

Enterprise Europe Network – Services in benefit of Small and Medium Enterprises

The Enterprise Europe Network is a key instrument in the EU's strategy to boost growth and jobs. Bringing together close to 600 business support organisations from more than 50 countries, we help small and medium companies size the unparalleled business opportunities in the EU Single Market.

More... http://een.ec.europa.eu/; http://een.ec.europa.eu/about/about#sthash.uJG3x6OI.dpuf

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Events in the field of technology transfer, innovation and business finding partners



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. More... Events Calendar: http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents

Brokerage event on environmental technologies – Go green to environment, 7 March 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Industrial Association – Union of the Bulgarian Business <u>www.ierc.bia-bg.com</u>, in cooperation with <u>Enterprise</u> <u>Europe Network</u> and Via Expo <u>www.viaexpo.com</u> invites you to participate in the traditional brokerage event with prearranged face2face meetings in the field of water, water treatment, waste management and recycling, energy efficiency and renewable sources "<u>Go Green to Environment</u>" at Inter Expo Center <u>www.iec.bg</u>.

The B2B event will provide participants with a quick market entry opportunity, they will meet face-to-face new partners, customers, searching for innovative products & services needed to achieve their waste minimization, recycling goals. The event will be held during several supported specialized events in the period 5-7 of March 2014:

Exhibition & Conference on Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy: <u>www.eeandresviaexpo.com/en/exhibition/</u>

Waste Management & Recycling Conference & Exhibition: www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/exhibition/;

South-East European Solar PV & Thermal Exhibition: <u>http://www.eeandres.viaexpo.com/en/seesolar</u>. **More...** http://www.b2match.eu/g2e2014 ; ierc2@bia-bg.com

UK businesses on a market visit to Hungary and Romania 7-11 April 2014

Hungary has attracted more foreign direct investment per capita than any other country in the region, received more than 22bn euros of EU funding between 2007-2013.

Romania is an EU market with more than 21 million consumers, offering a strategic location, a skilled workforce, an emerging economy and major EU funding for the next decade.

East Midlands companies have well-established trade links with both countries and this market visit serves to strengthen bilateral partnerships and increase the value of trade. Schedule of events will include:

• B2B Matchmaking event at Hungarian Investment & Trade Association in Budapest, 8 April 2014

- Brokerage event organised by EEN Szeged, 9 April 2014
- Romania B2B Matchmaking event organised by CRIM and RO4Europe in Bucharest, 10 April 2014
- Company visits organised by British Romanian Chamber of Commerce, 10 April 2014

More... clarissa.roth@een-midlands.org.uk or sue.nattrass@een-midlands.org.uk or call on +44(0) 115 957 8757.

CrossTour 2014 B2B Brokerage Event in the field of tourism and creative industry, 24 April 2014, Ruse, Bulgaria

The matchmaking event offers the tourism and creative industry stakeholders the chance to meet potential partners in pre-arranged face-to-face meetings in order to establish business co-operation. CrossTour 2014 will focus on promoting the Danube region of North Bulgaria and joint tourism offers with neighbouring Romania. Interested buyers will be offered special accommodation terms and a custom-made FAM trip in the region. Why do you have to participate?

- To develop business relationships; - To exchange experience; - To establish joint tourism activities and offers. **More...** <u>http://danubetournet.eu/crosstour2014/</u>; <u>e.yordanova@smebg.net</u>; <u>enterprise-europe-network@smebg.net</u>

Brokerage event on "Sports Technologies", 3-4 July 2014, Yorkshire, UK

To Celebrate the Grand Depart of the Tour de France in 20214 the Enterprise Europe Network in Yorkshire is organising a brokerage event on "Sport Technologies". The brokerage event will focus on sports technologies, in particular:

- sport equipment
- health condition & performance testing & monitoring
- simulation technologies •
- food and drink

- advanced materials ICT solutions
- assistive and rehabilitation technologies
- clothing and footwear
- The main goal of the event is to bring together innovative organizations from countries around the globe seeking to collaborate for mutual commercial benefit. Activity will focus on one-to-one 30-minute pre-scheduled meetings. More... http://sporttechmatch.talkb2b.net/

Brokerage event and thematic cluster / company visits in 5 flourishing sectors in Wallonia, 18-19 February 2014

In the frame of the visit of the European commissioner and Vice-Prime Minister Antonio Tajani in Wallonia, Belgium, on February 18-19, 2014, the Walloon branch of the Enterprise Europe Network is organising a brokerage event session and thematic company visits in 5 flourishing sectors in Wallonia. SMEs will have the opportunity to participate to brokerage event on **18 February** in the afternoon, focusing on the 5 key sectors for Wallonia:

- Transport and Logistics
- Biotech/pharmaceuticals/life sciences
- Mechanical engineering industries

- Space and Aeronautics
- Cultural and Creative industries.

