



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>

B2B Matchmaking Forum and Exhibition ENREG ENERGIA REGENERABILA® 9-11 April 2014, Arad, Romania

ENREG is the biggest renewable energy event in the border triangle between Hungary-Serbia-Romania. PV Platform Romania is the meeting point for experts in the PV field in Romania. There will be over 60 exhibitors, from 7 European countries! Visit the [exhibitors list online!](#) International Conferences and Forums:

- [The Future of PV Market in Romania](#)
- [Renewable Energy in Focus: Legal Consultancy Day](#)
- [Energy Efficiency - Pathway to Sustainable Development](#)
- [International Forum - Biogas & Cogeneration in Romania](#)
- [Renewable Lighting Systems](#)
- [Wood Energy Forum in Romania](#)

Ro4Europe, CENTI Cluj Napoca, "PRIMOM" Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county and Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dobrich as partners Enterprise Europe Network, organize the B2B event. [EEN-B2B-matching-event-at-ENREG-Arad](#)

More... <http://www.enreg-expo.com/start> ; office@ipacv.ro (for the B2B matchmaking event)

Partnering Event at Transport Research Arena TRA2014, 14-17 April 2014, Paris, France

Use the chance to meet new cooperation partners, organise your meetings in advance! The Partnering Event, offered within the major EU conference [Transport Research Arena TRA2014](#), is your opportunity to identify, connect with future partners for technology partnering or international projects, free of charge after registration to the conference.

You can choose your conversation partners prior to the start of the conference by visiting the partnering event website. You tell us when you are available for meetings and we will provide you with a meeting place in the central arena.

More... <http://www.b2match.eu/tra2014>

International Conference & B2B Opportunities “Serbian Fashion Excellence & Textiles Development Program”, 25 April 2014, Novi Sad, Serbia

The National Fashion Chamber of Serbia, under the high patronage of the “Serbia Fashion Week” the Festival of art, fashion and design, which will be held 22-26. April, 2014 in Novi Sad, Serbia, is organizing a unique creative international educational conference series of B2B and C2C matchmaking, called the “Serbian Fashion Excellence & Textiles Industry Development Program”. This program is a platform for economic growth and job creation in both Serbia and the region. The program is organized in cooperation with Creative Industries Cluster of Vojvodina.

More... education@serbiafashionweek.com ; www.serbiafashionweek.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

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

IFAT 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> ; Movie: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=p38aY-QMsTc

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/>

Brokerage event and company missions RO-Energy, 11-13 June 2014, Bucharest, Romania

RoEnergy South-East Europe 2014 comprises specialized International Trade Fair and Conferences of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Constructions, where countries from East meet with the offer from the West Europe.

The main domains of the event are:

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| - Solar system - photovoltaic, solar thermal | - Alternative Vehicles and Fuels |
| - Bioenergy - biomass, biogas, liquid biofuels | - Hyenergy – hydrogen and fuel cells |
| - Water & Wind- hydropower, wind power, geothermal energy | - Consulting, Design, Services, carbon trading, R&D |
| - Cogeneration, Trigeneneration | - Passive House & Insulations |

Ten reasons for you and your clients to be present at the Brokerage event:

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| 1. Get in touch with new customers | 6. Study the competition |
| 2. Extend & consolidate existing contacts | 7. Discover weaknesses and good points of the area |
| 3. Become known in Romania, the surrounding areas | 8. Meet experts from Romania |
| 4. Find who & what is new in the domain, exchange know how | 9. Get in touch with potential partners |
| 5. Are among the firsts to invest in Romania | 10. Test your capacity to be present on another market |

More... the Fair site: <http://bucuresti.roenergy.eu/en>. Please contact: anda.pelea@ipacv.ro, gabriela.canureci@ipacv.ro.

Business Matchmaking event on recycling, environmental technologies & waste management, 13 June, Istanbul

Enterprise Europe Istanbul, Sabancı University is organizing the Business Matchmaking event. The aim of the event is to bring the entities active in the sectors for commercial co-operation, technology transfer and founding partnerships for attending to EU funded R&D Projects. The B2B event will be organized in parallel to the 10th International Recycling, Environmental Technologies and Waste Management Fair (12 – 14 June 2014).

