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## 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 seize 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>

### Useful links

[Enterprise-Europe-Network](#) [DG Enterprise EU-Services](#) [Funding for SMEs](#) [Your Europe for businesses](#) [Small-Business-Portal](#) [Erasmus for entrepreneurs](#) [Fighting late payments](#) [EU financing by country](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Going-International](#) [Cordis](#) [Research&Innovation-SMEs-techweb](#) [Technology-Transfer](#) [Intellectual property](#) [US-EU-match](#) [Eco-innovation](#) [Knowledge Web](#) [SMEs & Entrepreneurship](#) [Access2Finance-for-SMEs](#) [Information Society: Thematic Portal](#) [Your Europe–Citizens-portal](#) [EU law & standards](#) [Job Seekers.](#)

## 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>

## B2b Meetings and Company Missions to Belgium, Greece, Italy, Spain

Vice President Antonio Tajani will lead a Mission to Belgium, Wallonia Region, Greece, Italy, Campania & Sicily Regions, Spain under the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy for Growth. The conferences will be organised in cooperation with the regional authorities with the objective of making EU companies aware about opportunities in and from these regions, followed by B2B meetings.

The missions are a key priority for the Enterprise Europe Network who will be actively involved in the B2B meetings. Planned dates: Belgium, Wallonia region: 18-19 February, Greece, Athens: 10-11 March, Italy: 13 March in Naples; 27 March in Sicily, Spain: 3-4 April

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise-europe-network/> ; [patrick.de-smedt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:patrick.de-smedt@ec.europa.eu)

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

Bulgarian Industrial Association – Union of the Bulgarian Business [www.ierc.bia-bg.com](http://www.ierc.bia-bg.com), in cooperation with [Enterprise Europe Network](#) and Via Expo [www.viaexpo.com](http://www.viaexpo.com) invites you to participate in the traditional brokerage event with pre-arranged face2face meetings in the field of water, water treatment, waste management and recycling, energy efficiency and renewable sources “Go Green to Environment” at Inter Expo Center [www.iec.bg](http://www.iec.bg).

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: [www.eeandresviaexpo.com/en/exhibition/](http://www.eeandresviaexpo.com/en/exhibition/)

Waste Management & Recycling Conference & Exhibition: [www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/exhibition/](http://www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/exhibition/);

South-East European Solar PV & Thermal Exhibition: <http://www.eeandres.viaexpo.com/en/seesolar>.

More... <http://www.b2match.eu/g2e2014> ; [ierc2@bia-bg.com](mailto: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

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#### 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... <http://danubetournet.eu/crosstour2014/> ; [e.yordanova@smebg.net](mailto:e.yordanova@smebg.net) ; [enterprise-europe-network@smebg.net](mailto:enterprise-europe-network@smebg.net)

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

To Celebrate the Grand Depart of the Tour de France in 2014 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
- advanced materials
- assistive and rehabilitation technologies
- food and drink
- ICT solutions
- 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>

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Future Match at CeBIT, 10-14 March 2014, Hannover, Germany

Future Match 2014 at the information and communication technology fair [CeBIT](http://www.cebit.de) (hall 9, booth C40) in Hannover, Germany is the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the international brokerage event organised by the [Enterprise Europe Network](http://www.enterprise-europe-network.eu), 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#](http://www.b2match.eu/futurematch2014?goback=gde_1146577_member_5829500077541978116#); Flyer [download](#)

#### Brokerage event at Hannover Messe, 9-10 April 2014, Hannover, Germany

This is the world's leading industrial trade show. Almost **150 companies, 200 businessmen &-women** from 26 countries participated in the brokerage event in 2013. **1,250 meetings** were organised. The brokerage event of 2014 at a glance:

- Two days individual intensive **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"
- Broad international **partner network**
- Professional **assistance** on the spot.

The brokerage event will cover **all sectors** of Hannover Messe, including:

- [Industrial Automation](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [MobiliTec](#)
- [Digital Factory](#)
- [Industrial Supply](#)
- [IndustrialGreenTec](#)
- [Research & Technology](#)

**More...** [www.een-matchmaking.com/hannovermesse2014](http://www.een-matchmaking.com/hannovermesse2014) ; Technology Cooperation Days [www.technologycooperationdays.com](http://www.technologycooperationdays.com)

### **11<sup>th</sup> Economic Forum, 16 May 2014, Gomel, Belarus**

The theme of the Forum is: Economic potential and business climate of the Gomel region.