Company visits will be co-organised with the relevant clusters on 19 February in the morning on each identified key sectors. The Mission for Growth event will start on February 18, in the morning with a conference, debates, enhanced by the presence of the Prime Minister of Belgium and the Minister for the Economy of the Walloon Government. More... Registration and additional information on the matchmaking platform: http://www.b2match.eu/m4g-wallonia

16th Future Match at CeBIT, 10-14 March 2014, Hanover, Germany

Future Match 2014 at the information and communication technology fair CeBIT (hall 9, booth C40) in Hannover, Germany is the 16th edition of the international brokerage event organised by the Enterprise Europe Network, the largest business support network in Europe. Since 1999 Future Match has enabled exhibitors and visitors at the fair to find partners for international cooperation, e.g.: sales, licence agreements, joint ventures, subcontracting, technology transfer or research & development projects. Over 370 companies & research organisations from 33 countries participated in Future Match 2013 and booked over 1.250 bilateral meetings. At the following webside you can filter the exhibitors by different parameters like country: http://www.cebit.de/en/exhibition/exhibitors-products/index.xhtml

More... http://www.b2match.eu/futurematch2014?goback=.gde 1146577 member 5829500077541978116#; Flyer download

11th Economic Forum, 16 May 2014, Gomel, Belarus

The thema of the Forum is: Economic potential and business climate of the Gomel region. More... www.gomel-forum.by and www.gomel-region.by ; yved@mail.ru , ginvest@yandest.ru

Horizon 2020 Workshop & Partnering event - Creating funding strategies & partnerships, 4-5 Feb. 2014, Brussels

- The workshop will include a networking and partnership building session and will cover the following Horizon 2020 topics:
- Horizon 2020 programme structure and underlying EU strategies (Europe 2020, Innovation Union)
- Key topics in the pillars "Societal Challenges" & "Industrial Leadership" •
- Future and Emerging Technologies and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions •
- The role of innovative SMEs in Horizon 2020 and relevant funding opportunities •
- Societal challenges in Horizon 2020 and the role of Social Innovation •
- Practical approaches to SME-academia cooperation ; Access to risk finance •
- Successful communication and commercialisation strategies; Legal aspects, regulations and financial rules

More... http://www.pongratz-eurida-horizonworkshop.com/?goback=.gde 2479598 member 5832193303843467268#!

Bridging the Gap between Science & Art, COST strategic transdisciplinary event, 12-14 May 2014, Sirolo, Italy

The main objective of this COST strategic transdisciplinary event is to highlight the creative, emotional processes behind any outstanding scientific discovery similar to those underlying artistic productions, therefore render a scientific career more appealing for undergraduate students considering pursuing one.

More... http://www.cost.eu/events/btg

Clusters

EUROGIA2020 the EUREKA low-carbon energy technology cluster - 2nd call. The next cut-off date: 14 Feb 2014

EUROGIA2020, announced its 2nd call for the submission of transnational low-carbon energy related R&D projects. The call is open to all innovative project ideas that will reduce the carbon footprint of energy production, use potentially qualify for EUROGIA2020 label.

The process is one of continuous submission with 4 cut-off dates per year. The technical committee will review full proposals which are ready to seek the EUREKA label, eligible for funding by national funding authorities.

More... www.eurogia.com or by contacting the EUROGIA2020 Secretariat, contact@eurogia.com, + 32 2 502 18 14.

A call to action to double investment for the benefit of society and industry

During the 6th ITEA & ARTEMIS Co-Summit in Stockholm, the latest 'ITEA ARTEMIS-IA <u>High – Level Vision 2030</u>: Opportunities for EU, the impact of software innovation on revenue & jobs was launched. The ITEA ARTEMIS-IA High-level vision 2030 document focuses on seven identified areas of major change and the need for research & innovation in Digital Technology that will produce economic impact in terms of revenues and jobs. **More...** http://www.itea2.org/news/view?news=123

Clusters, Convergence, and Economic Performance

This paper evaluates the role of regional cluster composition in the economic performance of industries, clusters, regions. On the one hand, diminishing returns to specialization in a location can result in a convergence effect: the growth rate of an industry within a region may be declining in the level of activity of that industry. At the same time, positive spillovers across complementary economic activities provide an impetus for agglomeration: the growth rate of an industry within a region may be increasing in the size and "strength" (i.e., relative presence) of related economic sectors.