If you are a company, public body, university or research organization, looking for trade intermediaries, partners for technical cooperation, consortium partners for realizing your project idea to attend EU funded R&D projects, you are welcomed to our per-arranged bilateral matchmaking event during REW Istanbul 2014 fair.

More... EEN-Istanbul website: www.aia-istanbul.org ; please contact: office@ipacv.ro.

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/>

7th 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

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.

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/>

Clusters

Spanish Technological Platform of Tourism - THINKTUR

THINKTUR is funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy & Competitiveness, led by Polibienestar www.polibienestar.org, the Technological Institute for Hotels - ITH (<http://www.ithoteler.com/>), the State Company for Tourism Technology & Innovation Management - SEGITTUR (<http://www.segittur.es/es/inicio/index.html>), the Association of Telecommunications & Digital Technologies Companies - AMETIC (<http://www.ametic.es/>).

Thinktur is an association of all the stakeholders that participate in the tourism chain who are strategic and tactically relevant because their contribution to competitiveness, economic increase, employment. At this moment, THINKTUR has more than 1,300 members from more than 950 entities of different fields (hotels, ICTs, etc.). THINKTUR is a key tool to properly respond to tourism sectorial problems by improving competitiveness and promoting research & innovation.

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

Academic articles on clusters

The TCI Network seeks to develop tighter bridges between the practitioners in our network and the academic community working on clusters. As a first step, we will regularly post listings of new academic articles on clusters and competitiveness on our website. A further selection is available [here](#). Previous selection of articles:

[Academic articles on clusters - 1](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 4](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 6](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 2](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 5](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 7](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 3](#)

[Academic articles on clusters - 8](#)

More... <http://tci-network.org/news/card/778>

6th Cluster Forum Future Technologies & Modern Services for Enhancing the Quality of Life, 8 May 2014 Stuttgart

The Cluster Forum focuses on new cross-sectoral challenges and opportunities for cluster initiatives and networks which are seen like Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) etc. "Green Economy" and "Intelligent Mobility" in new products and services, especially through the implementation of Key Enabling Technologies (like microsystems technology, biotech, photonics, new materials and advanced manufacturing) are topics which are relevant for all cluster initiatives.

Numerous actors of the cluster community from Baden-Württemberg, national and international actors in the field of cluster policy and cluster practitioners will take part in the conference.

More... <http://www.amiando.com/cluster-forum-2014.html>

SMEs

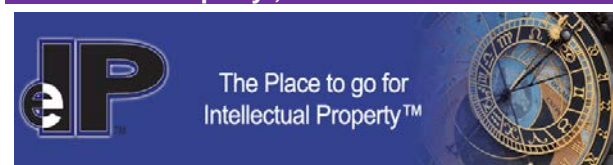
Business Guide on new WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

This guide helps businesses take advantage of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. The agreement simplifies customs procedures, allowing businesses to become more competitive. This jargon-free guide explains the provisions with a focus on what businesses need to know to take advantage of the agreement.

It will also help policy makers identify their needs for technical assistance to implement and monitor it.

More... The book can be downloaded: www.intracen.org/WTO-Trade-Facilitation-Agreement-for-web/

Intellectual Property ; Standards



EPO Patent Information Conference, 4-6 Nov. 2014, Warsaw

It will be the meeting place for anyone who deals with patent data. The programme include a broad range of break-out sessions, training courses, discussion rounds. In the exhibition the patent information providers will be showcasing their latest products and services.

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

Research

What is EUREKA?

EUREKA, like Horizon 2020, is a platform for research focusing on [turning new technologies into marketable products](#). EUREKA was launched at the initiative of 17 European countries, including not only current members of the EU. Both instruments Horizon 2020 and Eureka were created not in opposition but to complement each other, and continue today to work in synergy as many of EUREKA's support instruments complete Horizon 2020 or are even directly integrated in the flagship programme. Where EUREKA can help the most in the accomplishment of Horizon 2020's objectives is in the completion of what is called the [European Research Area](#).

[Eurostars is a EU funding programme dedicated to SMEs](#) focusing on innovative technologies. It is an part of the offer for small businesses in Horizon 2020, in complement with the future SME instrument. The objective with Eurostars under Horizon 2020 is to [help small companies grow to middle-sized ones](#), to become internationally-open businesses.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=2421722&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

EU Funding - The SME Instrument

The SME Instrument is a funding tool developed by the EC specifically to address the internationalisation needs of SME and will fund projects aligned with specific themes. The SME Instrument addresses the financing needs of internationally oriented SMEs, in implementing high-risk and high-potential innovation ideas. It aims at supporting projects with a EU dimension that lead to radical changes in how business (product, processes, services, marketing etc) is done.

