases, being complementary to the Member States' use of financial instruments for SMEs at national and regional level.
  - a) The equity facility of the Competitiveness & SME Programme, the Equity Facility for Growth (EFG), shall be implemented as a window of a single EU equity financial instrument supporting EU enterprises' growth & RDI from the early stage to the growth stage, financially supported by the Horizon 2020, this Programme. EFG shall use the same delivery mechanism as the equity facility for RDI to be established under Horizon 2020.
  - b) The Loan Guarantee Facility (LGF) shall be implemented as part of a single EU debt financial instrument for EU enterprises' growth & RDI, using the same delivery mechanism as the SME demand-driven window of the debt facility under Horizon 2020 (RSI II).
2. Develop measures, subject to market demand, to improve cross-border and multi-country financing, thereby assisting SMEs to internationalise their activities in compliance with Union law.

#### **Objective No 4: Actions to improve access to markets (2.443 billion EUR)**

1. Support for the Enterprise Europe Network.
2. Actions to improve SMEs access to the Single Market including information provision and awareness-raising.

3. Facilitate SMEs access to markets outside the EU, to strengthening existing support services in those markets. SMEs may receive support through the Programme as regards standards, IPR in priority third countries.
4. Foster international industrial cooperation, including industrial and regulatory dialogues with third countries.

**More...** [COSME pdf](#), [EC COSME website](#)

### How do you foster innovation?

First, you have to define what it means to your company, in your market. For instance, how much of it should be big versus incremental? Next look around and companies that are doing it well, and don't be too proud or stubborn to copy. Once you've done that, there are some basics:

- 1) Recognize, reward innovation/the behaviors that go with it, don't let the organization get in the way. True story: big, global retailer gets an idea from a janitor, a way to conserve electricity that saves the company over \$10M/year, which they implemented but the janitor got nothing, because management didn't want to incentivize someone so low ranking.
- 2) Organize around innovation, as opposed to trying to fit into the existing silos. This means viewing innovation very holistically, as the complex business process that it is. It will mean, in all likelihood, making some pretty big changes.
- 3) Have the courage to do it, the change will not be easy. It will be very difficult. There will be entrenched opposition to it.

The following factors support innovation:

**SURVIVAL:** Above all else, believe and preach that the failure to innovate is the biggest risk of all.

**MAJOR TRENDS:** Overlay major trends and your product to foresee how they will interact.

**GOOD TIMING:** Develop a conscious strategy suited to current conditions before releasing a product.

**DIVERSITY:** Demand appropriately diverse teams and input channels.

**WORKSPACES:** Arrange workspaces so that people and ideas bump up against each other continually and naturally.

**CRITICAL THINKING:** Use critical thinking to channel innovation toward success.

**CULTURE:** Establish an idea- and change-friendly culture.

**CONNECTIVITY:** Build many connections to have many ideas.

**RECEPTIVITY:** Always assume that ideas for innovation have some intrinsic value until proven otherwise.

**GUIDANCE:** Give innovators only enough vivid guidance to let them move forward with passion.

**REACHING AGREEMENT:** Celebrate debate, but drive relentlessly toward consensus.

**DECISIVENESS:** Commit when your mind and heart are united.

**More...** [www.42innovate.wordpress.com](http://www.42innovate.wordpress.com)

### Partner Search

#### Partner Search - looking for investors interested in developing wind projects in Romania

We are looking for investors interested in developing wind projects in Romania. The projects start from 75 MW up to 1100 MW in total. We have connectivity technical permit (ATR), the urbanism certificate & the following permits which led to the PUZ (Areea Town Planning) approval: preliminary geo study; placement permit at ENEL; environment permit; Direction of Culture permit; county roads permit; permit from National Communication Authority; ANIF permit (National Administration of Land Improvements); placement permit OCPI (Cadaster and Real Estate Publicity Office) of the topographic measurements. Medium speed 7,35 m/s at 80 m height, according to the measurements made over a 2 year period.

**More...Contact:** Trust Consulting Corporation S.R.L., Mr Sorin Georgescu, [office@finantare-firme.ro](mailto:office@finantare-firme.ro), 0040.742.026.492

#### Looking for partners - the field of education

Lingua Più, Training Centre on Languages and IT specialized on LLP and EACEA Projects from Perugia Area, Italy, is seeking for new partners to establish long term relationship in the field of education.