SMEs

Eureka - Putting testing methods to trial

A transnational cross-industry project on corrosion testing, backed by the EUREKA initiative for EU innovation, brings together several large cap, renowned research institutes. In September 2013, Ford recalled <u>370,000 vehicles</u> after a default in their steering columns, a severe form of corrosion, was identified. To avoid such scenarios, manufacturers perform a battery of tests on materials/ components.

The aim of **<u>EUREKA</u>**-backed international research project was to improve on existing test procedures, with a focus on corrosion and ageing. Testing has taken over recent years a new dimension in many sectors of the economy.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showsuccessstory?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=3405223&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

The Eurostars Programme

<u>The Eurostars Programme</u> is a joint programme between EUREKA & the EC and the 1st EU funding, support programme to be specifically dedicated to research-performing SMEs. Eurostars stimulates them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. The Eurostars Programme is dedicated to the R&D performing SMEs, and co-funded by the EC & 33 EUREKA member countries.

Eurostars aims to stimulate these SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. It is fine-tuned to focus on the needs of SMEs, and specifically targets the development of new products, processes and services and the access to transnational and international markets. **More...** http://www.eurekanetwork.org/activities/eurostars

Managing authorities

Select a country, the contact information for the managing authorities of the programmes will appear below on this page. **More...** <u>http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authority_en.cfm</u>

Intellectual Property ; Standards



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WIPO GREEN – The Marketplace for environmentally friendly technologies

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) launched a new marketplace for environmentally friendly technologies: the <u>WIPO</u> <u>GREEN</u>. According to WIPO, this free-of-charge database:

- offers green technology providers greater visibility for their products, services and IP assets.
- advertises technological needs, specific technologies & IP assets, funding, training & professional services.
- lists innovative green technologies, IP assets and experts; connecte green technology providers and seekers.
- hosts a freely accessible online roster of green technology consultants & service providers, who offer expertise.
- acts as a gateway to useful IP services, such as WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Center.
- enables members to meet a wide range of stakeholders, providing opportunities for collaboration, partnership.

More... http://www.wipo.int/ ; http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2013/article_0025.html

Research

A complete guide developed by RTDI about the new Horizon 2020. 150 full color pages about the new program, its topics, financial instruments, essential tips and sources of information.

From 2014 onwards the landscape of EU programs that support R&D & Innovation changes significantly: The FP7 ends, as it does also the European Programme for Innovation and Competitiveness (CIP), which have covered the period 2007-2013. With their finalization, the new Horizon 2020 starts, addressing within the same programme both research, development and technological innovation, covering the period 2014-2020.

More... http://rtdi.eu/en/component/zoo/item/gu%C3%ADa-financiaci%C3%B3n-europea-i-d-i-2013-copy-copy.html?Itemid=251

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

Expert study on Financial instruments for the SET-Plan

Potential sources of funding for first-of-a-kind advanced biofuel demonstration plants in Europe, and other innovative sustainable energy technologies, are summarised in ' An Expert study on Financial instruments for the SET-Plan'. **More...** http://setis.ec.europa.eu/publications/jrc-setis-reports/set-plan-financial-instruments-report

Advanced biofuels in Europe

Updated information on advanced biofuels in Europe is regularly added to the EBTP website. The site will be undergoing a major redevelopment in 2014 with the addition of detailed country profiles and databases on events, reports, stakeholders, R&D&D mapping, first-of-a-kind demonstrations projects, support for deployment (local initiatives, funding sources, financial incentives, etc.), as well as a stakeholder forum.

The EBTP-SABS website receives thousands of visitors each week, and is a great way to disseminate your information on advanced biofuels - from feedstocks & conversion technologies to end use & deployment.

More...http://www.biofuelstp.eu; Please send any updates or enquiries to secretariat@biofuelstp.eu

Why Most Companies Renovate Instead Of Innovate

Low-risk, incremental improvements aren't innovation, but that's where most companies focus, accenture finds. Innovation is thrilling when it actually happens in a business, but all too often it's the emptiest of buzzwords.

Last fall, the annual <u>InformationWeek 500</u> rankings highlighted IT innovators that have <u>turned great ideas into action</u> using cloud services, data analytics, collaboration tools, mobile apps. These are the exceptions.

What's more likely is an uninspiring parade of low-risk, incremental improvements. That's the rather dreary conclusion of an <u>Accenture study</u> of more than 500 executives from companies with more than \$100 million of annual revenue.