More... <http://www.een-northeast.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/The-SME-Instrument2.pdf>

Design Thinking: A Unified Framework For Innovation

To help better understand where creativity comes from and more importantly if it can be thought, I recently had the opportunity to attend [Stanford University "Design Thinking Boot Camp: From Insights to Innovation"](#). The program is held at The [Hasso Plattner Institute of Design](#), affectionately called "[the d.school](#)". It's a 3 day immersive program tailored to executives, providing the opportunity to learn the concept of "design thinking" — a human-centered, prototype-driven process for innovation that can be applied to product, service, and business design.

More... <http://www.forbes.com/sites/reuvencohen/2014/03/31/design-thinking-a-unified-framework-for-innovation/>

How to grow a city

This episode of [REAL ECONOMY](#) puts Europe's cities under the lens, with their diverse dynamics and challenges analysed by Martin Powell, Global Head of Urban Development for Siemens. The Mayors of Lisbon, Rome, Venice also discuss the need for an EU Urban agenda. Meanwhile the 2014 [RegioStars Award](#) finalist, ERDF-funded ecological & sustainable trolley-bus project in Gdynia, Poland is presented as a model for sustainable urban transport. .

More... [Real-economy](#) ; [EU Urban Development](#) ; [Cities of Tomorrow: investing in Europe](#) ; [EU Urban Agenda Paper](#)

How Regional Strategies for Growth & Innovation can drive Europe's prosperity in 2014-2020

The Research & Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) is a strategic approach to economic development through targeted support for research & innovation. Before regional funds are invested in research & innovation, regions need to draw up so-called smart specialisation strategies. Each region has to focus on a limited set of priority areas, in which it already has a competitive advantage. These strategies will help regions to build on their particular strengths.

More... [Regional policy](#) ; [Presentation-1](#) ; [Presentation-2](#) ; [Videos on Smart Specialisation](#)

Partner Search

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.

Contact: Pîrvu IONICĂ pirvul@gmail.com

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.

Contact: Alina-Maria Vaduva, alinavaduva@gmail.com

Partner Search from Aptuit Center for Drug, Italy for an Horizon 2020 project

Aptuit is a contract research organisation, which can provide the most complete set of integrated early to mid-phase development services in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industry. The Aptuit Center for Drug Discovery &

Development, Verona Italy, has more than 300 scientists and is equipped with modern technologies in over 65.000 m2 of laboratories. Sectors of interest:

- **Horizon 2020 Programmes:** Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine & maritime research & the bioeconomy, Future and emerging technology technology, Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- **Research topic:** PHC7–2014, PHC16-2015, PHC22–2015, PHC33–2015, HCO4–2014, HCO11–2015, HCO12–2015

More... http://partnersearch.apre.it/view_pr.aspx?id=108

Partner Search from CEFPAS, Centre for Training & Research in Public Health, Italy for an Horizon 2020 project

CEFPAS, the Centre for Training and Research in Public Health, is a public institution established by a regional law and it is an organisation instrumental to the Regional Health government. It trains all the health personnel in Sicily and works also for all other regional ministries which work in the field of social issue.

It works with 76 workers all with full time jobs and with degrees in different disciplines or a diploma. Sectors of interest:

- **Horizon 2020 Programmes:** Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- **Research topic:** All

More... http://partnersearch.apre.it/view_pr.aspx?id=173

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 and we will send you more details on the range of premium quality organic food products.