**Contact:** [leonardo@linguapiu.eu](mailto:leonardo@linguapiu.eu)

#### Opportunity for life science companies interested in US contacts

The Intesa Sanpaolo Start-Up Initiative is joining forces with the International Venture Club, MassBio and Goodwin Procter LLP to develop a US fund raising and business development opportunity for European Life Sciences startups and growing companies. The forum will take place in Boston, USA, on May 22 2013. Participants will pitch in front of an international audience of investors and pharma corporations.

**Contact::** [andrea.contri@intesasnapaolo.com](mailto:andrea.contri@intesasnapaolo.com) - +1 (646) 541-8372.

#### Tempus IV - Partners Search

My organization is currently looking for partners (i.e. Universities) from Bosnia, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania for a project to be submitted under the current Tempus IV call for proposals. The topic of the project is the transfer of innovation from Universities to enterprises in the agricultural field in order to strengthen existing links, create new one with enterprises, promote the creation of new enterprises, spin off, to create a link between the research & the 2020 strategy, also according to the Horizon 2020 priorities.

**Contact:** Giuseppe Luca Moliterni, EU Affairs Manager, AlmaEuropa srl, Brussels, Belgium, [info@almaeuropa.eu](mailto:info@almaeuropa.eu)

#### International Community of Mobility Coordinators for people with interest on transnational learning mobility

We are contacting those who are directly/indirectly working with projects including transnationality and mobility. European Minds together with 9 other EU partners has the opportunity to work with an financed Leonardo da Vinci project that aims to create better work placements in EU (<http://www.europemobility.eu>, <http://www.facebook.com/> EU mobility network)

One substantial activity within the project is to create an International Community for shared learning between international mobility coordinators. The International Community of Mobility Coordinators is an interactive group of people



with the common interest on transnational learning mobility. The aim is to stimulate the raise of quality and quantity of work placements in Europe by promoting interaction and cooperation among those who are responsible for mobility initiatives. The platform is open to VET, HE and informal and non formal education actors. Within this community you can find both new contacts / partners for exchange, learning on how to work with quality in mobility exchanges, possible sources of funding for mobility and much much more.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of the community and to share your experiences on working with European Mobility. It is very easy to join the community, just register directly on the website <http://www.europemobility.eu> and you will be a part of a vast and rapidly growing international community that shares substantial and important knowledge and experiences on mobility.

**Contact:** John Gunnarsson, EU consultant, European Minds AB, Stockholm, Sweden, [john@europeanminds.com](mailto:john@europeanminds.com)

#### **Partner Search for FP7 ENV WATER INNO&DEMO and FP7 ICT Water resources management**

Send a message with your expertise, the profile of the entity and we will contact you in case your profile matches our requirements.

**Contact:** [info@octopux.eu](mailto:info@octopux.eu)

#### **Partner search - EUROSTARS Project related to Traffic management**

We are looking for a non-spanish partner (R&D-performing SME) to participate in the next EUROSTARS Call (Deadline April 4). In the present proposal, we aim to design and implement a new tool of traffic management in order to detect more relevant incidents and more frequent and dangerous violations of highway code. The partner sought should have one or more of the following profile or experience:

- 1) Design and innovation in traffic sensors (cameras, filters, etc.).
- 2) Using computer vision or other sensors for traffic control.
- 3) Innovation in management systems road maintenance.
- 4) Creation and design of tools for visualization and control traffic.

Interested organisations please send a description with your profile and expertise.

**Contact:** Victor Fernandez, [victor.fernandez@treelogic.es](mailto:victor.fernandez@treelogic.es)

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

##### **Cultural Heritage JPI launches joint pilot call**

The Cultural Heritage Joint Programming Initiative (JPI-JHEP) has opened a transnational joint pilot call for proposals for research projects in the area of cultural heritage. The deadline for applications is 5 April 2013. The priority research areas include: materials, technologies and procedures for the conservation of tangible cultural heritage; and use and re-use of buildings and landscapes, including the relationship between changes of use and public policy, including costs and added value (for example as a result of planning regulations and urban development).

Projects must have a maximum duration of 36 months, the overall call budget is €3 million and a consortium must consist of organisations based in at least 3 different JPI-JHEP participating countries.

