

Technology Transfer and Innovation

Events in technology transfer and innovation field



Enterprise Europe Network carries out a variety of events to promote their activities to companies and organisations at regional, national or European level. The events provide you the opportunity to meet potential cooperation partners during pre-arranged face-to-face meetings, to present your business or technology offers.

Do you have technology profiles in the fields? Please contact office@ipacv.ro to support you.

#### October 2012

- 24 Trade mission to the SASO FAIR Split (Croatia)
- 24 <u>Potato Potential event in Arnhem The Netherlands</u> Arnhem (Papendal) (Netherlands)
- 25 4th MedicalMountains iNNOVATION fORUM for Medical Technology Tuttlingen (Germany)
- 25 FoodMatch brokerage event during Food Valley Expo Arnhem (Papendal) (Netherlands)
- 25 One-Day-Company Mission to the 17th buyer's fair "Salon à l'Envers de Lorraine" Thionville (France)
- 25 50 Billion connected devices by 2020 Guildford (United Kingdom)
- 26 <u>b2b@SASOfair</u> Split (Croatia)

#### November 2012

- 06 Enterprise Europe Network Matchmaking at World Travel Market 2012 London (United Kingdom)
- 06 Match-making at Elmia Subcontractor 2012 Jönköping (Sweden)
- 07 Consulting Day South Eastern Europe: Your Chances in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia Ulm (Germany)
- 07 Company mission: A taste of Romagna. German & Austrian markets enjoy Italian food & wine specialities Ravena
- 08 Technet\_nano Workshop 2012: Micro- & Nano-techn for Energy Effectivisation & Process Control Stockholm
- 08 Company mission at EIMA International agricultural & gardening machinery Exhibition Bologna (Italy)
- 08 ECOBUSINESS COOPERATION EVENT 2012 RIMINI (Italy)
- 08 G-Star brokerage event 2012 Busan (Korea, Republic of)
- 11 Israel HLS 2012, the 2ND International Conference on Homeland Security. Tel Aviv (Israel)
- 13 Company Mission to Electronica, Munich (13-16 November 2012) Munich (Germany)
- 13 4th Edition of Urban & Smart Mobility Brokerage event Modilis 2012 Mulhouse (France)
- 14 EuroTier Matchmaking 2012 Hanover (Germany)
- 14 GlobalConnect 2012 Brokerage Event Stuttgart (Germany)
- 15 CZECHBUS 2012 Prague (Czech Republic)
- 15 <u>Healthcare Brokerage Event MEDICA 2012</u> Düsseldorf (Germany)
- 20 Sino Italian Exchange Event Bilateral Meetings Naples (Italy)
- 20 Space-MATCH 2012 Noordwijk (Netherlands)
- 20 Cooperation Forum "Biopolymers" Straubing (Germany)
- 21 Technology and Bussiness Brokerage Event within RENEXPO South-East Europe 2012 Bucharest (Romania)
- 21 Eco-Match 2012 at POLEKO fairs Poznan (Poland)
- 22 Euro-Mediterranean Business Meetings ECOBAT Marseille (France)
- 22 AGROCOMPOSITES EUROPE 2012 Saint-Quentin (France)
- 22 <u>Innov'embre: Partnering event Research / Business</u> Lille (France)
- 23 <u>International Business Meetings CONTACT "denkmal"</u> Leipzig (Germany)
- 26 Brokerage Event Pollutec Lyon 2012 "GREEN DAYS" Lyon (France)

- 26 Spotlight on Tech in the City London (United Kingdom)
- 27 Eilat-Eilot Renewable Energy and Innovation Conference Eilat (Israel)
- 27 AgroMatch Manure at Agromek 2012 Herning (Denmark)
- 27 VINITECH SIFEL Bordeaux (France)
- 27 SYRREN 2012 Super Yachts Refit & REpair Brokerage Event Marseilles (France)
- 28 "Mission for Growth" Brokerage event at "CAT 2012" Business & Technology Convention Tunis (Tunisia)
- 29 LEaN2012 International brokerage event on Logistics, Energy and Networking Genova (Italy)
- 29 Tech Industry 2012 Riga (Latvia)
- 29 CeBIT Eurasia 2012 Matchmaking Event Istanbul Istanbul (Turkey)