More... Why-most-companies-renovate-instead-of-innovate!

Partner Search

Looking for partnerships from Norwey

Romanian partners look for partners from Norway aiming to apply at SEEA Grants. Four calls for proposals are open in two cultural heritage programmes in Romania. Both small and large projects are supported.

Three new programs was signed on 16 of January: Biodiversity & Eco-systems services, Reduce the Dangerous Substances and New Initiatives in Public Health, with a budget of 33 millions Euros.

More... http://eeagrants.org/Partnerships ; http://www.norwaygrants.ro/en/news

Looking for potential partners in business, from Romania

JADEX TRADING SRL produce quality made-to-measure blinds / sun shades for interior, from best quality European components, slats & fabrics, using automatic & semiautomatic manufacturing machines.

Our range of products include: vertical blinds with fabric slats (127 & 89 mm wide), vertical blinds with 89 mm upvc slats, manual operated or motor operated (tilt-only or full control tilt-and-turn); 25 mm aluminum venetian blinds (with standard or privacy closure), manual operated by lift cord and tilt wand, or chain monocontrol for ISO design model; roman shades with special tunnel fabrics, manual operated or motorized; roller shades in many system types (from small 17 mm until 43 mm diameter tube), manual operated by cord / spring, or motor operated.

Our warehouse stock of raw materials and the manufacturing machines allow us to deliver the products in short time.

We are interested to find business partners for selling and/or installing our products (under our own brand or under the partner brand) in a certain region and/or country from EU. We are looking mostly (but not limited to) for window frame producers and/or installers, window decoration shops / installers, interior decoration shops or professionals, constructors, architects. If you are looking for European quality blinds with affordable prices delivered just in time, please contact us. **Contact:** Stefan Ciocirlan, Craiova, Romania, jadex@jadex.ro, www.jaluzele.ro, tel: +40-722-290029

Looking for Partners for EIP Transfers of Business (118-G-ENT-CIP-13-E-NO1C06). Deadline March 5, 2014

Partners from Central or North Europe, preferably Chamber of Commerce or organised commerce associations with experience in good practice dissemination and replication. OR technology organisations with experience on data security and integrity. The project are under development.

Contact: Christos Nicolaides Owner / Managing Director at DEKAPlus Business Services Itd, <u>christos@dekaplus.com</u>

Looking for partners for Creative Europe project

We are looking for partners active in the cultural sectors interested in joining our project about enogastronomy **Contact:** Antonio Scigliano, Project & Marketing manager, <u>info@pec.iseconsulting.it</u>; <u>www.iseconsulting.it</u>

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

ERA.Net RUS Plus – strengthening STI links between Russia and the European Research Area

The ERA.NET PLUS initiative, aims at enhancing the coordination of research programmes between the EU Member States / Associated Countries and Russia. The project will implement a Single Joint Call for excellent transnational research projects in the fields of NMP, Health, Environment, SSH & Innovation. ERA.Net RUS Plus is a follow-up to the current ERA.Net RUS action that was set up to link Russia to the European Research Area. ERA.Net RUS was the first joint call activity in which prominent Russian Funding Parties participated in a multilateral funding scheme. More... http://www.eranet-rus.eu/en/

ERANET Plus BESTF2. Deadline 10 February 2014

The BESTF2 Joint Call on innovative and collaborative Bioenergy demonstrators is open. The deadline for outline proposals is 10 February 2014. The aim of the BESTF call is to fund public-private projects that de-risk bioenergy technologies at demonstration scale and to encourage further private exploitation. More... http://eranetbestf.net/two/call/call-guidelines/

Enhancing SME innovation capacity by providing better innovation support. Deadline 12 March 2014

Topic: Community building and competence development for SME Instrument coaching. INNOSUP-9-2014 Objective: to create the conditions for a comprehensive and consistent delivery of the coaching and mentoring service. Specific challenge: H2020 aims to increase the impact of SME participation. In the case of the dedicated SME instrument this will be achieved through a coaching & mentoring service delivered during the company's participation. The coaching & mentoring will be provided by a network of appropriately trained, experienced business practitioners. It will be delivered in cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network which will initiate, broker, monitor the coach-SME relationship as well as provide participating companies with access to the wider Network service offering. More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2346-innosup-9-2014.html

Tuscany Innovation Fund_- Support measure

The fund Toscana Innovation, attended the Region, other banking foundations that operate in Tuscany and in operation since 2008, to recruiting investments to venture capital firms. Participation in the fund is implemented in the course of action "Financial Engineering" of ROP ERDF 2007-2013. The Fund, with a budget of €44.4m, is earmarked for SMEs, to support early stages of life, for the implementation of programs for business growth/expansion. By acquiring shares in the capital of enterprises, up to 100% of capital/up to €5m, will remain in the social structure of its subsidiaries for a period of between 5-7 vears.

