



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

### Events in technology transfer and innovation field

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

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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>

### 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/>

### IFATT, Trade Fair for water, sewage, waste, and raw materials management, 5-9 May 2014, Munchen, Germany

IFATT is the worlds leading trade fair for clean drinking water, effective recycling, responsible approach towards valuable

resources. 2,939 exhibitors from 54 countries came together at IFAT to put on an inspiring display of innovations, solutions in the field of water, sewage, waste, raw materials management. It was a chance to glimpse the future.

**More...** <http://www.ifat.de/en/Home>

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual B2B Matchmaking Forum Russia - Europe: Cooperation without Frontiers, 24-25 June 2014, Moscow**

The Forum is one of the tools to support and develop business partnerships between Russian and European SMEs. The six B2B fora already held brought together 685 Russian and 372 European SMEs which had 2,688 bilateral negotiations. An unlimited number of informal meetings were also held. Registration - from 31 March to 17 June

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

#### **Euroscience Open Forum, Horizon 2020 Matchmaking Event, 26 June 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark**

The Horizon Network and Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) will be co-organising a **H2020 matchmaking event** at the Euroscience Open Forum. The event will provide companies, universities, scientists, organisations the opportunity to meet, find potential partners for future cooperation, projects.

The focus is calls in Horizon 2020 within the areas Industrial Leadership & Societal Challenges.

**More...** <http://www.b2match.eu/esof2014> ; You may register for the [ESOF conference](#) here.

#### **Funding, Eureka Event Creating Future Solutions for Healthcare, 4-5 June 2014, Bruxelles**

Understand what funding is available and how to access it. Furthermore, this is your opportunity to participate in new funding workshops. Themed 'How we do research – maximising impact through collaboration', the event will address key issues such as international collaboration, funding for research and support for research excellence. Attendees will benefit from a dynamic programme comprising keynote presentations, workshops and interactive panel sessions.

**More...** <http://wric-health.com/>

#### **COST Action SIMUFER – Action Showcase event, 16-20 June 2014, Bucharest, Romania**

COST Action SIMUFER (Single & multiphase ferroics & multiferroics with restricted geometries) is organizing the Ferroelectric & Multiferroics Electroceramic: Trends & Perspectives showcase as part of the Electroceramics XIV Conference. <http://stoner.phys.uaic.ro/cost/>

**More...** Electroceramics XIV Conference: <http://www.electroceramics14.com/>

#### **Alpine Venture Forum, 6 May 2014, Lausanne**

We are seeking the 45 most promising early stage companies of the Alpine region for the Alpine Venture Forum! The selected entrepreneurs will have a chance to pitch in front of an international investors' jury and will find great opportunities for funding and partnership. Deadline is 21st of March - don't forget to register!

**More...** [http://www.e-unlimited.com/register/register.aspx?events\\_id=570](http://www.e-unlimited.com/register/register.aspx?events_id=570)

### **Clusters**

#### **WG Clusters of Excellence, 30 April 2014, Vienna, Austria**

There will be presented the 6 workshops on project ideas that will be developed further with your help during the meeting:

- Furniture Manufacturing: Active Ageing & Green Design
- Innovation and Gender/Diversity
- Connecting Manufacturing Industries (esp. automotive)
- Biomass: Green Chemistry Belt
- Cluster Optimization
- Creative Industries

The goal of the event is to further develop these ideas according to the interests/competences of potential partners, to consider funding opportunities.

**More...** <http://survey.tmg.at/fs/fs.aspx?surveyid=3ea3bcaf2da4df392b70977e21a686d>

#### **Conference High Tech & Clusters, 25-27 June 2014, Bern, Switzerland**

Hosted by tcbe.ch ICT Cluster Bern, Switzerland, the event will focus on matchmaking between companies working in the field of high tech. The main objective of the TCI-Conference is to support clusters in international partnering and business support. The three day conference includes cluster tours, plenary sessions, track sessions and predefined matchmakings. Main topics are ICT & Health, ICT & Mobility, ICT & Security, International Business Development.

**More...** [preliminary conference programme](#) ; [Register now](#)

#### **Possibilities for cluster development in the Balkan countries in transition**

The concept of cluster development in the Balkan countries during the transition period represents one of the key instruments of sustainable economic development. In view of business environment improvement of the Balkan region, economical and socio-demographic aspects of the region were considered. The Balkan region abounds in rich and various natural resources and in world famous innovators.