#### December 2012

06 Brokerage Event on Water Technologies in 6-9 December in Bursa / TURKEY Bursa (Turkey)

#### February 2013

19 "HCJ Fair 2013" - B2B meetings at the hospitality industry tradeshow in Japan Tokyo (Japan)

#### March 2013

- 05 CeBIT Future Match 2013 Hannover (Fairground) (Germany)
- 07 <u>Iceland Geothermal Conference</u> Reykjavik (Iceland)

## April 2013

11 Biopesticide Market Opportunities London (United Kingdom)

# June 2013

12 EEN Brokerage Event at "GR Business Days" in Luxembourg Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

#### **Useful links**

Enterprise Europe Network DG Enterprise EU-Services Portal-for-SMEs Your-Europe-Your-Business Cordis US-EU-match Executive-Agency-for-Competitivness&Innovation-EACI EIM's Knowledge Web on SMEs & Entrepreneurship Access2Finance - EU-Finance for SMEs EU's Information Society: Thematic Portal Your Europe - Citizens portal

Enterprise Europe Network What is a Network Partner? Find your local Enterprise Europe Network partner You are looking for a Commercial or Technology partnership? Setting sail for success Going international Technology transfer Intellectual property Access to finance Research funding EU law and standards Speak up on EU law

 User Guides:
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 Venture Capital

See how the Network's brokerage events work - in the short video shot during the global media tradeshow IBC in Amsterdam. See how Dutch entrepreneurs link up with business managers worldwide at a brokerage event organised by the Enterprise Europe Network in the Netherlands. Syntens & AgentschapNL organised an international matchmaking event, one of the most important events on the calendar for the global electronic media industry.

More... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWI

# Brokerage event during RENEXPO® South-East Europe 2012, Bucharest, 21-23 November 2012

RENEXPO® South-East Europe 2012, International Trade Fair and Conference for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficient Construction and Renovation with Passive & Low Energy Houses, in Palace Hall Cultural Center, Bucharest brings together for the third time multipliers and actors from the south-eastern European area at a central event.

As a partner from the Network, IPA CIFATT - Research Development, Engineering & Manufacturing for Automation Equipment - RO 4 Europe, will organise a brokerage event on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The participation is free of charge for all interested participatnts. We are looking forward to EEN partners to join us as co-organizers.

This event will add an extra dimension to the trade fair for visitors and exhibitors as well as for partners into the Network interested to promote collaboration with Romanian research or business representatives.

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# Are your ready for China? EU SME week event, 15 October 2012, Brussels

In the framework of the EU SME Week 2012 the EU SME Centre in Beijing, an EU financed initiative to support EU SMEs in the Chinese market, organises a workshop to present the numerous market opportunities for EU SMEs in China, the tools available for EU SMEs to better prepare their market entry and business development.

This hands-on workshop is dedicated to EU SMEs, representatives of business support organisations which advise SMEs on going international and institutions active in the field of internationalisation of European business.

More... Agenda:http://www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=4723

Registration: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhJbmt6Q0RhQ1lQeFhrX2loVW0yU1E6MQ

# European project day - European Electric Vehicle, 19 November 2012, Bruxells

This special day aims at providing the audience with an overview of the different programs supported by the EU Authorities (FP7, IEE, Eurostar, INTEREG, ...) & related funded projects dealing with **eMobility.** This will be a unique opportunity to identify possible actions, overlaps, synergies and/or gaps.

EEVC-2012 will be held in the middle of the next EU Commission's call for projects on clean transportation and, therefore, be used as platform to start consortia & project proposals.

More... www.eevc.eu

#### EVS - European Venture Summit, 06-07-December-2012, Berlin, Germany

This event will feature winning companies from Europe Unlimited Venture Foras held throughout EU to showcase their businesses to international investors and other industry experts. EVS will showcase 100 of EU's top start-ups in the areas of ICT, Life Sciences, Cleantech.