**More...** [www.gomel-forum.by](http://www.gomel-forum.by) and [www.gomel-region.by](http://www.gomel-region.by) ; [yved@mail.ru](mailto:yved@mail.ru) , [ginvest@yandex.ru](mailto:ginvest@yandex.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)
- Connect with Eureka / Eurostars Representatives
- 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#!](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>

### **Celtic-Plus Event & Proposers' Day, Smart Connected World, Towards A New Horizon, 23-24 April 2014, Monaco**

The Event is considered as important occasion to show the achievements of Celtic projects and to discuss current and new challenges with important people from industry, research. The collocation with [WIMA](#) allows additional opportunities to establish new contacts, to discuss new activities with experts/organizations of closely related technological areas. A co-located exhibition area, open to attendees from both events, will highlight synergies, offer new insights between Celtic-Plus research projects, the ready for market solutions, use cases presented at WIMA.

**More...** [Event Website](#). For registrations please follow [this link](#).

## **Clusters**

### **Call H2020 LEIT ICT-18 - Creative Industries SMEs, integrate innovative ICT tech. Deadline: 23 April 2014**

The EU provides funding opportunities for the Creative Industries SMEs (Advertising, architecture, arts, design, fashion, films, music, publishing, video games, audio-visual...) willing to integrate innovative ICT technologies.

The funding is based on a competitive call. Projects are expected to be between 0.5 - 1 Mio € funding, between 6 - 18 months long, with at least 3 partners from 3 different countries, aiming at supporting the creative industries SMEs in leveraging emerging ICT technologies (e.g. 3D, augmented reality, advanced user interfaces, visual computing) for the development of innovative products, tools, applications and services with high commercial potential.

Info day documentation: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/creativity/call1-infoday\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/creativity/call1-infoday_en.html)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/89-ict-18-2014.html>

### **Cluster match-making event, 18-19 February 2014, La Louvière, Belgium**

Mr. Tajani Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship will lead the European "Mission for Growth" to La Louvière (Belgium, Wallonia) with the aim of promoting business partnerships between companies in Wallonia and European countries that are active in priority sectors. The event is organized with the Walloon Ministry for the Economy with the support of Walloon Clusters, the local EEN partner. The mission represents a real opportunity to foster cooperation between EU clusters, as a means of supporting their internationalisation even if the mission is not organised outside Europe. This would help the SMEs that are associated with the clusters.

This call for expression of interest is launched to identify a delegation composed of representatives from cluster companies that are willing, committed to participate in a cluster matchmaking mission to Wallonia, Belgium in the field of:

- Transport and logistics
- Mechanical industry: mechatronics, materials & surface of the future
- Biotechnology, especially (Bio)-Pharma & Life-Sciences
- Aeronautics and Space
- Creative Industries
- Photonics

Expressions of interest (i.e. the [Cluster Questionnaire](#)) to participate in this mission must be submitted electronically by 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2014 at the latest to [christoph.reiss-schmidt@clusterland.at](mailto:christoph.reiss-schmidt@clusterland.at)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise-europe-network/> ; [patrick.de-smedt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:patrick.de-smedt@ec.europa.eu)

## **SMEs**

### **COSME: €2.3 billion to foster the competitiveness of SMEs over the next seven years**

COSME aims to ease the access to credit problems that small businesses currently face. With a €2.3 billion-budget over



the period 2014-2020 the Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) will for instance provide a guarantee facility for loans to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) of up to € 150 000. From now until 2020, 330 000 EU firms are expected to benefit from this facility.

COSME will assist businesses and citizens in the following ways: 1) entrepreneurs will benefit from easier access to markets in the EU and beyond, 2) citizens who wish to become self-employed but currently face difficulties in setting up or developing their own business will receive tailored services and assistance, and 3) Member States' authorities will be better assisted in their efforts to elaborate and implement effective SME related policy reform.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index_en.htm) ; [COSME to spur access to credit for small enterprises](#)

### SME Instrument funding

Please find an overview showing all measures linked to the SME instrument (also from access to risk finance)

**More...** <http://ipacv.ro/doc/SME%20Instrument.pdf>

- [COSME \(EU Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises\)](#)
- [The Eurostars programme ; Official Eurostars communication](#)
- [Access to risk finance](#)

### European Small Business Portal

What can the EU do for your business? Help you to get **finance**, **partners**, **go international**. This portal gathers together all the information provided by the EU on and for SMEs, ranging from practical advice to policy issues.