**More...** [Cluster Development in the Balkan Countries](#)

#### **European Cluster Observatory II**

In the light of the Horizon 2020, the ongoing transformation of the industrial landscape, the EC has developed an industrial policy for the EU that addresses the challenges posed by globalisation, climate change, new technological developments. As clusters play a significant role in raising the competitiveness & innovative strength of European businesses, are thus considered key factors for sustainable economic growth, DG Enterprise & Industry has charged a European Consortium with the development of the second generation of the European Cluster Observatory (ECO II).

**More...** <http://tci-network.org/news/card/776>

### **Cluster training: a selection of courses**

There is an increasing demand for professionals who possess the special qualifications needed for the competent management of clusters. In order to cover this need, various courses are offered around the world.

**More...** [Selection-of-courses-dedicated-to-cluster-training](#)

### **Survey: What are the best innovative activities implemented in cluster initiatives nowadays?**

Oxford Research has launched a survey to get a comprehensive and categorized picture of new approaches undertaken in cluster initiatives. What activities move them from good to great? What are the new, smart and innovative activities clusters are proud of? Implementation of what actions induce excellence in cluster organization? The idea for the survey is to get a comprehensive and categorized picture of new approaches undertaken in cluster initiatives.

**More...** <http://tci-network.org/news/card/785>

## **SMEs**

### **Business Offer**

<a href="#">A company, specialized in innovative desalination technology, that desalinates brackish water at the lowest</a>	Netherlands
<a href="#">A company specialises in the operating of recycling hazardous waste, automotive waste, electronic equipm</a>	Turkey
<a href="#">A company working in the field of quarrying, processing, delivery, placement of natural, decorative stone...</a>	Spain
<a href="#">A company specialized in the production &amp; sale of customized high quality windows &amp; doors made of wood</a>	Italy
<a href="#">A company specialized in manufacture of furniture in a range of models is looking for trade intermediary...</a>	Romania
<a href="#">Acompany specialised in single-use medical devices is looking for distributors for their proctologic...</a>	UK
<a href="#">This innovative company from offers commercial co-operation in the field of oil and other...</a>	Poland
<a href="#">A company, a lifestyle fashion brand manufacturing perfumes, shoes, bags and belts made of Icelandic...</a>	Iceland
<a href="#">A Korean manufacturer of wood pellet boilers for home is looking for local agents and distributors.</a>	Korea
<a href="#">A company producing and exporting high quality charcoal of different fractions (for grill and fireplace) is...</a>	Latvia
<a href="#">A company that specializes in designing &amp; manufacturing of unique silver &amp; plated jewelry is looking for...</a>	Israel
<a href="#">A consultancy offers support for arrangement of business contacts &amp; the accompaniment during business...</a>	Germany
<a href="#">A manufacturer of quality bags &amp; accessories wishes to expand to foreign markets. The company is looking..</a>	USA
<a href="#">A company specialized in manufacture of household ceramic and ornamental articles, is looking for...</a>	Portugal

## **Intellectual Property ; Standards**



### **Patent Information Conference, 4-6 Nov 2014, Warsaw, Poland**

It will be the meeting place this autumn for anyone who deals with patent data in their work. The programme will include a broad range of break-out sessions, training courses and discussion rounds. The exhibition is the leading one of its kind, where all the major patent

information providers will be showcasing their latest products and services.

**More...** <http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/conferences/pi-conference.html>

### **International IP Enforcement Summit, 11 June 2014, London, United Kingdom**

- provide an effective forum for discussion and debate on crucial international IP enforcement matters
- increase engagement between national and international partners in combating counterfeiting and piracy;
- support interaction and sharing of successful examples of international best practice strategies and techniques.

**More...** <http://www.internationalipenforcementsummit.org/index.html>

### **Online Filing software – new update 5.07 now available**

The EPO is pleased to inform users of its Online Filing software that a new update 5.07 for Version 5.06 (build 5.0.6.111) is now available for download. We highly recommended that users install it. Users who have activated the Live Update function will be notified automatically.

**More...** <http://www.epo.org/service-support/updates/2014/20140320.html>

## **Research**

### **DESCA Model Consortium Agreement for H2020 now available**

DESCA, the most widespread model Consortium Agreement in the 7th Framework Programme, has been updated for Horizon 2020. DESCA is a comprehensive Model Consortium Agreement which offers a reliable frame of reference for project consortia. The signature of a Consortium Agreement between the partners of a research project is mandatory for almost every Horizon 2020 Project.

The EC offers general guidance for the drafting of consortium agreements, but does not endorse a specific model consortium agreement. Initiated by key Horizon 2020 stakeholder groups, and co-developed with the FP community, the DESCA initiative seeks to balance the interests of all participant categories: large and small firms, universities, public



research institutes and RTOs, in the spirit of the Responsible Partnering Initiative.