Areas of particular interest are the aerospace, environment and renewable energy, industrial automation, advanced mechanics, home automation, photonics, biotechnology, advanced optical, microelectronics, all the traditional sectors subject to technological innovation process or product.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/regional-innovation/monitor/?q=p.support&n=13995

Bando Innovazione 2012 - Support measure

Support to industrial research and technological development projects submitted by SMEs as well as Large Enterprises with production unit on the territory. The participation is open to consortia of firms or firms and public research centres. The eligible projects focus on the following scientific and technological areas:

• Development of technologies related to renewable energy, energy saving, sustainable construction industry, environment, sustainable mobility, transport, logistics, technologies for the alpine environment, wellbeing, health, food. Key enabling technologies (KETs)

More.... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/regional-innovation/monitor/?q=p.support&n=17732

Euratom Fission 2014-2015. Deadline: 17 September 2014

Euratom Fission are organised in 5 main sections: A. Support safe operation of nuclear systems, B. Contribute to the development of solutions for the management of ultimate radioactive waste, C. Foster Radiation Protection. D. Crosscutting aspects for nuclear fission & radiation protection, E. Support the development of nuclear competences at EU level. More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/nfrp-2014-2015.html Horizon 2020: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html

Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking Call for Proposals 2013 Part II. Deadline: 27 February 2014

FCH JU is a public private partnership supporting research, development, demonstration activities in fuel cell & hydrogen energy technologies in EU. Its aim is to accelerate the market introduction of the technologies, realising their potential as an instrument in achieving a carbon-lean energy system.

More... Participant Portal help desk http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/contactus ; IPR-Helpdesk FCH JU reference documents are available at the website: http://www.fch-ju.eu/content/how-participate-fch-ju-projects

European Innovation Partnership on Water (EIP Water) 2nd call for "Action Groups" The "EU Innovation Partnership on Water" has published a 2nd call for the thematic "Action Groups" in 5 priority topics:

- Water Services and Water Use

Natural Waters Sustainability

- Water Policy and Administration
- Water Technology

More... About the EIP Water ; Call information

Erasmus Mundus 2014 Call for proposals: EACEA/18/13. Deadline 3 March 2014

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation & mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of EU higher education, to promote dialogue, understanding between people & cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources, the international cooperation capacity of higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the EU and these countries. This Call for Proposals aims to support projects only under Action 2 of the programme.

- STRAND 1: Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, IPA, ICI, ICI+ instruments
- STRAND 2: Partnerships with countries, territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)

More... http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2014/call_eacea_18_13_en.php

Erasmus+ Call for proposal 2014. Deadline 17 March 2014

Erasmus+ aims to increase the quality and relevance of qualifications and skills. It is open to students, teachers, apprentices, volunteers, youth leaders, people working in grassroots' sport. It will also provide funding for partnerships between educational institutions, youth organisations, enterprises, local/regional authorities, NGOs, support for reforms in Member States to modernise education and training and to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and employability. **More...** http://euroalert.net/en/calls.aspx?idc=2800

Access to integrated multidisciplinary facilities for Materials & Biomaterials. Deadline 15 April 2014

This call is for Researchers who are interested in using a completely new European Research Infrastructure for Nanolevel Analysis and preparation of Materials & Biomaterials. CERIC-ERIC integrates the most competitive instrumental, technical, research resources of nine Countries, in a flexible and project-oriented way. **More...** http://www.ceric-eric.eu/index.php?n=CallZero.Homepage

Creative Europe. 17 Calls.

The Culture sub-programme of Creative Europe supports cultural and creative organisations with a view to helping them operate transnationally, promoting cross-border circulation of works of culture & mobility of cultural players. It helps to launch projects with a EU dimension and to share cultural content across national, and EU borders; it enables cultural, creative players to work internationally, to internationalise their careers, activities in the EU/beyond; it funds cooperation projects, literary translations, networks, platforms. More innovations a new Financial Instrument for the Creative sector. More... http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm

2nd call for proposals for the bilateral fund - Promotion of diversity in culture & arts within EU cultural heritage