**Practical guide to doing business in Europe.** [http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm)

**Access to finance.** This site will help you to apply for finance supported by the EU. [Funding-grants/access-to-finance EU funding programmes](#) ; [Access to finance](#) ; [Exchanges for young entrepreneurs](#)

**Start & grow.** [Start-ups](#) ; [EU Company - Legal form](#) ; [IPR](#) ; [Annual accounts](#) ; [Mergers with foreign companies](#)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/small-business/>

### Your Europe Portal

This site is for you, the European citizen & for your family, to **know your rights**, to find **practical tips** to help you move around the EU. If you are a non-EU national, you can find information on the [conditions to migrate to an EU country](#).

For general questions about the EU, you can contact [Europe Direct](#)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/> ; [Doing business in Europe](#)

### Intellectual Property ; Standards



#### Learning & events - Patent information training in 2014

Have a look at our patent information seminars for this year. All details are now available in the searchable calendar of events. Taking place either in Vienna or online, the courses cover patent searching in general (both for beginners and advanced users) as well

as the EPO's own patent-information products and services.

**More...** [Find out more and register](#)

### Oral proceedings workshops 2014

Professional representatives seeking to improve their practical experience of oral proceedings are invited to take part in the workshop "Oral proceedings at the EPO" either on:

- 8 to 9 April in The Hague or
- 12 to 13 May in Munich or
- 11 to 12 September in Vienna or
- 17 to 18 November in Munich.

Participants will get an overview of oral proceedings before the EPO with the focus on procedural matters. They will have the opportunity to take part in mock oral proceedings designed to let them experience a variety of events in real time, in a variety of roles. Registrations are open.

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

### More than 265 000 patent filings in 2013

The EPO received more than 265, 000 patent filings in 2013, an increase of roughly 3% over 2012, a new all-time high.

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

### Research

#### Pioneering strategies and techniques to help people with congenital deaf blindness

Advancements in communication technology have had a huge impact on deafblind people and the ability to make real life changes for people who are deaf, blind and disabled

**More...** <http://www.adjacentgovernment.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Uni-Groningen-DeafBlind-web.pdf>

### How to help overcome the EU employment crisis

The ITM Worldwide Concept is a vocational training program in trade, designed to build export competences within SME's, providing the expertise, knowledge and networks needed to help business grow internationally.

**More...** <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/launch.aspx?pbid=528370c6-c8ac-49e8-862f-60aad88df6db>

### **How to take action to help reduce cyber crime and disruption**

Cyber crime causes the majority of cyber security incidents, and victims worldwide lose around €290bn each year.

**More...** <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/launch.aspx?pbid=fc8e2ca7-cfe6-455f-94e6-057d5e7298fe>

## **Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship**

### **LEGO, Crowdsourcing and Open Innovation Insights**

There is much talk these days about crowdsourcing and how companies can tap into the power & diversity of the crowd. We start out with one of my favorite companies in the world, LEGO and their LEGO CUUSOO initiative.

**The Key Message:** You need to master social media to be successful with crowdsourcing.

**The Case:** [LEGO CUUSOO](#) is a site where you can share LEGO set concepts that you would like the whole world to enjoy and aim for their eventual release as real products. It is so simple that it can be explained in three steps

**More...** [Lego-and-the-power-of-the-crowd/](#)

### **Grid computing helps tackle a biomarker for Alzheimer's disease**

Keith Cover of VU University Medical Centre explains how the computing power of the grid has been used to process thousands of MRI scans from patients with Alzheimer's, opening the way to better evaluation of biomarkers for this disease in the future. Cover & his team used open-source software to run analyses of brain imaging scans, in order to track volume changes caused by Alzheimer's disease.

The power of the grid has been used to test the accuracy of several software packages on a massive scale.

**More...** <http://www.isgtw.org/feature/tracking-biomarker-alzheimer%E2%80%99s-disease>

## **Partner Search**

### **Looking for partnerships from Norway**

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 EU quality blinds with affordable prices delivered just in time, please contact us.