More than 100 international investors are attending to review company presentations, looking for deal-flow, partnerships. **More...** http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events\_pages\_id=1528

#### BioFIT 2012 - Fostering Innovation & Transfer, 03-04-December-2012, Lille, France

It is a international partnering event in the field of technology transfer/collaborative projects in the life sciences sector. Academics, industry stakeholders, entrepreneurs, practitioners in technology transfer, intellectual property, licensing will share best practices, know-how, will maximize qualified alliances thanks to a cutting-edge partnering platform.

More... http://www.biofit-event.com/index.html

# IP Summit: Patents, 6-7 December 2012, Brussels, Belgium, Trademarks, 10-11 December 2012, Alicante, Spain

The IP Summit 2012 intends to bring its building block to making IP progress. That's why for its 5th edition, it develops and branches out with four days of intensive conferences and networking around "Patents" & "Trademarks".

Following the success of last year's Summit, EUREKA will once again this year partner with Premier Cercle. The event, has become a highlight for IP professionals and an excellent occasion to share knowledge, experience on IP practice. Combined with networking experience, participants will gain practical business advice over the course of dozens of testimonials from knowledgeable industry experts.

More... http://www.premiercercle.com/sites/ip2012/brussels2012/index.php;

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

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

Please **contact** IPA CIFATT Craiova, e\_mail: office@ipacv.ro; web site: www.ipacv.ro.

#### Clusters

#### The Global Cluster Initiative Survey 2012

The survey questions were then adapted in order to reflect the evolution of clusters environment and to better address the topics of the day. This process was divided in several rounds where the questionnaire was first tested.

Based on the feedback of the participants, the GCIS 2012 team modified the questions and the survey flow. The participants who tested the survey all had a significant background within clusters theory and/or clusters management. Furthermore, we ensured that they came from different parts of the world in order to accommodate for cultural differences. The survey response collection process was entirely web-based.

More... http://www.clusterobservatory.eu/common/galleries/downloads/GCIS\_2012\_SummaryReport.pdf

#### Competitiveness Cluster Forum, 22-23 November 2012, Sophia Antipolis

The event, organized in plenary sessions will focus on several themes: innovation in 2020, the role of clusters in the smart specialization, economic intelligence, entrepreneurship and clusters, good practice in services, international dimension. The Competitiveness Cluster Forum aims to address challenges for the future of clusters. The event will host as each year, many clusters and innovation actors.

**More...** <a href="http://www.sophia-antipolis.org/med-ked/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=119:clusters-new-challenges-for-the-future">http://www.sophia-antipolis.org/med-ked/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=119:clusters-new-challenges-for-the-future</a>

#### **EUREKA Clusters**

EUREKA 'Clusters' are long-term, strategically significant industrial initiatives. They usually have a large number of participants, and aim to develop generic technologies of key importance for European competitiveness mainly in ICT, energy and more recently in the biotechnology sector.

Clusters bring together large companies, often competitors, along with SMEs, research institutes and universities, sharing both the risk and benefits of innovation. They focus on developing and commercially exploiting new technologies. Their goal is to ensure that Europe retains its leading position in the world market.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/programmes/clusters

SMEs		
Technology Profiles		
Realistic Welding Trainer Simulator	Spain	OFFER
Product derived from grape for the treatment of colon cancer	Spain	OFFER
Production of natural pigments by Monascus to provide a natural healthy coloration to food products	Spain	OFFER
Automated loan system for bicycles allowing urban mobility	Spain	OFFER

A software suite to give high added-value to distribution in the publishing sector.	Spain	OFFER
Energy control integral system	Spain	OFFER
Novel management tool to monitor energy consumption, production and other parameters	Spain	OFFER
Software for the visualization and characterization of the heartbeat.	Spain	OFFER
Development of processes and products based on microencapsulation for applications in different sectors	France	OFFER
Use of artemisinin and its derivatives in the production of drugs useful as antiviral agents	Spain	OFFER
Scalability of Massive Multiplayer Online Game (MMOG)	Italy	REQUEST
3D Scanner using narrow-band blue LED light technology	Poland	OFFER
Development of motion-tracked 3D-applications	German	y OFFER
Processing digestate to fertilizer by drying with waste heat from a BHPP (Block Heating Power Plant)	German	y OFFER
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Procedure and culture means for the identification of cocci and Gram positive bacilli altering food, beverages or drugs	Spain	OFFER
New culture medium for the identification of Dekkera bruxellensis/Brettanomyces bruxellensis	Spain	OFFER
New methods for feature extraction and classification of electroencephalogram (EEG) signals applied to the control of Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) systems	Spain	OFFER