Contact: Irena Rezec, Director, WOTRA Strategic Intelligence Ltd., Ljubljana, Slovenia, ir@wotra.com, www.wotra.com

Partner Search from DEXIC company, Czech Republic

Private non-profit research centre, located in Liberec, Czech Republic. Main focus: applied research in ICT (Smart & integrated transport, Energy efficiency, Health & wellbeing, Broadband infrastructure, Internet security), multidisciplinary focus, utilization & delivery of market-driven innovations & inventions reflecting the customer needs. Experience in the development and coordination of the transnational cooperation projects in R&D. Fields of interest in Horizon 2020:

- Personalising Health & Care – PHC 2014 - [h2020-phc-2014-single-stage](#)
- Smart Cities and Communities - [h2020-scc-2014](#)
- Energy Efficiency Research & Innovation - [h2020/topics/2063-ee-11-2014](#)
- FET-Open - novel ideas for radically new technologies - [FETopen-1-2014](#)
- Disaster-Resilience: Safeguarding and securing society, including adapting to Climate Change - [DRS-19-2014](#)
- Digital Security: Cybersecurity, Privacy and Trust - [h2020-ds-2014-1](#)
- ICT 2014 - Information and Communications Technologies - [h2020-ict-2014-1](#)

Contact: DEXIC company, www.czechdex.cz, T: + 420 233 310969, F: + 420 485 109995, email: info@czechdex.cz

Looking for partners: SC5-04-2015 Improving the air quality and reducing the carbon footprint of European cities

Institute of Environmental Protection was established in 2002. Institute of Environmental Protection was one of the first institution in Lithuania to start solving environmental problems. Institute of Environmental Protection gained international recognition by doing environmental research, developing and applying innovative training methods. Institute of Environmental Protection employees actively participate in various international projects and programs, carry out research and cooperate with foreign universities.

Contact: Mantas Pranskevičius, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, T: +370 5 2745030, rastine@vgtu.lt; aai@vgtu.lt

Looking for project partners for COSME programme

Our company is looking for project partners for upcoming calls within COSME programme. As a regional innovation agency, we have lots of experiences in project implementation.

Contact: Ivan Pezlar, info@ria-kosice.sk or ivan.pezlar@gmail.com

Looking for partners for an H2020 call in the area of ICT, entrepreneurship, best practice, and cooperation

Looking for partners for an H2020 call in the area of ICT, entrepreneurship, best practice, cooperation. Potential partners from the research community along with incubators, technological parks, and web entrepreneurs are welcome to express their interest. Please send us a one pager describing your organization.

Contact: Julija Peleva Stojkowska Center for Knowledge Management, info@theknowledge-center.com

Looking for partners, Erasmus + KA2 Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices

The proposal intends to develop, also through the transfer and adaptation of good practices on the part of Countries that have already experimented their effectiveness within their respective school/training systems, intervention programmes, devices in the field of vocational education (VET of secondary level) and training, for the development, integration of the basic/wide entrepreneurial competence, spirit into curricular programmes, an approach of entrepreneurship.

Contact: Rossella Brindani, Centro Servizi PMI, Emilia Romagna Region, Italy, rossellabrindani@cspmi.it.

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 15th 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

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>

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®ions
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/>

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](#)

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>

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

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 2nd of April 2014.

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

EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region in the academic year 2008/2009

More... [link](#)

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 ; [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>

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](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index_en.htm) ; Tourism Units website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index_en.htm

Call for Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award is now open

The [Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award \(SEA\)](http://se-award.org/en/submission) 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 30th of April 2014.

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

Nominations for the ACES Awards 2014

Participate in the 6th ACES - Academic Enterprise Awards – competition that celebrates European spin-out companies emerged from universities and research institutes. The ACES are the only pan-European awards for enterprise in university and public research institutes. Award Categories: [ICT](#) , [Life sciences](#) , [Green award](#)

More... information about the award categories, the rules of participation and the judging process, click [here](#).

The ENTENTE project launches its 3rd call for application to the Professional Exchange Programme

The ENTENTE Professional Exchange Programme is designed to develop the experience/expertise of technology transfer professionals while building stronger professional networks, relationships amongst TTOs themselves, between TTOs & Industry. Within the framework of the ENTENTE Professional Exchange Programme, European Tech Transfer Officers will have the opportunity to live a unique experience in renowned investment firms, venture capitalist offices, Big Pharmas and Tech Transfer offices across the world.

More... <http://entente-health.eu/>

Policy

Visions of ICT - supported governance & policy modelling

In order to identify grand challenges of research, the eGovPoliNet have developed six scenarios for future visions of ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling, with the following headlines:

- Using air quality monitoring data to track and improve public health
- Policy decision - making using intelligent simulations and exploiting open and big data sources
- Public - private innovation policy
- Optimising emergency response
- Using smart and mobile ICT for developing governance and policy
- Information warfare impact on governance and policy modelling

The scenarios reflect today's technological trends, although future development is an uncertain process. These future visions will subsequently enable eGovPoliNet to identify research gaps and grand challenges of policy research.