**Contact:** Stefan Ciocirlan, Craiova, Romania, [jadex@jadex.ro](mailto:jadex@jadex.ro), [www.jaluzele.ro](http://www.jaluzele.ro), tel: +40-722-290029

### **Looking for partners for "Traffic safety, e-vehicles, database research, road safety, automotive..." or "Mobility for Growth" or "Green Vehicles"**

We, the Traffic Accident Research Institute of TU Dresden GmbH, have been investigating road accidents resulting in personal injury since July 1999. For each accident we collect average 3,400 items of data which we comprehensively document and then analyse. This provides us with sound statistics which can be used as the basis for the further development and improved safety of vehicles. Our traffic accident research serves to review road, junction types, to draw up proposals for redesigning unsafe elements of the road network. [http://www.vufo.de/startseite/?no\\_cache=1&L=1](http://www.vufo.de/startseite/?no_cache=1&L=1)

**Contact:** Katja Wels, TU Dresden GmbH, Fax: +49 351 463-37165, [pressestelle@mailbox.tu-dresden.de](mailto:pressestelle@mailbox.tu-dresden.de)

### **PARTNER SEARCH: ICT universities / high school departments, business incubators & accelerators, ICT training / mentoring providers Manager's Choice**

PEDAL Consulting is looking for ICT universities / high school departments and other entities with demonstrated capacity in mobilising students for a project proposal responding to the topic H2020-ICT-35-2014 with the objective to organise and promote ICT business idea contests.

**Contact:** Federica Torcoli, Project Manager at PEDAL Consulting, [secretariat@pedal-consulting.eu](mailto:secretariat@pedal-consulting.eu)

### **Seeking partners for ICT-RIB-2014 Boosting the Investment-Readiness of SMEs and Midcaps**

Closing:by 15 April 2014 Project: STARTINNOCAP CSA-SEP-210132631. STARTINNOCAP will build an EU platform providing support services, facilities to boost the enterprises' investments in innovative technological (clean-green, ICT, bio-medical,...) start-up companies. More Info: <http://www.euscoop.eu/content/seeking-partners-ict-rib-2014-csa->

[startinnocap-support-enterprises-invest-tech-inno-startups.](#)

If you are interested drop a few lines of Financial / Business / Technological experience (required), potential contributions and contact details,

**Contact:** Ferran Cabrer, Muficata, [ferran.cabrer@muficata.net](mailto:ferran.cabrer@muficata.net)

#### **GIS DESIGN SRL from Italy Search for Partners**

Fields of Activity: Urban Mobility, Aviation Safety, GIS Designing, ITS Prokects, Urban Freight Distribution, Cloud Computing, Energy Efficiency. Wide experience in transportation engineering projects, planning, designing and implementation of car sharing, bike sharing and urban freight distribution. We are particularly interested in the following forthcoming calls introducing at least one of the three sicilian cities (Catania, Siracusa, Ragusa):

MG.3.5-2014. Cooperative ITS for safe, congestion-free and sustainable mobility

MG.5.1-2014 Transforming the use of conventionally fuelled vehicles in urban areas

MG.5.2-2014 Reducing impacts and costs of freight and service trips in urban areas

MG.5.3-2014 Tackling urban road congestion

MG.5.4-2015 Strengthening the knowledge and capacities of local authorities

MG.5.5-2015 Demonstrating and testing innovative solutions for cleaner and better urban transport & mobility

MG.7.1-2014. Connectivity and information sharing for intelligent mobility

MG.7.2-2014. Towards seamless mobility addressing fragmentation in ITS deployment in Europe

MG.9.2-2014 User behavior and mobility patterns in the context of major social trends.

Besides we are interested to participate to the call MG.1.4-2014 Coordinated research and innovation actions targeting the highest levels of safety for European aviation.

We are available to participate in consortium and we are available to elaborate the project idea for proposal.

**Contact:** <http://www.gisdesign.it> ; [giandomenicogangi@gmail.com](mailto:giandomenicogangi@gmail.com) - [giandomenico.gangi@gisdesign.it](mailto:giandomenico.gangi@gisdesign.it)

#### **Looking for partners for Global Environmental Observation**

Developing comprehensive and sustained global environmental observation and information systems.