**More...** [www.desca-2020.eu](http://www.desca-2020.eu)

## Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

### How to become a key expert?

It's time to talk about what it takes to become a key expert, what requirements a professional must meet to become an expert and how to become one. For those of you who don't know what a key expert means, let's start with the explanation: a key expert is one of the few (usually about ten or less) people assigned to project delivery roles, who guide, manage and evaluate all the activities in the project related to their area of expertise.

Key experts are a common sight in US and EU public tenders, research projects and large scale projects funded through external dedicated programs (including federal or military funding in the USA).

**More...** <http://www.xpertr.com/index.php/11-expert-recruiting/7-how-to-become-a-key-expert>

### What is COSME?

COSME is the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) running from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3bn. COSME will support SMEs in the following areas:

- [Better access to finance for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises \(SMEs\)](#)
- [Access to markets](#)
- [Supporting entrepreneurs](#)
- [More favourable conditions for business creation and growth](#)

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index_en.htm)

### The European Commission set up the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

The [Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises \(EASME\)](#) has been set-up by the EC to manage several EU programmes on its behalf. The new Agency replaces the EACI (Executive Agency for Competitiveness & Innovation) that managed the Enterprise Europe Network, Intelligent Energy - Europe, Eco-innovation and Marco Polo programmes. EASME will cover most of [COSME](#), the EU programme for Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), including [Enterprise Europe Network \(EEN\)](#), [Your Europe Business](#) and the [European IPR Helpdesk](#). EASME will also handle part of [Horizon 2020](#), the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and supervise the programme for [Environment and Climate action \(LIFE\)](#) and, later in 2014, some elements of the [European Maritime Fisheries Fund](#), follow-on initiatives to [Intelligent Energy Europe](#) & [Eco-innovation programmes](#).

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/easme/>

### The Missing Entrepreneurs: Policies for Inclusive Entrepreneurship in Europe

The [OECD](#) published a report on "The missing entrepreneurs: policies for inclusive entrepreneurship in EU" analysing the role of entrepreneurship in the EU economic recovery. The report examines how public policies at national, regional, local levels can promote business creation, self-employment by focusing on disadvantaged or under-represented people. The analysis shows that there is substantial potential to combat unemployment, stimulate social inclusion by promoting entrepreneurship in under-represented sectors populations such as women, youth, seniors, the unemployed, migrants, if the specific problems they face can be addressed, if entrepreneurship policies are opened up to all.

**More...** [http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/industry-and-services/the-missing-entrepreneurs\\_9789264188167-en](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/industry-and-services/the-missing-entrepreneurs_9789264188167-en)

## Partner Search

### Partner Search for Norway partners aiming to apply for grants under Romania-Norway Programme

Institute of Medical & Social Research, NGO, founded by UNDP within the "Social Economy Model for Romania" project (2012-2014), are putting a bid together to respond to the call of proposals of **Norway Grants** (Programme area: [PA29 - Domestic and Gender-based violence](#)). **The objectives of the project:**

- To inform and increase awareness about the seriousness of this social problem in Romania and especially in Dolj County (awareness campaigns, conferences, seminars, round tables, community education programs);
- To inform and to raise awareness about the existence of the law on domestic violence in Romania
- To develop of prevention strategies in order to ensure effective support for victims of domestic violence

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### Partner Search from Romania for a Horizon 2020 proposal project

We are interested to work with a mobile devices producer, in the framework of EU Horizon 2020 research programme (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-phc-2014-single-stage.html#tab1>). The project will develop supporting solutions for cognitive impairments.

The project will have about 6 partners and a budget of 2-3 millions Euro. The potential partner should be able to develop to prototype phase a mobile device capable to automatically record information from other communication / care devices and communicate to designated receivers. The device will be used mainly as a backup tool and will communicate both over GSM-like networks or over radio, similar to talkie-walkie.

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### Partner Search from Slovenia

We are searching for importers, distributors of eco/bio/organic certified prepackaged food products. Please send us your

interest to [emarket@wotra.com](mailto:emarket@wotra.com) and we will send you more details on the range of premium quality organic food products.  
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### **We are looking for a Swiss Partner, an NGO to conceive together a project for a grant**

The Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme aims to: contribute to the reduction of economic, social disparities between Romania and more advanced countries of the enlarged EU, contribute within Romania to the reduction of economic and social disparities between the dynamic urban centers, the structurally weak peripheral regions.