On the 15th of January 2014 was launched the second call for proposals by the Bilateral Fund within the Programme PA17/RO13 - Promotion of diversity in culture and arts within European cultural heritage. **More...** Call Bilateral Relations - round 2.docx; <u>Annex 1 Application Form.doc</u>; <u>EEA-Grants</u>

Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage - Call for proposals Small Grant Scheme

The EEA Grants provide funding to 16 EU countries in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe. An amount of EUR1.79 billion has been set aside under the EEA and Norway Grants for the programming period 2009-2014. The overall objectives of the Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities within the EEA and to strengthen the bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State. **More...** <u>Call small grant scheme PA16RO12.docx</u>; <u>http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see</u>

Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage Call for proposals Large projects

An amount of EUR1.79 billion has been set aside under the EEA and Norway Grants for the programming period 2009-2014. The overall objectives of the Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities within the EEA, to strengthen the bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State. More... Call text large projects PA16RO12.docx ; http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-projecte-granturi-see

"SYNERGY FOR THE FUTURE", two calls for proposals

"SYNERGY FOR THE FUTURE" are dedicated for projects developed under the programme "RO10 Children and youth at risk and Local and regional initiatives to reduce national inequalities and promote social inclusion"

Both calls are large projects developed at municipal/ regional/ national level, aimed to solve systemic problems for a large number of beneficiaries, who live in a multicultural environment, facing marginalization, sometimes discrimination.

The 1st call has as a main target group the **vulnerable / at risk children**, is focused on projects that propose concrete and effective measures to increase their welfare through education, social support.

The 2nd call is for **youth at risk**, focuses on supporting measures that lead to their better social/professional integration. **More...** <u>www.frds.ro</u>; <u>http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see</u>

Bonus Call: Sustainable Ecosystem. Deadline: 16 April 2014 with preregistration on 17 March 2014

BONUS brings together the research communities of marine, maritime, economical and societal research to address the major challenges faced by the Baltic Sea region. The total budget of the call is EUR 15 million, depending on the theme up to EUR 2 or EUR 3 million of funding are available for successful project proposals. Final deadline for the submission of proposals is 16 April 2014 with a preregistration deadline on 17 March 2014

More... Bonus-Portal-Sustainable-ecosystem-services ; helpdesk@bonusportal.org

Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant ERC-2014-CoG. Deadline: 20 May 2014

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any Member State or Associated Country. ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

More... H2020/Calls/ERC-2014-cog ; Support/national_contact_points

Call for Proposals for ERC Starting Grant. ERC-2014-STG. Deadline: 25 March 2014

ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any Member State or Associated Country.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/erc-2014-stg.html

Call for Proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant. ERC-PoC-2014. Deadline: 1 April 2014

The ERC Proof of Concept Grants aim to maximise the value of the excellent research that the ERC funds, by funding further work (i.e. activities which were not scheduled to be funded by the original ERC frontier research grant) to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects. Proof of Concept Grants are therefore on offer only to Principal Investigators whose proposals draw substantially on their ERC funded research. There are 2 deadlines for submission to the ERC-2014-Proof of Concept: Intermediate deadline : 1 April 2014, Final deadline: 1 October 2014. More... http://erc.europa.eu/proof-concept

Call for proposal PARES: Benchmarking between Employment Services. Deadline: 1 March 2014

PROGRESS is the EU employment & social solidarity programme, set up to provide financial support for the attainment of the EU's objectives in employment, social affairs, equal opportunities as set out in the Social Agenda, to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Questions should be sent to empl-vp-2012-013@ec.europa.eu More... http://ec.europa.eu

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Research & Innovation Staff Exchange H2020-MSCA-RISE-2014. Deadline: 24 April 2014

The RISE scheme will promote international, inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity & entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes. **More...** http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-rise-2014.html

FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD – Career Development. Deadline: 15 April 2014

This call aims to complement the efforts made so far in support of the career development of researchers in an academic environment. Starting from the knowledge, behaviour and characteristics of an individual researcher, career development advice, coaching, training could further enable a researcher to aspire to excellence, whether inside/outside academia. More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/fp7/calls/fp7-cdrp-2013-eur-cd.html

11th Call for proposals Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI). Deadline for Eol 8 April 2014

The IMI has published outline-topics for the forthcoming 11th Call. Priorities of this 11th call are:

- Applied public-private research enabling osteoarthritis clinical headway (APPROACH)
- European platform for proof of concept for prevention in Alzheimer's Disease (EPOC-AD)
- Blood-based biomarker assays for personalized tumour therapy: value of latest circulating biomarkers
- Zoonoses anticipation and preparedness initiative (ZAPI)
- Generation of research tools to translate genomic discoveries into drug discovery projects