**More...** <http://www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu/jhep-joint-pilot-call/>

##### **European Nanoelectronics Initiative Advisory Council (ENIAC): Call 8 launched, budget of EUR 50.22 million**

ENIAC is the Joint Technology Initiative (JTI) representing the main EU stakeholders of nanoelectronics industry. It aims at strengthening the cooperation in nanoelectronics, to increase the competitiveness of EU & associated partners in this field. This call focuses on projects dealing with technological R&D activities; in Technology Readiness Level terms this refers to levels 2 to 5 i.e. formulation of technology concepts, experimental proofs, validation in laboratory conditions.

A valorisation & deployment plan must be included in the Project Proposal. The call follows a 2-stage procedure. Deadline for Project Outlines: 23 May 2013. Deadline for Full Project Proposals: 12 September 2013.

**More...** [Research/participants/portal/page/call=ENIAC-2013](http://www.eniac.eu/web/calls/ENIACJU_Call8_2013-1.php), [http://www.eniac.eu/web/calls/ENIACJU\\_Call8\\_2013-1.php](http://www.eniac.eu/web/calls/ENIACJU_Call8_2013-1.php)

##### **Open calls for Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI) and Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)**

PCP: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/pcp/calls\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/pcp/calls_en.html)

PPI: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/public-procurement/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/public-procurement/index_en.htm)

#### **Policy**

##### **European Commission President Barroso announces creation of a Science and Technology Advisory Council**

On 27 February 2013, the President of the EC, José Manuel Barroso, has announced the creation of a Science & Technology Advisory Council. This informal advisory body held its first meeting that day in Brussels.

President Barroso said: "Science and innovation are key drivers for EU competitiveness, economic growth and the creation of new jobs. This Advisory Council will focus on science and technology related topics that are of cross-cutting nature, with a clear societal dimension. It will identify the issues of value where science, research & innovation can contribute to support future development in Europe".

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/president/news/archives/2013/02/20130227\\_1\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/president/news/archives/2013/02/20130227_1_en.htm)

#### **Events**

##### **17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on System Theory, Control & Computing, ICSTCC, 11-13 Oct 2013, Sinaia, Romania**



The main goal of the conference is to provide a multidisciplinary forum between researchers from industry, academia to discuss state-of-the-art topics in system theory, control & computing, to present recent research results, prospects for development in this evolving area. The ICSTCC conference, is technically co-sponsored by IEEE Control Systems Society, the papers will be indexed in IEEE Xplore.

**More...** <http://ace.ucv.ro/icstcc2013/> ; [icstcc2013@automation.ucv.ro](mailto:icstcc2013@automation.ucv.ro) or [vrasvan@automation.ucv.ro](mailto:vrasvan@automation.ucv.ro)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> GRF One Health Summit, 17-20 November 2013, Davos, Switzerland**

The Summit will further explore, advance, agree on the need for a global integrative risk management approach for One Health, will identify ways to achieve added value by multi-sectorial, multi-stakeholder cooperation, promote enhanced public-private partnership models for risk-based financing tools. The findings of the conference shall be used to make recommendations on policy, organisational changes, stimulate an efficient collaboration between stakeholders.

**More...** <http://onehealth.grforum.org/>

### **International Conference on Regional Climate, CORDEX 2013, 4-7 November 2013, Brussels**

This landmark event will provide a forum for assessing the following key challenges: \* Development of regional climate change projections, \* Provision of reliable and actionable regional climate information, \* Use of regional climate information in impact, adaptation and vulnerability studies, \* Dissemination of regional climate knowledge to policymakers and a wide range of stakeholders and decision-makers

**More...** <http://cordex2013.wcrp-climate.org/> ; <http://cordex2013.wcrp-climate.org/venue.shtml>

### **Science for the Environment 2013, 3-4 October 2013, Aarhus, Denmark**

The conference's purpose is to provide input to the European Commission on the future research needs in Horizon 2020. We are calling for abstracts within the three major themes: \* Climate action: mitigation and adaptation, \* Resource efficiency: natural resources, ecosystems, raw materials, \* Green economy: eco-innovation

**More...** <http://dce-conference.au.dk>

### **Chip to Cloud Security Forum 2013, 25-27 September 2013, Nice, France**

Smart Trusted Technologies & Services for the Networked Society. Chip-to-Cloud Security Forum is a wide-ranging technical event covering all aspects of all assets protection in embedded, mobile and cloud technologies. Its scope ranges from the cryptographic foundations up to the latest developments of trusted services