The general objective of the Partnership Block Grant is to promote and/or enhance institutional partnerships between Romanian & Swiss partners in order to contribute to the solution of specific development challenges, to strengthen the capacities, structures of the Romanian institutional partners, to benefit from Swiss added value, to contribute to the strengthening of the partnerships. Partnerships based on personal engagement, voluntary commitment should be honoured and strengthened.

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### **Erasmus + KA2- Strategic Partnership In the Field of Education, training and Youth Looking for Partners**

C.A.P.A.C. (Polytechnic of Commerce and Tourism, recognised as a Foundation) is searching for partners (public and/or private organisations) dealing with validation of non formal and informal learning outcomes.

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

### **ERC Consolidator Grants. Deadline for all domains is 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.

The ERC's frontier research grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities. The call 'ERC-2014-CoG' consists of **one call with a single deadline** applying to each of the three main research domains:

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

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

### **Call for proposals 2013 EU ICI-ECP Programme, For Joint Mobility Projects (JMP) & Joint Degree Projects (JDP)**

The Call for Proposal supports **co-operation with Australia, Japan & the Republic of Korea** by means of Joint Degree projects and Joint Mobility projects. The initiative supports EU-partner country consortia of post-secondary vocational and training or higher education institutions, to carry out joint study, training programmes to implement student and faculty mobility. All projects must address the development of innovative international curricula, student services, language, cultural preparation, organisational frameworks for student mobility, faculty members' mobility, evaluation, sustainability, dissemination. The total budget available for the co-financing of projects is approximately €2.2 million.

The deadline for application is the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 and activities are planned to start in October 2014.

**More...** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral\\_cooperation/eu\\_ici\\_ecp/funding/call\\_2013\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_ici_ecp/funding/call_2013_en.php)

### **Europe as a global actor, INT-02-2014. Deadline: 29 April 2014**

**Topic:** Encouraging the research & innovation cooperation between the Union and selected regional partners, proposals targeting Black Sea, Middle East, Africa.

**Specific challenge:** The aim is to:

- stimulate and enhance the cooperation between researchers from the Union and those of the regional partners in question, including and in particular through Horizon 2020 and the partner's funding programmes;
- eliminate remaining obstacles to cooperation between researchers from the Union, its international regional partners

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/1066-int-02-2014.html#tab1>

### **New call for expression of interest for experts for Focus Groups of EIP Agricultural Productivity & Sustainability**

The European Innovation Partnership EIP Agricultural Productivity & Sustainability calls on experts from agriculture, science, industry, consumer organisations, NGOs, other relevant institutions, to apply for four new „Focus Groups“:

- High Nature Value (HNV) farming profitability
- Profitability of permanent grassland
- Mainstreaming precision farming
- Fertiliser efficiency – focus on horticulture in open field

The goal is to explore practical innovative solutions to problems or opportunities in the field, and to draw on experience gained from related useful projects, to share experiences among actors involved in those projects (researchers, farmers, advisers etc.). The current call for EoI is open until 8 April 2014.

**More...** [Call for EoI](#) ; [EIP Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability](#) ; [Focus groups of the EIP](#)

### **WIDER Innovation Vouchers: Opportunity for SMEs. Deadline 31 May 2014**

The WIDER project is looking for **Experts in the innovation and/or eco-smart housing fields** for the implementation of its “**Transnational Scheme of Innovation Vouchers**” Pilot Action. The Experts responding to the Call will become part of a transnational list of Knowledge Providers/Suppliers. From this list the **SMEs** of 7 WIDER pilot regions will choose the experts they need in order to present their request for innovation voucher, to implement an innovation project/activity that

will help them in their repositioning toward the emerging eco-smart housing for elderly sector. The participation in the Calls offers therefore a concrete opportunity for SMEs willing to innovate to benefit from up to €10.000 financial contribution value.

**More...** <http://www.wider-project.eu/open-calls.html>

#### **Boosting the Investment-Readiness of SMEs and Small Midcaps. Deadline 15 April 2014**

- 1) A survey of the major investment-readiness (training & pitching events) schemes in Europe, including those launched under FP7, such as the 'ICT Finance Marketplace' and 'European Investor Gate' initiatives.
  - 2) An analysis of lessons to be learnt from the above (proposals are expected to build on/reinforce the outcome of these schemes).
  - 3) The training of entrepreneurs (as the key focus of this action) and the sensitisation of investors.
  - 4) The planning and execution of pitching events.
  - 5) Strategies for involving early-stage investors, including, business angels, family offices and venture capitalists.
- The main domains attracting equity investments for R&I, such as cleantech, ICT & medtech, should be targeted, along with a generic approach to other domains.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2070-bir-1-2014.html>