SC5-15-2015: Strengthening the European Research Area in the domain of Earth Observation

SC5-16-2014: Making Earth Observation and Monitoring Data usable for ecosystem modelling & services

SC5-17-2015: Demonstrating the concept of 'Citizen Observatories'

SC5-18-2014/2015: Coordinating & supporting Earth Observation R&D&I in the EU, & North Africa, Middle East, Balkans

**Contact:** Olivier Rovellotti, Director at Natural Solutions, [support@natural-solutions.eu](mailto:support@natural-solutions.eu)

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

Partners from Central or North EU, preferably Chamber of Commerce or organised commerce associations with experience in good practice dissemination, replication o tech organisations with experience on data security, integrity.

**Contact:** Christos Nicolaidis, Managing Director at Dekaplus Business Services Ltd, [christos@dekaplus.com](mailto:christos@dekaplus.com)

#### **Creative Europe: Cooperation projects. Looking for public entities & NGO for a project about organ music**

We want to build a strong partnership for Creative Europe call. We need NGO or public entities for a project on cultural heritage and baroque organ music from Europe. Interested entities can write to my e-mail

**Contact:** Pedro Alvarez García, European consulting en Autónomo, [proyectos@agpgroup.orgal](mailto:proyectos@agpgroup.orgal)

#### **Looking for partners for Cultured Programme.**

We want to apply to the EU's Culture fund to work with other EU countries to research and make a film and produce a book on Auctioneering across Europe; from horses, cattle, flowers, furniture, land, cars, clothes etc etc. Auctioneering is an ancient way of trading, each auction has its own set of ways, language and they often have wonderful characters. We would play the role of project managing and directing – we would like to work with other EU partners for their expertise in film making – is this of interest – or do you know who may be interested?

**Contact:** Andrew Gray, Director at ERA21 Ltd, [era21@era21.co.uk](mailto:era21@era21.co.uk)

#### **We need partners for an Erasmus+ strategic partnership**

We are 3 high schools from Greece, Turkey and Spain (probably we have a polish partner, too). We have a ready project about creating virtual companies at school (students will produce and sell their products). It's very interesting activating student's entrepreneurial skills. Why don't you join us?

**Contact:** Alexandra Nikiforidou, General High School Glafki, Greece, [alekaniki05@gmail.com](mailto:alekaniki05@gmail.com)

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

##### **EUROGIA2020, transnational low-carbon energy related R&D projects, the 2<sup>nd</sup> call. Deadline: 14 February 2014**

EUROGIA2020, the EUREKA low-carbon energy technology cluster, announced its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and use potentially qualify for EUROGIA2020 label. The process is one of continuous submission with 4 cut-off dates per year.

The next cut-off date is **February 14, 2014** by close of business. 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](http://www.eurogia.com) or by contacting the EUROGIA2020 Secretariat, [contact@eurogia.com](mailto:contact@eurogia.com), + 32 2 502 18 14.

**Euripides<sup>2</sup>, the Eureka Electronic Cluster. Deadline: Project Outline 4 March, Full Project Proposal 15 May**

EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup>, the EUREKA Cluster for heterogeneous electronic products integration, advanced smart sensors, power electronics & enmeshed & implanted systems is publishing its Spring 2014 Call Calendar for proposals. Partners are funded directly by their respective governments, according to national procedures.

**More...** [Euripides-Eureka/spring-call-2014-is-open](#) ; Register online [www.euripides-eureka.eu/calls](http://www.euripides-eureka.eu/calls)

**Horizon 2020 Dedicated SME Instrument – Phase 1 + Phase 2 2014. Deadline 17 December 2014**

Specific challenge: To engage small and medium enterprises in space research and development, especially those not traditionally involved in it and reduce as much as possible the entry barriers to SMEs for Horizon 2020 funding.

It is considered that actions in the areas of applications, especially in connection to the flagship programmes Galileo and Copernicus, spinning-in (i.e. application of terrestrial solutions to challenges in space) and the development of certain critical technologies could be adequately suited for this call.

Scope: The SME instrument consists of three separate phases and a coaching and mentoring service for beneficiaries. Participants can apply to phase 1 with a view to applying to phase 2 at a later date, or directly to phase 2.