**More...** <http://www.chip-to-cloud.com>

### **Smart Cities Annual Conference 2013, 5-6 June 2013, Budapest**

This year's Conference will be a unique occasion for cities, solutions providers to meet/discuss the future shape of the EU urban landscape. The programme of the Conference is rich and diversified: it alternates keynote speeches with workshops and networking sessions. The first day is fully devoted to discussing Key Innovations among the relevant stakeholders: technology providers on one side and cities as users on the other, with particular attention to matchmaking possibilities. The second day focuses instead on discussing achievements and developments of the Platform itself.

**More...** <http://eu-smartcities.eu/content/smart-cities-annual-conference-budapest-5-6-june-2013>

### **Conference Transforming European Start-ups into International Gazelles, 20 March 2013, Bruxelles**

The aim of the **Conference** is to discuss how professional networking and international collaboration can be further developed to increase the competitiveness of European SMEs, how EBN's members, the Business & Innovation Centres, drive innovation towards start-up creation, high-growth companies. The Conference will discuss not only the challenges but also key business principles including the valorisation of the potential cooperation with neighbouring growing markets.

**More...** <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/950591/youreuevent/ebn-policy/programme.pdf>

### **Workshop Exchange of best practice on implementation of innovation management within security organizations in Europe, 13 March 2013, Oslo, Norway**

This event is organized in framework of the INSEC project [www.insec-project.eu](http://www.insec-project.eu) , co-financing by the EC / DG Research and Innovation and during the event Sectech Norway, 12-13 March <http://www.sectech.nu/no/en/index.asp>. The workshop will focus on exchange & promotion of best practices and are organised as an interactive event giving participants the opportunity for discussion and exchange of experience.

The INSEC project is striving to improve the Innovation & Research processes within security organisations, enabling to evaluate novel approaches, services, new technologies dedicated to the safety of citizens. The project focus on 2 areas:

- Development of a new internal innovation management model which will allow security organisations to better manage both the financial impacts and the added value of innovation projects.
- Development of an external innovation platform to promote networking between European security SMEs and public/private security organisations. This will increase the visibility of SMEs to the security organisations and hence diversify the range of services and technologies available to them.

The exhibition and the seminars are focused entirely on security technologies.

**More...** [www.insec-project.eu](http://www.insec-project.eu) ; <http://www.sectech.nu/no/en/index.asp> ; [antoanela.raducanu@fmmc.ro](mailto:antoanela.raducanu@fmmc.ro)

### **The International Symposium on Nuclear Energy (SIEN), 20-24 October 2013, Bucharest, Romania**

SIEN is a biennial scientific and technical meeting in Romania having already a long tradition. SIEN is co-organized by the Romanian Nuclear Energy Association - AREN and the Romanian Atomic Forum - ROMATOM. The objective of the

symposium is to debate challenges and the future prospective of Nuclear Energy in the context of the last well known events in the world. All the experts and representatives of the main organizations and institutions involved in the development of nuclear projects are invited to attend SIEN 2013. This symposium is also open to research officers and students interested in the Issues of Nuclear Energy.

**More...** <http://www.sien.ro/>

### **PCIM - International Exhibition & Conference on Power Electronics, Intelligent Motion, Renewable Energy and Energy Management, 14-16 May 2013, Nuremberg, Germany**

PCIM (Power Conversion Intelligent Motion) is Europe's leading meeting-point for specialists in Power Electronics and its applications in Intelligent Motion, Renewable Energy and Energy Management. Get up-to-the-minute information on the newest trends and developments as well as state of the art solutions for your most challenging problems.

In parallel to the exhibition the most important user-oriented conference on power electronics will be held. It focusses on future issues, such as renewable energy, electro mobility and energy management. The comprehensive conference program with numerous oral and poster sessions as well as seminars and tutorials provides state-of-the-art application know-how on power electronics. Specialists from all over the world will report in first publications on their latest products and applications and will be available for technical discussions.