#### **H2020-INSO-2014 New forms of innovation, Platform for ICT for Learning & Inclusion. Deadline: 29 April 2014**

The aim of this challenge is engage a large number of stakeholders on a dialogue and awareness process over the role, benefits, and issues of concerns on ICT for learning and inclusion. Scope: Develop and maintain a sustainable platform engaging a large number of key actors, stakeholders and communities of practices on how to improve co-creation and delivery of digital tools, solutions and services for the modernization of education and training and for the employability of young people, as well as for tackling the risk of digital exclusion, and thereby socio-economic exclusion.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2472-inso-6-2014.html>

#### **The 2014 Call for Proposals for two new Knowledge and Innovation Communities - KICs**

The new calls was publish by the European Institute of Technology & Innovation. By the end of the year, these new KICs will be designated in the areas of healthy living & active ageing & raw materials, sustainable exploration, extraction processing, recycling and substitution. As an integral part of H2020, the upcoming KICs will address societal challenges with a novel approach focused on integrating higher education institutions, research centres, companies to create new businesses, opportunities, promote a risk taking, entrepreneurial culture, generate new/high quality jobs.

**More...** <http://eit.europa.eu/kics/2014-call-for-kics/> ; [EIT brochure](#) ; [2014 Call](#)

#### **Spreading Excellence & Widening Participation in Horizon 2020 – WIDESPREAD-2014-1 Teaming of Excellences**

What?\_Creation of new or significant upgrade of existing Centres of Excellence in low performing Member States&regions  
Proposal need to demonstrate the long-term science & innovation strategy of the future Centre based on SWOT analysis  
Stage 1: Funding for the development of a Business Plan for the new Centre of Excellence facilitated by a teaming process with a leading counterpart in EU. Stage 2: Subject to the quality of the Business Plan, a commitment of the Member State, the EC may provide further financial support for the first steps of implementation of the Centre

**More...**<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-widespread-2014-1.html>

#### **Heritage Plus Joint Call. Deadline: 28 April 2014**

This call is designed to generate new, research - based knowledge to promote the sustainable use and management of cultural heritage and so to meet societal challenges, contribute to the development on the society. The call aims to fund excellent collaborative, transnational, interdisciplinary, innovative R&D projects focussed mainly on tangible cultural heritage research, while not excluding the interlinked aspects of intangible and digital heritage

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

#### **Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness**

Education	EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region in the academic year 2008/2009	2020-10-31	<a href="#">link</a>
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#### **Horizon 2020 Dedicated SME Instrument – Phase 1 + Phase 2 2014. Deadline 17 December 2014**

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

#### **Grant Scheme - Participation of Eastern Partnership & Central Asian Countries in EU Brokerage events**

**More...** <http://www.increast.eu/en/1673.php>

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

**More...** [H2020/Calls/ERC-2014-cog](#) ; [Support/national\\_contact\\_points](#)

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

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

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

**More...** <http://www.ceric-eric.eu/index.php?n=CallZero.Homepage>

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

- [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>

## **Creative Europe. 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)

## **A call for tender for the European IPR Helpdesk**

The [DG Research and Innovation](#) of the [European Commission](#) launched a **call for tender for the European Intellectual Property Rights Helpdesk** (currently *INSME Partner*).

The Helpdesk shall provide support in the management, diffusion and/or valorisation of technologies/other intellectual assets by allowing beneficiaries to develop their own capacities to deal with IP, bring technologies to the market, specifically to participants of [Horizon 2020](#) and [COSME](#) projects.

The duration of the action will be 48 months. The call budget is €4 million **and the deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2014**.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2347-innosup-2-2014.html>

## **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other Participating Countries.

**More...** [www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu](http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu) ; [Read more about participating in the programme](#)

## **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>

## **Call for Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award is now open**

The [Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award \(SEA\)](#) is an international award aiming at supporting sustainable business practices and establishing the concept of Sustainable Entrepreneurship as the economic model of the future. SEA includes two categories: Best Project & Best Idea and targets entrepreneurs who have recognized a social problem and linked its solution with an innovative and profitable business idea. The **deadline** is the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

**More...** <http://se-award.org/en/submission>

## **The first COST Open Call for proposals in Horizon 2020**

Once the Horizon 2020 programme and the new evaluation and selection procedures have been adopted, the [COST Open Call](#) calendar will also be updated and will provide further details.

**More...** Stay up-to-date with the latest developments at COST by visiting the [Open Call](#) page on the COST website.