**More...** [Space-SME-2014-1:-SMEInstrument](#) ; [Space-SME-2014-2:- SME Instrument](#)

**Industrial Leadership Call for Nanotechnologies, advanced materials & production, H2020-NMP-CSA-2014. 6 May**

Topics and submission service:

- [NMP-09-2014: Networking of SMEs in the nano-biomedical sector](#)
- [NMP-27-2014: Coordination of EU and international efforts in safety of nanotechnology](#)
- [NMP-31-2014: Novel visualization tools for enhanced nanotechnology awareness](#)
- [NMP-33-2014: The materials 'common house'](#)
- [NMP-36-2014: Facilitating knowledge management, networking and coordination in NMP](#)
- [NMP-37-2014: Practical experience and facilitating combined funding for large-scale RDI initiatives](#)
- [NMP-38-2014: Presidency events](#)
- [NMP-39-2014: Support for NCPs](#)
- [NMP-34-2014: Networking and sharing of best practises in management of new advanced materials through the eco-design of products, eco-innovation, and product life cycle management](#)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-nmp-csa-2014.html>

**IPorta 2, H2020-INNOSUP-2014-3. Deadline: 2 April 2014**

Specific challenge: Managing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is a difficult task, especially for SME or individual inventors. Such enterprises or individuals frequently do not have the knowledge or human resources to effectively use and manage IPR. Such entities would be able to better use their intellectual capital if:

1. they had more knowledge, including basics of IPR, and guidance on how to better use professional legal consultants;
2. the professional consultants were better prepared to deal with SME specific challenges
3. cross-border information about IPR issues would be easily available on the internet and
4. National Intellectual Property Offices (NIPOs) would provide better IPR services to SMEs.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2348-innosup-3-2014.html>

**European label for innovation voucher H2020-INNOSUP-2014-4. Deadline 2 April 2014**

Innovation voucher programmes are well established support instruments for SMEs in many countries and regions in Europe. In a general way innovation voucher schemes can be characterised as small, lump-sum grants (typically below EUR 10.000) that support SMEs to contract universities, R&D service providers or private consultants to either conduct small innovation projects or to explore the feasibility of larger ones. Innovation vouchers are used to establish an initial contact between knowledge institutions and SMEs and have proven to be a successful instrument to support the spin-in of technology and knowledge into SMEs' business practice.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2349-innosup-4-2014.html#tab2>

**Peer Learning of Innovation Agencies, H2020-Innosup-2014-5. Dedline 16 December 2014**

Specific challenge: Innovation support agencies, i.e. the regional and national agencies that design and/or implement innovation support programmes for SMEs are important intermediaries for SME innovation. Focus, design and delivery mechanism of innovation support programmes determine to a large extent the economic impact from the supported actions and the satisfaction of the beneficiaries with the support provided.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2354-innosup-5-2014.html>

**Innosup-9 Community building and competence development for SME Instrument coaching. Deadline 12.03.2014**

**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>



### **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/>

### **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. Cross-cutting 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) 2<sup>nd</sup> call for "Action Groups"**

The "EU Innovation Partnership on Water" has published a 2<sup>nd</sup> call for the thematic "Action Groups" in 5 priority topics:

- Natural Waters
- Water Policy and Administration
- Water Services and Water Use
- Sustainability
- 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](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 Nano-level 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](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#); [Annex 1 Application Form.doc](#) ; [EEA-Grants](#)

#### **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...** [Call small grant scheme PA16RO12.docx](#) ; <http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see>

#### **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-proiecte-granturi-see>

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:empl-vp-2012-013@ec.europa.eu)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=370&furtherCalls=yes>

#### **Marie Skłodowska-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>

### **11<sup>th</sup> Call for proposals Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI). Deadline for EoI 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 [Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication-SWIFT](#). 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 [competitive call for consortium extension](#) 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**

### **A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030**

Much has been achieved since the EU adopted its first package of climate & energy measures in 2008. The EU is well on track to meet the 2020 targets for greenhouse gas emissions reduction, renewable energy, significant improvements have been made in the intensity of energy use thanks to more efficient buildings, products, industrial processes, vehicles. The EU economy has grown by around 45% in real terms since 1990. The 20/20/20 targets for greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy, energy savings have played a key role in driving this progress, sustaining the employment of more than 4.2 million people in various eco-industries, with continuous growth.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/doc/2030/com\\_2014\\_15\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/doc/2030/com_2014_15_en.pdf)

### **EU Food chain partners launch the ENVIFOOD Protocol**

The EU Food SCP Round Table has taken a major step forward towards supporting informed choice as it launches the ENVIFOOD Protocol that is the 1<sup>st</sup> sectoral framework methodology to build on both global (ISO) & EU (Product Environmental Footprint-PEF) approaches in order to provide specific guidance for conducting environmental footprint assessments in the food, feed, drink sector.