#### **Intellectual Property ; Standards**



# Study: Intellectual Property and Innovation

In the presence of European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes, the "Lisbon Council" launched Intellectual Property and Innovation: A Framework for 21st Century Growth and Jobs. In this timely report, ten leading European intellectual property

thought leaders offer strategic advice on how to enhance the existing intellectual property regime for the digital age – and in turn boost innovation, encourage creativity and generate much-needed growth and jobs. Ian Hargreaves, professor of digital economy at Cardiff University and author of the high-level *Digital Opportunity* report prepared for UK Prime Minister David Cameron, contributed the Foreword.

The study was co-edited by Prof. Hargreaves and Paul Hofheinz, president of the "Lisbon Council".

More... Download Intellectual Property and Innovation; Watch Interview with Prof. Ian Hargreaves

# Research

#### Towards a more competitive and resilient European economy

The task of the European Commission's <u>Directorate-General for Research & Innovation</u> is to drive forward an integrated and world-class research and innovation system in Europe. Investing in research and innovation is a sure means to a more competitive and more resilient European economy.

The <u>EU2020</u> Strategy for growth & jobs gives research & innovation a prominent role. The main funding instrument to implement this policy has been the <u>Seventh Framework Programme for Research & Technological Development</u> (FP7). Further progress was also made with regards to the <u>Innovation Union</u> flagship initiative. Thirty of the 34 Innovation Union commitments originally envisaged were already being addressed by activities launched before the end of 2011.

As part of the completion of the <u>European Research Area</u> (ERA), DG RTD boosted partnering initiatives/optimisation of the use and development of EU research infrastructures. New Public-Public Partnerships (P2Ps) were set up: 5 Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) and 12 European Research Area Networks (ERA-NETs).

DG RTD provided input on research & innovation aspects to general EC reports that reports included the <u>Annual Growth Survey</u> at the beginning, an assessment report at the end of the semester.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sse/2011/index\_en.cfm

#### Innovation and Entrepreneurship

#### 5 Tips on Innovation in Management Practices

Innovation is what drives business forward. If a business stops innovating, it is basically dead. Think of innovation as swimming. Not only does swimming keep your head above water, but it allows you to move towards your goals. Innovation today is more important than ever. The business climate is extremely competitive. The old saying that you either have to be first, the best or different to succeed is apt. Why not be the first? Why not be different? Sure, everyone wants to be first and innovate so that they are different. However, how does a business go about this?

The following 5 tips will help improve your approach to innovation in management practices:

- 1. **Innovation prizes** Be wary of <u>innovation prizes</u>. This seems counter-intuitive. Rewards provide an incentive to innovate. Employees actually care more about having the opportunity to make a difference with their ideas.
- 2. **Lightning strikes** The "aha" moment that is so stereotypical of innovation does not happen as often as you might expect. In fact, it does not portray an accurate image of an effective innovation strategy at all.
- 3. **Forget the online forums** Online forums have been hailed as such a great thing for business innovation. The example of IBM's "Innovation Jam" has been heralded within the business community.
- 4. **Open innovation** It is all the rage in the business community. But what's all the buzz about? Really, open innovation can lead to a lot of problems down the road.
- 5. **Top-down innovation** Many scoff at top down innovation because the guys at the top of the building in the corner offices don't have a clue, right?