## **COSME; Tourism Work Programme 2014**

The actions will contribute to the implementation of the 2010 Tourism Communication „Europe, the world's No 1 tourist destination“, ensure a sustainable continuation to initiatives already undertaken under COSME 2014, EIP.

Objectives: (1) increasing tourism demand, (2) diversifying tourism offer, (3) enhancing tourism quality, sustainability, accessibility, skills, information & innovation, (4) Improving socio-economic knowledge of the sector and (5) increasing Europe's visibility as a tourist destination as well as of its diverse destinations.

**More...** [Cosme](#) ; Tourism Units website: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index_en.htm)

## **Policy**



### **SWITCH Asia Programme**

**SWITCH Asia** a [EC](#) programme aims at promoting Sustainable Consumption & Production, SCP among SMEs in Asia by moving SCP practices from demonstration to replication. The programme works on the ground, with producers, consumers, at the level of policy-making through supporting for formulation/implementation of SCP- policies.

**More...** <http://www.insme.org/financing-programmes/92>

### **JEREMIE - The Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises initiative**

**JEREMIE** Initiative provides the framework for a series of coherent financial actions to improve the financial environment for small businesses (medium, small and micro enterprises, known as SMEs) at national, regional and local level. Increasing small businesses' access to finance and risk capital enables economic growth and competitiveness.

**More...** <http://www.insme.org/financing-programmes/90>

### **Facts and figures on organic agriculture in the European Union**

The organic sector in the EU has been rapidly developing during the past years. According to Eurostat data, the EU-27 had in 2011 a total area of 9.6 million hectares cultivated as organic, up from 5.7 million in 2002. During the last decade, organic area in the EU improved by about 500 000 hectares per year. This is a big increase, but the whole organic area represents only 5.4% of total utilised agricultural area in EU. The organic area is cultivated by more than 186 000 farms.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets-and-prices/more-reports/pdf/organic-2013\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets-and-prices/more-reports/pdf/organic-2013_en.pdf)

### **New European strategy on cultural heritage**

The strategy will focus on how the EU can support Member States and increase cooperation at EU level to strengthen the protection of cultural heritage. The new strategy is due to be adopted in May. The Commissioner Vassiliou will open the Greek Presidency conference "[Heritage first! Towards a common approach for a sustainable Europe](#)".

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/vassiliou/headlines/news/2014/03/20140305-strategy-cultural-heritage\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/vassiliou/headlines/news/2014/03/20140305-strategy-cultural-heritage_en.htm)

## **Energy**

### **Business matching event at ENREG Energia Regenerabila® - international trade fair for renewable energy & energy efficiency, 9-11 April 2014, Expo Arad International**

Ro4Europe, CENTI Cluj Napoca and "PRIMOM" Foundation for Promoting Enterprises in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county, Hungary, as partners Enterprise Europe Network organise a Brokerage Event during the international trade fair for renewable energy & energy efficiency - ENREG Energia Regenerabila®2014, in cooperation with REECO Ro.

The business matching will offer you the opportunity to meet potential cooperation partners. The marketing strategy has an international focus, aiming to attract and retain experts from within Romania, key international markets as customers.

**More...** [Access Map.bmp](#) ; [www.ipacv.ro/enreg](http://www.ipacv.ro/enreg) ; <http://EEN-ENREG-Business-matching-event> ; [office@ipacv.ro](mailto:office@ipacv.ro)

### **The InnoEnergy Pathways fellowship programme, crafted and operated by KIC InnoEnergy**

Join the InnoEnergy Pathways fellowship programme is an opportunity to: carry out a 2-year fellowship, with one of the KIC InnoEnergy Partners, develop your skills via a training programme on technology transfer, innovation & business and join the KIC InnoEnergy Community.

**More...** [https://iepw.kic-innoenergy.com/top/be\\_a\\_fellow](https://iepw.kic-innoenergy.com/top/be_a_fellow)

### **Sustainable Energy Europe and ManagEnergy Awards**

It is not too late to participate, in case you have not done so yet. It suffices to hand in a first draft. Please find here the link to the [application form](#). In April we will get back to participants with feedback on their application (i.e. clarity, completeness). They will then be able to finalise your project description well before we close the competition.

**More...** [Sustainable Energy Europe Awards 2014](#); please contact David Crous Duran [dc@eusew.eu](mailto:dc@eusew.eu) / +32 2 340 30 68.