More... http://195.251.218.39/crossover_platform/Wiki.aspx

Energy

Report: European CHP to make a big leap by 2020

A new report on the European combined heat and power (CHP) industry predicts that the sector will grow from its present capacity of 202 GW to 245 GW by 2020.

The [analysis](#) forecasts that growing electricity demand and increasing environmental awareness will be big drivers in growing the compound annual growth rate by 2.2 per cent over the next six years.

More... <http://www.cospp.com/articles/2014/03/report-european-chp-to-make-a-big-leap-by-2020.html>

COGEN Europe Annual Conference 2014, 3-4 April 2014, Brussels, Belgium.

COGEN Europe's Annual Conference brings together leading EU policymakers, industry representatives and influential thinkers to discuss the challenges facing the energy sector and other issues including the latest policy developments, market potentials and best-practice examples to help the EU achieve its climate and energy goal.

More... [Cogen-Europe-annual-conference-2014](#)

Renewable Energy World Europe 2014, 3-5 June 2014, Cologne, Germany

Renewable Energy World Europe, co-located with **POWER-GEN Europe**, offers the largest, most comprehensive conference and exhibition for the European electricity, renewable energy sector. The combination of conferences and exhibitions across the entire spectrum of power generation is unique and is serving the vital move towards integrating the traditional fossil fuel and fast-growing renewable generation sectors.

Renewable Energy World Europe offers a dedicated trade show floor, with numerous exhibiting companies displaying state-of-the-art technology, services, software, hardware.

More... www.renewableenergyworld-europe.com

White Paper: How to Mitigate Risk and Ensure Compliance in Energy Field: Govern Your Documents Accordingly
Too often, organizations hear “information governance”, think “records management” & “compliance.” In today’s information-rich—sometimes information-saturated—business environments, information governance must do more, helping to also manage risk, reduce costs, drive operational excellence, provide strategic/decision-making value. [In this paper](#), we take a collaborative look at the changing role of information governance, its evolving value proposition.
More... [White-papers-2014-How-to-mitigate-risk-and-ensure-compliance-govern-your-documents-accordingly](#)

World Coal

"World Coal" is the leading monthly magazine for the global coal industry. Each issue provides expert articles covering key technical developments in the coal supply chain, as well as in depth regional reports, topical industry news, comment.
More... <http://sf.tradepub.com/free/coal/prgm.cgi>

Urban Mobility / SMART Cities

Mapping Smart Cities in the EU

This report was commissioned to provide background information and advice on Smart Cities in the EU, to explain how existing mechanisms perform. In exploring this, a working definition of a Smart City is established and the cities fitting this definition across the Member States are mapped. An analysis of the objectives and Europe 2020 targets of Smart City initiatives finds that despite their early stage of development, Smart City objectives should be more explicit, well defined, clearly aligned to city development, innovation plans, Europe 2020 in order to be successful.

More... http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/etudes/join/2014/507480/IPOL-ITRE_ET%282014%29507480_EN.pdf

4th 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/>

Conference, Public Transport Authority, a key factor leading to transport sustainability. Lessons learnt, impacts, and commitments, 28 May 2014, Brussels

The conference will be co-organized with the EU Economic & Social Committee (EESC). The programme includes a morning session focusing on experience and lessons from the work during the EPTA project and from participating EPTA cities. In an afternoon session, speakers from the EU institutions will present current legislative instruments & policies.

More... A provisional agenda will soon be published on the [EPTA website](#).

Systemic innovation in sustainable future cities

New insights of systemic innovation can boost the development of future sustainable cities. Experts from both domains concluded this during an Eco Innovera Strategy workshop on this topic.

More... <https://www.eco-innovera.eu/publications>

Events

3rd 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), 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

International Conference on DSS, June 10-13 2014, Toulouse, France

The theme of this conference will be Group Decision Making and Web 3.0. Group decision and negotiation focuses on complex, self-organizing processes that constitute multiparticipant, multicriteria, ill-structured, dynamic, often evolutionary problems. Major approaches include: (1) applied game theory, experiment & social choice, (2) cognitive & behavioral sciences as applied to group decision & negotiation, (3) conflict analysis & resolution (4) software, specifically group decision support systems (GDSS), negotiation support systems (GDNSS), more generally decision support systems (DSS), (5) artificial intelligence, (6) management science as related to group decision-making.