More... http://innovationgrow.com/5-tips-on-innovation-in-management-practices.htm

#### Partner Search

### Partner Search from Spain: e-learning on e-business for a several projects in LLP

We are looking for potential partners (consultancies, NGO's, associations, universities, research institutes) to joint us. Inercia Digital has a wide experience in the eLearning sector by providing a large portfolio of eLearning courses on ebussines in colaboration with the University of Sevilla, experience in R&D, we apply ICT to the learning processes. We want to develop a Leonardo partnership on entrepreneurship online. We also look for success projects on training

and e-learning on e-business to be transferred to Andalusia in a TOI project (Leonardo Transfer projects). **Contact:** Carlos Luna Huertas, Sevilla, Spain, carlosluna@inerciadigital.com

# FP7- Research for the benefit of SMEs 2013 - Open Partner Searches

PS ID	Proposal Name	Sub-area 1	Country
PS-SME-ES-2131	Microbiologic Plastic Mulch Development for Best Agriculture Uses	Materials processing	Spain
PS-SME-ES-2128	EASYTOFIND: A new automatic solution for physical location of goods in blocked storage warehousing	ICT	Spain
PS-SME-ES-2053	PolyPhenols	Health care	Spain
PS-SME-ES-2121	iPlace - Intelligent Automation Technologies for Homes and Offices	ICT	Spain
PS-SME-IE-2124	SEAVEG - Edible SEAweed as a Healthy Ingredient to Provide Added Nutritional Benefits to VEGetarian Products	Food	Ireland
PS-SME-DE-2113	Development of an open source modular analytical software platform - openMASP	ICT	Germany
PS-SME-IT-2098	WaSoMo: Development of Solvent Casting for the production of highly water-soluble polymeric films for monodoses pouches to be used in the detergency sector	Chemical / Petrochemical	Italy
PS-SME-BE-1892	CAMPYLOPACK "Development of an active packaging to remove Campylobacter from packed poultry meat".	Nanotechnologies	Belgium
PS-SME-BE-1863	BioBeauty "Cosmetics biopackage container based on nanocomposites"	Nanotechnologies	Belgium
PS-SME-GR-2089	MWWS Mediterranean Waste Water Solution	Environment / Waste	Greece
PS-SME-HU-2110	RAPCAP Development of a novel Vacuum Controlled Casting process	Materials processing	Hungary
PS-SME-UK-2095	Corduti: Corrosion Detection under Thermal Insulation	Measurements / Testing	United Kingdom
PS-SME-HU-2092	MRSA-HUNTER Development of a point-of-care diagnostic system with automated sample preparation for the rapid identification of MRSA infections	Medical / Biomedical equipment	Hungary
PS-SME-ES-2086	REDUCTION OF SULPHITES IN WINE MAKING	Food	Spain
PS-SME-IE-2080	Shellfish and Environment Management Software - SEMS	Aquaculture / Fisheries / Marine Technologies	Ireland

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

- FP7-ICT-2013-Call10 (Networked Media, & IoT, deadline 15 January 2013)
- FP7-ICT-2013-Call11 (Future Networks, deadline 16 April 2013)
- FP7-2012-ICT-FI (Future Internet, deadline 24 October 2012)
- FP7-ICT-2013-EU-Japan (foreseen date of publication 2 October 2012)

## Research for the benefit of SMEs - FP7-SME-2013, Deadline: 15 November 2012

This 2013 work programme endeavours to enhance the research & innovation capacities of EU SMEs which have little or no research capacity themselves to turn innovative ideas into products and services with clear future market potential. The global challenges EU faces create new opportunities for new innovative ideas to compete in these new markets.

Budget: €252 310 000. Topics called: the call is open to all research fields.

The participants are deemed to have concluded a consortium agreement before the signature of the grant agreement. It addresses issues such as the internal organisation of the consortium, the management of the EU financial contribution, rules on dissemination/use, including intellectual property rights management, settlement of internal disputes.