It will promote informed choice by encouraging users of the ENVIFOOD Protocol to conduct assessments that are scientifically reliable, consistent, understandable, not misleading. The launch follows a series of 19 pilot tests, a public consultation that were carried out in 2013 on the ENVIFOOD Protocol.

**More...** [ENVIFOODProtocol\\_FINAL](#) ; <http://www.food-scp.eu/> ; [Product-Environment-footprint](#) ; [Life-Cycle-Website](#)

### **New EU-rules on public procurement - ensuring better value for money**

New EU-rules on public procurement will ensure better quality and value for money when public authorities buy works, goods or services, thanks to new award criteria which will put more emphasis on quality, environmental considerations, social aspects and innovation. The new rules will also make it easier for small and medium-sized firms to bid and include tougher rules on subcontracting.

The new EU public procurement rules are part of a legislative package comprising three directives and one regulation. Two of the directives deal with "classic" and "utilities" public procurement, described in this background note and the third with concession contracts (see separate Q&A). The regulation governs access for non-EU markets to the EU's public procurement market and is still under negotiation.

**More...** [New-EU-rules-on-public-procurement-ensuring-better-value-for-money](#)

## **Energy**

### **The State of the 2014 Smart Grid Consumer**

Though there remains a gap between consumer desires and their experience with the [smart grid](#), key trends indicate a strong opportunity to close the gap in 2014, says a report issued by the [Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative](#) (SGCC). The report is an integrated analysis that summarizes what SGCC knows about the smart grid from the consumers' point of view after conducting in-depth research studies and talking to more than 5,000 U.S. residential consumers.

Some of the research findings outlined in the 2014 State of the Consumer Report convey that Smart Grid stakeholders can use deployed Smart Grids to understand the impact of the technology on things they care about such as saving consumers money or climate change.

**More...** [The-state-of-the-2014-smart-grid-consumer](#)

### **Energy and climate goals for 2030**

On 22 January the EC proposed energy & climate objectives to be met by 2030. The objectives send a strong signal to the market, **encouraging private investment** in new pipelines and electricity networks or low-carbon technologies.

The targets must be met if the EU is to keep its promise to cut its greenhouse gas emissions **by 80-95% by 2050**.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/2030\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/2030_en.htm)

### **Energy and environment. Environmental Aspects on Unconventional Fossil Fuels**

The risks associated with the high volume hydraulic fracturing technique, also commonly referred to as "fracking", have triggered concerns about public health and environmental effects. The EC wants to ensure the environmental integrity of extraction of unconventional hydrocarbons, shale gas, ensure that risks that may arise from individual projects and cumulative developments are managed adequately in Member States that wish to explore/exploit such resources.

The EC adopted a **Recommendation**, to contribute to bringing clarity and predictability to public authorities, market operators, citizens. It invites Member States to follow minimum principles when applying or adapting their legislation applicable to hydrocarbons exploration or production using high volume hydraulic fracturing.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/energy/unconventional\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/energy/unconventional_en.htm)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Energy Forum on Advanced Building Skins, 28-29 October 2014, Bressanone, Italy**

The main objective of the conference is to contribute to a multidisciplinary, integrated planning approach to sustainable buildings, and to create a dialogue among architects, engineers, scientists, energy managers and manufacturers with the aim of reducing the energy consumption of buildings. We would be happy to review your proposal with a view to including your presentation in our conference program or poster session.

**More...** <http://www.energy-forum.com/> ; [info@energy-forum.com](mailto:info@energy-forum.com)

### **European offshore wind industry adds 1.57GW of capacity in 2013**

New offshore wind installations in Europe posted a new record in 2013, with 1.57GW of capacity added, a one-third increase (34%) over 2012, according to figures unveiled by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).