More... <http://www.irit.fr/gdn2014/>

EBRD Annual Meeting & Business Forum, 14-15 May 2014, Warsaw, Poland

Under the title *Ensuring Sustainable Finance in Transition Economies*, the EBRD, the Institute of International Finance and the Narodowy Bank Polski will hold a conference on banking and capital markets. Participants will discuss the evolving global financial architecture, new business models of banks and how to grow capital markets.

Why else should you attend? Get inspired and watch our newly-released [video](#) and check our full programme of events.

More... [EBRD-Annual-meeting-2014](#) ; [Registration page](#) ; [Associated Events](#)

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

AQTR 2014 is an international forum for researchers in the field of automation, quality, testing and robotics. It will bring together researchers, equipment manufacturers, software developers, end-users to discuss the current trends and future

directions of control and testing technologies, their industrial & social applications in the private & the public sectors. Selected papers will be submitted to the IEEE Xplore database and ISI, for indexing.

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

International Conference on Environmental Science & Biological Engineering, August 19-20 2014, Beijing, China

All the papers which accepted by ESBE2014 will be published by WIT Transactions on the Built Environment (ISSN: 1743-3509) <http://library.witpress.com/pages/listBooks.asp?tlD=2>, which will be indexed by EI Compendex and ISTP. Excellent papers will be selected and published on SCI and EI journals.

More... <http://www.esbe2014.org/> ; Submission Via Email: esbe2014@vip.126.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

1st Workshop on service-oriented applications development: methodologies & tools, 7-10 Sept. 2014, Warsaw

The goal of this workshop is to address these gaps by strengthening the cross-fertilization of advances from software engineering methodologies and service oriented computing for effectively managing the ever-increasing complexity of applications development. Submission deadline: April 11, 2014.

More... <https://fedcsis.org/soad-mt>

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/>

Seminar: Delivering better SME & enterprise support through EU programmes & policies, 26-27 June, Brussels

The seminar focuses on the different aspects of SME, enterprise development, aiming to provide participants with clear practical tools for SME support such as: how to adhere to state aid rules, how can administrations/intermediaries make use of EU programmes such as the HORIZON 2020 programme, the COSME programme, or the European Structural & Investment Funds 2014-2020, how can they best develop complex projects for SME support in fields such as financial instruments or international cooperation.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)

Seminar: Separating Economic & Non-Economic Activities in R&D Projects; Avoid Indirect State Aid – Implement Full Costing Correctly, 15-16 May 2014, Berlin, Germany

Put your R&D&I projects on a sound financial basis – the seminar's key elements:

- Avoid the risk and costly consequences of unlawful State aid in technology transfer
- Receive advice on how the EC's State aid modernisation will impact on the EU's R&D framework & your operations
- Learn to distinguish safely between economic and non-economic activities in practice
- Keep your research infrastructure projects on the safe side regarding State aid
- Implement full costing correctly, also in research contracts, and make sure you meet all relevant requirements
- Receive best practice advice from the UK's Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC)
- Get to know the regulations of Horizon 2020 and manage financial audits successfully

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

Webinar: Key Concepts in Innovation to achieve SME success: a case study, 29 April 2014, 1 p.m - 2 p.m CEST

The webinar will be an opportunity to gain knowledge to customize and implement a systematic approach for innovation towards achieving new product/innovation success rates similar to those achieved by the SME in the case study.

More... To learn about the INSMEAcademy and read the abstract of the next session please visit the [following page](#).

Webinar: Accessing Financing for Small Enterprises, 21 April - 04 May 2014

This course explains the ways in which the financial needs of small enterprises are determined and the obstacles that they face in accessing adequate financing. It explores the various available sources of financing, the loan requirements of banks, the ways in which enterprises can meet these requirements. After completing this course, participants will be able to: •Analyse the financial needs of SMEs and identify suitable sources of financing; and •Advise SME exporters on the best ways of meeting bank requirements when applying for financing.

More... <http://learning.intracen.org/course/index.php?categoryid=38#sthash.pYAs5Y8C.dpuf>

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



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