Under the theme "New Drugs for Bad Bugs (ND4BB)"

- ND4BB Topic 6: Epidemiology R&D of novel systemic antibacterial molecules against healthcare-associated infections due to gram-negative pathogens
- ND4BB Topic 7: Development of novel inhaled antibiotic regimens in patients with cystic fibrosis (CF) & patients with non-CF bronchiectasis (BE)

More... http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/11th-call-2013-8 ; IMI 11th Call 2013 - Stage 1 ; IMI Access ; IMI Partnering

The Innotribe Startup Challenge 2014. Deadline: 23 February 2014

Innotribe Startup Challenge is a competition aimed at enabling collaborative innovation in financial services, organized by the <u>Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication-SWIFT</u>. The challenge is open to innovative tech, technology-enabled financial services companies from any geographical area. Eligible 'Startup' companies will be less than 3-years old, have no more than \$1M in combined revenue/investment in the last 12 months.

1 Startup & 1 Innovator will be selected as winners. One/more early-stage companies will share \$ 50,000 in cash awards. **More...** http://innotribestartup.com/

GRAPHENE Flagship competitive call for consortium extension. Deadline 5 February 2014

Since 25 November 2013, the GRAPHENE Flagship <u>competitive call for consortium extension</u> is open. The consortium will be extended with another 20-30 research groups. The total volume of the call is around 9M€ of EC funding. **More...** http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/graphene-competitive-call

Policy

The Commission presents a Communication for an European Industrial Renaissance

The Commission will adopt the Communication "For a European industrial renaissance", which puts the real economy and industry at the heart of our growth strategy. The aim is to revert the industrial decline and reach the 20% target of GDP related to manufacture activities by 2020.

More... The-Commission-presents-a-communication-for-an-european-industrial-renaissance

EU public consultation on INTERREG Europe

The interregional cooperation programme for 2014-2020, called INTERREG Europe, is currently being developed. The 30 participating countries, along with the Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat of the programme, have prepared a draft <u>Cooperation Programme</u>. The environmental impact of this programme has been assessed in the <u>Environmental Report</u>. **More...** <u>http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/regional-innovation/monitor/?q=p.showFeed&t=news&n=17887</u>

Energy

The contribution of carbon capture & storage tech to the decarbonisation of EU Energy Systems towards 2050

The EU is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% below 1990 levels by 2050 as a part of the efforts needed by developed countries to reduce their emissions by a similar degree.

The Roadmap for moving to a Low Carbon Economy in 2050 & the 2050 Energy Roadmap, indicate that there are several cost-effective pathways to achieve decarbonisation according to the targets agreed, including energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energies. Forecasts of global energy demand growth indicate that the reliance from fossil fuels will continue for many decades to come. In the context of increasing demand for energy, in order to reconcile the rising demand for fossil fuels, widespread introduction of carbon capture & storage technologies in the power generation, industrial sector is likely to be a necessary mitigation options in the transition to a low-carbon economy. **More...** TheContributionofCCStotheDecarbonisationofEuropeanEnergySystemsTowards2050

EPIA pushes EU to binding renewable targets for 2030

Members of the ITRE & ENVI Committees of the European Parliament have adopted a resolution calling the Council "to adopt, implement, for the EU 2030 climate & energy framework, a multi-faceted approach that is based on mutually-reinforcing, coordinated, coherent policies, ambitious binding targets on greenhouse gases emissions reduction, renewable energy sources, energy efficiency".

More... http://www.solar-international.net/article/79110-EPIA-pushes-EU-to-binding-renewable-targets-for-2030.php

Events

IEEE-TTTC International Conference on Automation, Quality & Testing, Robotics, 22-24 May 2014, Cluj-Napoca

AQTR 2014 is an international forum for researchers in the field of automation, quality, testing and robotics. It will bring together researchers, equipment manufacturers, software developers, end-users to discuss the current trends and future directions of control and testing technologies, their industrial & social applications in the private & the public sectors. Selected papers will be submitted to the IEEE Xplore database and ISI, for indexing.