**More...** <http://www.energymarketprice.com/SitePage.asp?act=NewsDetails&newsId=13842&trydf=office@ipacv.ro>

### **Are small nuclear reactors the answer?**

Kennette Benedict, Executive Director and Publisher of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, challenges that while some experts view small-scale nuclear reactors as the answer to a host of problems that currently beset the nuclear industry; smaller power plants may not be the answer.

**More...** <http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pennenergy/2014/01/are-small-nuclear-reactors-the-answer0.html>

### **Nuclear Power Generation at the Crossroads**

This white paper examines the future of nuclear power across the globe, analyzes the role of IT in the design, permitting, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear power plants; and provides recommendations to plant owners on ensuring a secure and robust IT infrastructure.

**More...** [Nuclear-power-generation-at-the-crossroads](#)

## **Events**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems & Applications, IISA, <http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/>

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/>

### **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.

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

### **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...** <http://www.upec2014.com> ; [Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro](mailto:Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro)

#### **Cities of Tomorrow: Investing in Europe Forum, 17-18 February 2014, Bruxelles, Belgium**

The forum will contribute to a strengthened profile of the urban dimension within EU Policies. It wants to emphasize the importance of investments in urban areas/cities as agents for delivering EU policy objectives. The forum will consult key urban stakeholders across EU on the need for an EU Urban Agenda, what it should contain, how it should be implemented, the EU's role in global urban development, the role of business in the development of our cities.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/conferences/urban2014/agenda\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/urban2014/agenda_en.cfm) ; [Register here](#) ; [cities@iservice-europa.eu](mailto:cities@iservice-europa.eu)

#### **6<sup>th</sup> European Summit of Regions and Cities, 7-8 March 2014, Athens, Greece**

The Summit takes place at a key political moment for the future of EU, will take stock of the efforts made at EU, national, regional and local level to **deliver jobs & promote economic growth**. It will also bring a high-level debate with EU political leaders about the 2014 **EU elections, the future of the EU**.

**More...** <http://cor.europa.eu/athens2014>

#### **Smart Cities International Exhibition, 5-7 March 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria, Inter Expo Center**

The first South-East European Smart Cities event will focus exclusively on Intelligent Energy, Intelligent Mobility & Transport, Intelligent Emergencies Management & ICT, Intelligent Waste Management.

The aim of the event is to demonstrate solutions that will help the urban systems to offer better, more efficient services for their citizens. Smarter cities improve the quality of life, decrease the bills and stimulate sustainable growth.

**More...** <http://via-expo.com/en/pages/smart-cities>

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Chip-to-Cloud Security Forum, 23-25 September 2014, Marseille, Provence, France**

Collaboration/information sharing across the digital security community is pivotal to fight the rising threats of mobile, connected world. The Forum select 60+ speakers from Academia, Industry to share an response to these threats.

Take this opportunity to widen your knowledge & your network with 300 high-level participants. Within World Smart Week, the Forum will offer additional networking, forward-thinking opportunities with the attendees of three global conferences dedicated to contactless/mobile, e-ID, M2M services.

**More...** [Chip-to-Cloud/Call-for-papers-2014](http://Chip-to-Cloud/Call-for-papers-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](http://www.s2b-conference.com/pdf/Call_for_Paper.pdf) or <http://www.s2b-conference.com/index/submission>

#### **Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs**

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

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

#### **Training sessions Innovation management & H 2020, Estonia-Tallinn, Romania-Bucharest, Spain-Madrid, France**

INSEC will organize **4 classic training sessions** on topics related to *innovation management (development of innovation strategy, innovation plan, IPR strategy, project management)*, *HORIZON 2020 – as the main funding program of the EC in 2014 – 2020, related to RDI activities*.

The 1st training session was organised in Estonia, Tallinn on 14-15 of January (more at <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/estonia.29/estonia.a74.html>).

The 2nd training session will be organized in Bucharest, Romania on 6 February by FM Management (more at <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/romania.30/romania.a76.html>).

The other 2 events will be organised in Spain, Madrid, and France.

One of the main targets of INSEC project ([www.insec-project.eu](http://www.insec-project.eu)) is to supply security end-users (e.g. police, rescue services, fire departments, security infrastructures) with knowledge, practical skills in the *management of innovation*, to improve security end-user' *collaboration (innovative) practices* by training.

**More...** <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/training-sessions.a72.html>.



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