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Scheme
2.1 Research for SMEs (SME.2013.1)	The call is open to all research fields	Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs) - BSG
2.2 Research for SME Associations (SME.2013.2)	The call is open to all research fields	Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs) - BSG
2.3 Demonstration Activity (SME.2013.3)	The call is open to all research fields	Collaborative projects - CP
2.4 Coordination & support action (SME.2013.4)	Analysis on the currently available models, methodologies on direct face-to-face support, mentoring, coaching to SMEs, direct actions to test and validate the developed scenario(s). Up to one proposal will be selected for financing.	Coordination & Support Action (Supporting Action) - CSA-SA

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/capacities?callIdentifier=FP7-SME-2013; Call Fiche

ICT call 11 - FP7-ICT-2013-11; Deadline: 16 April 2013

Challenge	Objectives	Funding schemes
Challenge 1: Pervasive & Trusted	ICT-2013.1.1 Future Networks	IP/STREP, CSA
Network and Service Infrastructures		
Challenge 3: Alternative Paths to	ICT-2013.3.1 Nanoelectronics	STREP, CSA
Components & Systems		(SA only)
	ICT-2013.3.2 Photonics IP, STREP, CSA,	ERANET Plus
Challenge 4: Technologies for Digital	ICT-2013.4.2 Scalable data analytics	IP/STREP, CSA
Content & Languages		
Challenge 6: ICT for a Low Carbon	ICT-2013.6.1 Smart Energy Grids	STREP
Economy		
	ICT-2013.6.3 ICT for water resources management	STREP
Challenge 8: ICT for learning & Access to	ICT-2013.8.2 Technology enhanced learning	IP/STREP, CPCSA,
Cultural resources	<u> </u>	CSA
Future & Emerging Technologies	ICT-2013.9.9 FET Flagship Initiatives (b)	CSA
Horizontal Actions	ICT-2013.11.2 More efficient and affordable solutions	CP-CSA
	for digital preservation developed and validated	
	against public sector needs through joint	
	Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)	

The 11th Call for proposals brings a fresh €48,5m for a new generation of Future Networks R&D projects.

The already published 10th Call for proposals brings in addition funding opportunities for Connected Media & Internet of Things for Smart Cities EU Research. Future Internet, network communications opportunities for EU-Japan research cooperation are as well available.

The EU networks projects come at the Future Networks 10th FP7 Concertation Meeting, Brussels, 10-11 October.

The draft programme is now available, while registrations are open until 5th October.

Regarding Horizon 2020, the upcoming Framework Programme for Research & Innovation. I would point you to the recent multi-stakeholder consultation report, Future Network Technologies Research and Innovation in HORIZON2020.

More... Research/participants/portal/page/cooperation;efp7 SESSION=FP7-ICT-2013-11

### Energy Call part 2 - FP7-ENERGY-2013-2 Deadline: 24 January 2013

**Budget:** € 83 000 000; In order to receive a complete Information Package for this call, you will need to select the following elements:

- 1. The call fiche (only available in .pdf format)
- 2. The work programme (.pdf format)
- 3.FP7 factsheets in your preferred language an overview of the basic features of this programme (.pdf format)
- 4. The Guides for Applicants relevant to the funding schemes used in this call (.pdf format)

**More...**<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation;efp7\_SESSION\_ID=0G2yQ00JZz7XqJb2GbRT">http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation;efp7\_SESSION\_ID=0G2yQ00JZz7XqJb2GbRT</a> 1 vnvfn84WT95dTzclDRdJpvMtqsnQT01!774768850?callIdentifier=FP7-ENERGY-2013-2

# FP7-People-IAPP. Budget: 81M€ (Marie Curie Industry Academia Partnerships & Pathways)

For: cooperation between research & commercial organisations; Exchange of personnel, together executing a research plan. What is FP7 People IAPP? Industry-Academia Partnership & Pathways (IAPP) is a EU funding scheme that supports cooperation between industry & universities through the exchange of staff, the temporary recruitment of specialists. Who should participate? Any legal entity, especially SMEs, large companies, universities, other R&D institutions. What is funded? Funding covers the salaries of the staff seconded, recruited based on their experience. The typical average project budget is 1 million euro.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IAPP

#### Policy

#### Neelie Kroes, European Commissioner for Digital Agenda, on Net Neutrality

"For me, we are in a Digital Single Market, we should not fragment our policies".