### **Cheap batteries will revolutionise the renewable energy market**

The big power companies struggle to keep up as a solution emerges to the problem of storing wind & solar power. Tesla's car produces no carbon emissions (the electricity that charges its batteries is also low carbon). The UK is in having an enormous variation in electricity use through the day, with demand when the kettles go on in the Coronation Street ads nearly double that in the early morning. Wind & solar cannot meet this without a cheap/effective battery solution.

**More...** [Cheap-batteries-renewable-energy-market-big-power-companies-wind-solar-power](#)

### **Europe's 40% emissions cuts target has set the course for a low-carbon future**

Binding commitment will drive clean economic growth, inspire other countries to be ambitious with their climate goals. The [EC](#) outlined its proposals for climate & energy policies up to 2030 recently. These include a binding emissions reduction target of 40% from 1990 levels, an EU-wide binding target of at least 27% of energy coming from renewable sources. On energy efficiency, the current legislation will be review before proposing the next steps. But they will come.

**More...** <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/07/europe-emissions-carbon-climate>

## **Urban Mobility**

### **Future of mobility: Political Groups' visions, 2 April 2014, Bruxelles**

Ahead of the May poll the Forum debate offers an opportunity to representatives of the European Institutions, members of the Forum to exchange views, ideas about important challenges that the incoming EU Parliament will need to address.

The discussion will touch upon some of EU's key priorities on transport, mobility policies, including safety, environmental



sustainability, investment, and the cost of transport.

**More...** <http://www.autoandsociety.com/>

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Forum for Sustainable Mobility and Metropolitan Development, 8-9 April 2014, Alba Iulia, Romania**

Representatives of national authorities, intercommunity development associations, public transport operators, ministries in charge with the organization of public transport and of the EU financing acquisitions, of the industry, of the international organizations promoting sustainable mobility.

The Forum is an opportunity to discuss the problems, projects, opportunities.

**More...** <http://forum.clubmetropolitan.ro/>

#### **Call for Chapters for UN-Habitat Book on “E-Governance and urban policy design in developing countries”**

In the framework of the FUPOL research program, UN-Habitat coordinates the publication of a book on “E-Governance and urban policy design in developing countries”.

**More...** <http://www.fupol.eu/node/250>

#### **Sustainable urban Mobility Plans**

If you imagine your city in 20 years, what would you like it to look like? A place where children can play safely? Where the air is clean? Where you can walk to do your shopping? With lots of parks, green space? But how do you realise such a vision? Sustainable urban mobility plans is planning for the future of your city with its people as the focus.

**More...** <http://www.mobilityplans.eu/>

#### **Co-funding available for European sustainable mobility projects**

CIVITAS CAPITAL is offering co-funding of up to 50 per cent for urban mobility projects. To be eligible, the projects must focus on one of six topics: integrated planning; urban freight logistics; demand management strategies; transport telematics; safety and security; and clean fuels and vehicles.

**More...** [http://www.eltis.org/index.php?ID1=5&id=60&news\\_id=4513](http://www.eltis.org/index.php?ID1=5&id=60&news_id=4513)

#### **New report captures local authorities’ experiences of clean fleet procurement**

The Clean Fleets project has produced a report for public bus procurers and transport operators which provides a comprehensive review of fuel and technology options for clean buses.

**More...** [http://www.eltis.org/index.php?ID1=5&id=60&news\\_id=4511&back\\_id=8](http://www.eltis.org/index.php?ID1=5&id=60&news_id=4511&back_id=8)

### **Events**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Conference Advances in Engineering & Management, 11-12 September, Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania**

The ADEM 2014 Conference Proceedings containing the full papers accepted after peer-reviewing will be published in a special volume of **Advanced Engineering Forum** ([www.scientific.net](http://www.scientific.net)), indexed by Elsevier SCOPUS, Ei Compendex (CPX), Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA), Chemical Abstracts (CA), Google and Google Scholar, Thomson (Web of Science, CPCI/ISTP), Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE).

**More...** <http://www.imst.ro/adem/> ; [adem@imst.ro](mailto:adem@imst.ro)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Forum of the Danube Strategy, We grow together – together we grow, 26-27 June 2014, Vienna**

The Forum is the main event of the year for the Danube Strategy, assembling its stakeholders from the whole Danube area to give strategic direction, exchange, showcase opinions/experiences, to discuss vital questions of the Strategy's prospects and challenges.

**More...** [www.danube-region.eu](http://www.danube-region.eu) and [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/cooperate/danube/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/danube/index_en.cfm).