International Conference on Traffic and Transport Engineering, ICTTE, 27-28 November 2014, Belgrade, Serbia

ICTTE 2014 will gather researchers, scientists, engineers whose fields of interest are traffic, transport engineering, should provide them a good platform for discussion, interactions, exchange of information. **ICTTE Proceedings** have been indexed within Thomson Reuters's CPCI, Conference Proceedings Citation Index accessed via Web of Science. Deadline for abstract <u>15 April 2014</u>. Please use the abstract submitting form <u>http://www.ijtte.com/article/112/Submissions.html</u>. **More...** http://www.ijtte.com/article/102/ICTTE_Belgrade_2014.html; conference@ijtte.com

Genomica: 7th HIV National Congress and 2nd Central European Forum, 29-31 May 2014, Sibiu, Romania

The abstracts can be submitted until the 1st of March. Complimentary accomodation will be offered to authors within a 150 limit! We strongly encourage young contributors! General registration is open until the 1st of May. **More...** Registration&Abstract-subminsion; CongresHIV2014/Preliminary-Program

International Universities' Power Engineering Conference, UPEC, 2-5 September 2014, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

UPEC is a long-established conference, which is very popular with young researchers, PhD students, engineers from the power industry. The aim of the conference is to allow participants to exchange experiences, discuss the most up-to-date topics in power engineering. **UPEC** is an ideal forum to address some of these issues, to network, meet with talented engineers, innovators in these areas. Contributions are welcome from universities as well as industry. **More...** <u>http://www.upec2014.com</u>; <u>Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro</u>

International Workshop - Intelligent Data Analysis with Applications in Information Retrieval & Machine Learning, IDAIR, 7-9 July 2014, Chania Crete, Greece

Organized by: Faculty of Automation, Computers & Electronics, University of Craiova, Romania, during the 5th International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems & Applications, IISA, <u>http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/</u>

The session targets research efforts that have as outcome progress in building Intelligent Systems in any application domains such as image/video processing, multimedia systems, e-learning, e-commerce, e-society & medical applications IDAIR welcomes submissions of original papers concerning all aspects of multimedia domain ranging from concepts and theoretical developments to advanced technologies and innovative applications.

More... http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/workshops-special-sessions/

Industrial Technologies 2014, 9-11 April 2014, Athens, Greece

The event takes place during the Greek Presidency of the European Council, and follows on from the <u>previous successful</u> <u>Industrial Technologies</u> events. The 3-day programme offers opportunities to meet, hear international high-level speakers from industry, research, policy. You can explore cutting-edge technologies, network with innovative start-ups, well-known corporations, top-notch research organisations, technology clusters, various other important stakeholders of the EU Technology platforms & the Public Private Partnerships.

More... http://www.industrialtechnologies2014.eu/; Open Calls in view of "Industrial Technologies 2014"

Science-to-Business Marketing Conference, 2-4 June 2014, Zurich, Switzerland. Deadline: 10 February 2014

With more than 200 participants, the conference will be the leading international discussion forum for academics, researchers, practitioners, business representatives on Science-to-Business Marketing & Cross-Organizational Value Creation. This Conference brings together thought-leaders, experts from research institutions, industry on the topics of innovation, science-to-business marketing, business model generation, design thinking. With the concept of traditional organizational borders being put to the test, the conference aims to provide new insights, concepts on 'Cross-organizational Value Creation'.

More... http://www.s2b-conference.com/pdf/Call_for_Paper.pdf or http://www.s2b-conference.com/index/submission

Gender Summit, From Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation & policy, 30 June- 1 July, Brussels

The GS4 - Europe will, again, bring together experts from research, industry and policy to jointly establish practical and effective ways of improving quality, impact of research & innovation through the inclusion of gender in science knowledge making, application. The GS4 – EU will focus on strategies, tools, processes that promote the concrete integration of the gender dimension into the EC's current Horizon 2020, European Research Area programmes. More... www.gender-summit.com ; team@gender-summit.com

2014 International Work-Conference on Time Series, ITISE 2014, 25-27 June, 2014, Granada, Spain

ITISE seeks to provide a discussion forum for scientists, engineers, educators, students about the latest ideas/ realizations in the foundations, theory, models, applications for inter/multidisciplinary research encompassing disciplines of computer science, mathematics, statistics, forecaster, econometric, in the field of time series analysis & forecasting. **More...** www.itise.ugr.es

NATO ASI, Arithmetic of hyperelliptic curves & cryptography, 25 Aug-5 Sept 2014, Ohrid, FYR Macedonia

The goal of this Advanced Study Institute is to provide training and expertise to mathematicians, computer scientists, and engineers from NATO and partner countries in the area of arithmetic of hyperelliptic curves in developing and maintaining crypto systems based on hyperelliptic cryptography. All activities are supported by NATO grant. More... http://nato.risat.org/

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

More... http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php; More FSRM courses; http://www.eurotraining.net/

Financial Accounting and Audit in European Research & Development Funding, 20-21 February 2014, Berlin

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