More...http://www.vieuws.eu/issues/26-eu-digital/28-eu-commission/360-commissioner-kroes-digital-agenda-on-net-neutrality/

#### European Parliament gives final green light to energy efficiency directive

The EU tightened the energy efficiency thumbscrew by one notch yesterday (11 September), when the EU Parliament plenary threw its weight behind the new Energy Efficiency Directive, negotiated before the summer break with EU member states. EU aims to reduce its primary energy use by 20% by 2020, a target which is not legally binding. The EU Parliament & Council, together with the EC reached a deal on the proposed directive in June 2012. The directive:

- Proposes individual measures for each of the sectors that could play a role in reducing energy consumption apart from transport, which is voluntary. This includes a controversial obligation on energy companies to achieve 1.5% energy savings per year on their customer's bills.
- Asks member states to develop long-term strategies for the energy-efficient refurbishment of EU's building stock.
- Obliges authorities to renovate public buildings, although this only applies to those "owned and occupied" by national governments, not regional or local authorities.

The directive came as a result of the March 2007 EU summit, when member states had struck an agreement on a 20% energy efficiency target by 2020, together with a 20% renewable energy target and a 20% CO2 reduction target. Whilst the latter two were dealt with immediately, the energy efficiency law was postponed to 2012. Member states have agreed on an indicative target of 20% energy savings and to binding measures. This is expected to result in a reduced 15% total energy savings by 2020, well short of the 20% goal that member states had previously agreed on in principle in 2007. To make up for the shortfall, the 15% will be complemented by fuel efficiency regulation for cars and new standards for products such as boilers, which will be added to the Ecodesign directive. This brings EU savings to 17%.

More... http://www.euractiv.com/energy-efficiency/european-parliament-gives-final-news-514732

#### **Events**

## European Electric Vehicle Congress, 19-22 November 2012, Brussels

The EEVC Scientific Reviewing Committee has selected over 200 high quality presentations from 24 countries. The EEVC strengthens its position as global platform to foster exchange of views between the R&D actors, the industry, the authorities, the end-users and the NGO's in the field of eMobility.

Discover the detailed program at <a href="http://eevc.eu/programme.html#programme">http://eevc.eu/programme.html#programme</a>. We paid special attention that both industry representatives, researchers, private/public decision makers could all find a full session track of interest. Early registration is closing 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Room is limited!

More... www.eevc.eu

# The European Conference on Future Transport Fuels, *Towards a long-term strategy to decarbonise the transport sector*, 29 November 2012, Brussels

A key initiative of the Europe 2020 strategy is to support the shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy. As part of this, the European Commission has committed to modernise and decarbonise the transport sector, and will this Autumn be launching a communication on alternative transport fuels in order to help Europe seize the full potential of green vehicles, contributing to the fight against climate change and the shift away from oil dependency.

More... www.future-transport.eu; anne-lise.simon@forum-europe.com

## European Biomass to Power, Krakow, Poland 10-11 April 2013

The two day conference will once again bring together senior executives and experts from power producers, regulatory bodies, raw material providers, researchers as well as other influential stakeholders to the biomass & bioenergy industry to examine strategies & technologies to advance biomass to power.

Join us in Krakow on 10th & 11th April 2013 at the <u>European Biomass to Power</u> and see the **world's largest power** plant fired with biomass only. During the afternoon of **9th April 2013** a limited number of conference attendees will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive site visit to **GDF SUEZ's Połaniec Power Plant.** The 180 MW biomass expansion of the Polaniec power station will make it the world's largest unit in the world, firing 100% biomass.

More... http://www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-ebp3.asp; Secure your space now >>

# 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on E-governance, ICEG 2012, God's Own Country, Kerala, India, December 2012

**ICEG-2012** aims to provide a forum for discussing research findings, strategies, policies, and technologies in the growing field of e-governance. A significant annual event in the e-governance area, the conference promises to be a refreshing convergence of the best intelligences from the academia and the industry. Scientists, faculty, students from prestigious universities across the globe have expressed a keen desire to be part of this event.

There is a strong representation of NGOs/Government officers and volunteers as well as assured industry participation. **More...** www.iceg.net/2012

#### **Training Events / Jobs**

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

Reliability and Test 15-16.10.2012 Zürich

Surface Analysis with AFM 18.10.2012 Zürich, Technopark

Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits 22.10.2012 Neuchâtel

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