#### **Technology Innovation International Annual Conference, 13-14 May 2014, Utrecht, Netherlands**

Smart Sustainable Innovation: the Global Perspective. The conference will bring together sustainability experts, innovation management professionals from around Europe & beyond, covers eight topics related to the conference title of ‘Smart Sustainable Innovation’. ‘Sustainable’ has several meanings: durable, green, cost-effective/affordable. ‘Smart’ combines the successful elements of the enterprise economy the innovation or ideas economy while promoting a high-quality environment, improving energy security, promoting social cohesion.

**More...** [http://www.tii.org/index2.php?sm=tii\\_en-8-upcoming\\_events&cat=4&idnews=201312060001#](http://www.tii.org/index2.php?sm=tii_en-8-upcoming_events&cat=4&idnews=201312060001#)

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Conference on Knowledge Acquisition & Management & 2<sup>nd</sup> IFIP Workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Knowledge Management, 7-10 September 2014, Warsaw, Poland**

The aim of this common event is to create possibility of presenting, discussing approaches, techniques/tools in the knowledge acquisition, other knowledge management areas with focus on contribution of artificial intelligence for improvement of human-machine intelligence, face the challenges of this century. Submission deadline: 11 April 2014.

**More...** <http://fedcsis.org/2014/kam>

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference on Composites / Nano Engineering ICCE-22, 13–19 July 2014, Malta**

The ICCE is among the 1<sup>st</sup> composite materials conferences which take a leading vital role to bridge the gap between nano-chemistry, nano-engineering, attracted papers in this existing new field of nano-composites engineering.

**More...** <http://www.icce-nano.org/>

#### **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/>

#### **SEMICON Europa 2014, 7 - 9 October 2014, Grenoble, France**

The program agenda addresses the critical issues, challenges facing the microelectronics industries and provides the information, education, and guidance that you need to move your innovations and products to market.

- [Semiconductor Mfg & Technology](#)
- [Secondary Equipment & Services](#)
- [Plastic Electronics](#)
- [Science Park](#)
- [Innovation Village](#)
- [Allée des Clusters](#)
- [Imaging Applications](#)
- [Energy Efficiency](#)
- [Healthcare Applications](#)
- [Security Applications](#)
- [Electronic Components](#)
- [IC Design & Fables](#)

**More...** <http://www.semiconeuropa.org/>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Conference Graphene Supply, Application & Commercialisation 2014, 12–13 June 2014, Manchester, UK**

Collaborating with the National Graphene Institute at the University Of Manchester, the summit is set to be the platform of the year for taking graphene one step closer to commercialisation in the most industry led event in the series yet.

**More...** <http://www.graphene-applications-2014.com/>

#### **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. 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)

#### **Industrial Tech Conference, Additive manufacturing impacting industry Workshop, April 9 -11, Athens, Greece**

It is expected that the conference will have over 1000 international attendees, many of them will be at the onset of discovering the beauty and elegance of Additive Manufacturing.

**More...** [www.industrialtechnologies2014.eu/](http://www.industrialtechnologies2014.eu/)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Gender Summit From Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation and policy, 30 June - 01 July 2014, Brussels**

The thema of the event: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation and policy. H2020 provides a clear incentive to applicants to ensure a better gender balance in their research teams. Horizon 2020 also promotes the gender dimension in research & innovation content to ensure that it takes into account the needs, behaviours, attitudes.

**More...** <http://gender-summit.com/index.php/participate3/register-and-attend> ; [team@gender-summit.com](mailto:team@gender-summit.com)

#### **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/>

#### **The COST Office is looking for a Head of Communications and Conferences**

An overview of current vacancies at COST. COST's international work environment offers you the chance to work on exciting and varied projects. We offer scientific and corporate career opportunities.

**More...** Send your application to [job@cost.eu](mailto:job@cost.eu) by 6 April 2014. More details at [www.cost.eu/jobs](http://www.cost.eu/jobs)

#### **Webinar: Unleash Performance and Value through Asset Information Lifecycle Management, 1 April 2014**

Good asset management is crucial in industries such as utilities and oil & gas. In this webinar we will focus on three key points: why the lifecycle approach is so important; the compelling results that some early adopters have achieved; and strategies for successful deployment of lifecycle-based asset management.

**More...** <http://www.pennenergy.com/webcasts/ppg-webcasts/2014/04/asset-information-lifecycle-management.html>

#### **ERASysAPP training Stoichiometric & kinetic modelling of biochemical networks, 6-10 October 2014, Larnaca**

This course will address the task of setting-up the models, show how an appropriate modeling approach can be chosen, introduce suitable tools. We will work with the software tools COPASI & FAME as these are open access. Both of them have a graphical user interface which simplifies modeling for non-programmers.

**More...** <http://www.erasysapp.eu/index.php?index=81>

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



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