**More...** <http://www.mesago.de/en/PCIM/home.htm>, [Program](#), [Free entry ticket](#), [pcim@mesago.com](mailto:pcim@mesago.com)

### **6<sup>th</sup> ISPIM Innovation Symposium – Innovation in the Asian Century, Melbourne, Australia, 8-11 December 2013**

Organised by ISPIM, hosted by the Victorian Universities Innovation Management Network, the event will bring together around 250 innovation experts from 35 countries. The Symposium asks some very tough questions: How does this change in focus impact global business innovation & competitiveness? What types of innovation frameworks, models will maximise Asia's/the Pacific Region's potential? How can businesses, governments, educational institutions adapt to this change in focus? What are the prospects for Asia/the Pacific Region driving innovation globally? How sustainable is the 'Asian Century', what does it mean for businesses, governments, educational institutions, both inside/outside Asia.

**More...** [http://symposium.ispim.org/files/ISPIM\\_Melbourne\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers.pdf](http://symposium.ispim.org/files/ISPIM_Melbourne_Call_for_Papers.pdf) , <http://symposium.ispim.org>

### **Training Events / Jobs**

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

- 19 Mar [Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v11.1](#) France
- 22 Mar [Wafer Bonding](#) Switzerland
- 08 Apr [Nanometer CMOS ICs](#) Belgium
- 12 Apr [Electron Microscopy: New Applications in Micro and Nanotechnology](#) Switzerland
- 15 Apr [University of Oxford: Online Introduction to Electronics](#) Online
- 16 Apr [Workshop on Advances in Analog Circuit Design](#) France
- 16 Apr [Polymer Microfabrication](#) Germany
- 22 Apr [Advanced Course on Image Sensor Technology](#) Germany
- 22 Apr [Power Integrity: Advanced Design and Characterization](#) Germany
- 22 Apr [Digital Signal Analysis Techniques: Time, Frequency, and Spatial Algorithms](#) Germany
- 22 Apr [Smart Materials in Robotics and Microtechnology](#) Switzerland
- 22 Apr [Smart Sensor System Course 2013](#) The Netherlands
- 22 Apr [Fiber Optic Transmission Systems](#) Germany
- 22 Apr [Advanced Radio System Architectures](#) Germany
- 29 Apr [RF Analysis with Virtuoso Spectre Simulator vMMSIM.7.2](#) UK
- 06 May [Advanced Signoff Power-Grid Analysis with Encounter Power System v8.1](#) Germany
- 11 May [Advanced Digital Physical implementation flow](#) Belgium
- 13 May [Nanoscale CMOS Process Technology](#) Belgium
- 13 May [Thin Film Deposition at the Nanoscale: Mechanisms and Applications](#) Sweden

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

#### **Training on „Introduction to the IMP<sup>3</sup>rove Approach“, March 14-15, 2013, Berlin, Germany**

Demand for better Innovation Management support for SMEs is continuously rising. With the IMP<sup>3</sup>rove Assessment – the European Approach to Innovation Management – you will gain insights into an effective approach to Innovation Management support for SMEs. This is an excellent opportunity to gain access to international benchmarks on Innovation Management and to an international network of professional IMP<sup>3</sup>rove Consultants.

For registration for the IMP<sup>3</sup>rove training please send an email to: [improvecoreteam@atkearney.com](mailto:improvecoreteam@atkearney.com).

**More...** IMP<sup>3</sup>rove calendar: <https://www.improve-innovation.eu/academy/education-programme/training-calendar/>.

#### **High-level event on innovative public procurement on 21-22 March 2013, Berlin (Tiergarten), Germany**

European conference “Demand-driven innovation through public procurement - *Pre-commercial Procurement & Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions: New Instruments for more efficient Public Services, Advantages for Industry/SMEs*“. The event will offer a platform to hear first-hand from the EC and Member States how they are supporting the implementation of Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI) and Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP).

There will be the opportunity to learn directly from participants in innovation procurement programmes about the process involved, lessons learned, outcomes achieved. You will meet partners from Member States, public policy officials, procurement experts and other innovation procurement policy stakeholders as well as experts from industry and SMEs.

Information on currently open calls for PCP and PPI can be found on the following websites:

PCP: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/pcp/calls\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/pcp/calls_en.html)

PPI: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/public-procurement/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/public-procurement/index_en.htm)

**More...** <http://www.frp.nrw.de/procurement>, [Online registration](#) is open until **15 March 2013**.

### **INSMEAcademy, new Webinar-based training program, 27 March 2013**

The webinar is based on topics concerning **Innovation, Creativity, Strategic Partnerships, Entrepreneurial Spirit**.

All webinars will be held at lunch time. Each session will have 60 minutes including a 10 minutes Questions&Answers Session. All participants have the possibility to take advantage of a free "Expert-talk"-Session, held during the following 2 weeks of the seminar to raise questions, find solutions, share good practices. Webinars are open to everybody, upon registration, on a fee basis. The first session of the **INSMEAcademy** will be held on the 27th of March 2013, from 1 pm to 2 pm Italian Time. The topic will be **"The social media based innovative services: the new value creation drivers"**.

**More...** please click [here](#), [secretariat@insme.it](mailto:secretariat@insme.it)

### **International programmes in EIE, "Bachelor in Networking" & "Master in Automation & Network", courses, exchanges, Grenoble**

Remind you of 2 international programmes open in Grenoble, one at the bachelor level, one at the master level. These international programmes aim at emphasising in particular EU **exchanges** (ERASMUS). Under certain conditions, it is possible for **ERASMUS students to get a French diploma**, if they stay the complete academic year in Grenoble.

These are the two programmes, with full recognition in the French accreditation system:

- 1) Last year of a Professional Bachelor in "Networks & Telecommunications specializing in Wireless networks, security" (the 5th & 6th semesters of a 3-year Bachelor programme).

This programme has been open in 2007 (it will be the 7th academic year in 2013-2014).

- 2) Last year of a Master in "Systems, Control and Information Technologies" \*(2 options offered) (is a two-semester programme (Master 2 in the French system), for students who passed previously

- 180 ECTS for the students in an exchange programme (validation of one semester in their home institution)
- 240 ECTS for students wishing to validate the Master 2 level.

This programme has been open in 2008 (it will be the 6th academic year in 2013-2014).

If your students come as Erasmus students (we can sign an agreement for that), you can hopefully recognise the courses. Because this is the last year of a level (Bachelor in the first case, Master in the second), under certain conditions, the ERASMUS students can also get the French diploma, together with students who register normally for the courses. We can have staff-ERASMUS exchanges if you are interested to come to give some courses in Alp mountains.

**More...** Jean-Marc Thiriet [jean-marc.thiriet@ujf-grenoble.fr](mailto:jean-marc.thiriet@ujf-grenoble.fr), <http://www.gipsa-lab.grenoble-inp.fr> <http://www-iut.ujf-grenoble.fr/wins>

### **Seminar Smart Specialisation Strategies: Ex-Ante Conditionality, 2014-2020 Period, 11-12 April 2013, Berlin**

- Understand the concepts behind Smart Specialisation and its future developments
- Improve your practical skills to design or update your Research & Innovation Strategy for your Operational Programme
- In a workshop, learn how to implement cooperative frameworks and aligned interests for all stakeholders
- Boost your region's competitiveness by identifying its advantages, strengths and priorities
- Get a hands-on perspective with lessons learnt and case studies from practitioners around Europe

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

### **Course 'Quantitative Risk Assessment & Advanced Applications', Stuttgart, Germany, April 8-12, 2013**

The course presents an introduction to Quantitative Risk Analysis, thus illustrating the necessary steps for the calculation of risk indexes. Practical approach to frequency calculation and consequence assessment, including vulnerability models, will be discussed. A specific focus on domino effect, accidents triggered by Natural-Technological (Na-Tech) events will be presented. The goal of the course is to give an introduction to Quantitative Risk Assessment, to introduce the participants to the analysis of risks originated outside the process boundary, i.e. due to external events.

**More...** [online announcement](#) or the detailed [course profile](#).

### **Vacancies in Research and Administration**

**More...** [www.kowi.de/vacancies](http://www.kowi.de/vacancies)

### **COFUND: Postdoc-Fellowship at the International Iberian Nanotechnology Lab (INL)**

Cofinanced by the Marie Curie COFUND programme, the International Iberian Nanotechnology Lab (INL) offers Postdoc-Fellowships for experienced researchers, who want to work on their own research project at INL's facilities. Applicants must not have spent more than 12 months during the last three years at INL. Successful applicants will receive a two-year working contract and additional allowances for family, children and school fees for any of the local schools.

**More...** <http://inl.int/how-to-apply>; <http://www.kowi.de/cofund-fellowships>



<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise-europe-network>

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