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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.

January 2013

21	Brokerage Event on Novel Integrated Water Management Systems Seville (Spain)
24	Matchmaking Event between European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Santiago (Chile)
28	Green Ventures - International Partnership Forum for Environmental and Energy Technologies Leipzig (Germany)

February 2013

04	International WIND Matchmaking Event - EWEA 2013 Annual Event Vienna (Austria)
07	Life Science Scotland Partnering Event Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
18	Company Mission to Ambiente Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
19	"HCJ Fair 2013" - B2B meetings at the hospitality industry tradeshow in Japan Tokyo (Japan)
26	CONTACT: Business Meetings Leipzig (Germany)

March 2013

05	CeBIT Future Match 2013 Hannover (Fairground) (Germany)
06	Ecobuild matchmaking event - 6, March 2013 London (United Kingdom)
07	IndustryMatchMaking – IMM2013 Sofia (Bulgaria)
07	Iceland Geothermal Conference Reykjavik (Iceland)
07	Successful R&I in Europe 2013 - 5th European Networking Event Düsseldorf (Airport) (Germany)
21	International Business meetings at BIOGAZ Europe and Fair BOIS ENERGIE 2013 NANTES (France)

April 2013

09	HANNOVER MESSE 2013: Technology Cooperation Days on Industrial Energy Efficiency Hannover (Germany)
11	Biopesticide Market Opportunities London (United Kingdom)
12	Vision 2013 Freiburg, Germany (Germany)
23	German Games Days/Quo Vadis Conference Berlin (Germany)

June 2013

05	Futurallia Istanbul 2013 Brokerage Event Istanbul (Turkey)
12	EEN Brokerage Event at "GR Business Days" in Luxembourg Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
18	Brokerage Event at Consense 2013 Stuttgart (Germany)
20	Connect with international partners at EuroNanoForum Dublin 2013! Dublin (Ireland)

September 2013

19	Brokerage Event at EMO Hannover 2013 - Meet the World of Metalworking Hannover (Germany)

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

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 on Novel Integrated Water Management Systems, Seville, Spain, 21 January 2013

Don't miss the opportunity to establish strategic alliances in the field of WATER. The Brokerage event aims to promote collaboration among entities (with a special focus on the Mediterarranean sea) to create strategic alliances in the field of water management. Therefore, we seek to promote new projects and cooperation lines between companies, research institutes and other water related organizations through bilateral meetings.
More… www.b2match.eu/NOVIWAM

Information Day on Call 7 of the CIP ICT Policy Support Programme, 15 January 2013, Bruxelles

This event addresses stakeholders interested in submitting project proposals for the 7th Call for Proposals of the CIP ICT Policy Support Programme. The relevant documents related to it will be available on the Participant Portal.
More… More information The draft Work Programme for 2013 is available here. Participant portal . Contact

Intelligent Enegy Europe - Info Day, 23 January 2013, Bruxelles

Join us for a series of sessions giving an overview of the IEE Programme and insight into the specific policy backgrounds, this year's funding priorities, overviews of the on-going projects in different sectors and real-life project stories. There will be ample time for your questions, opportunities, to have bilateral meetings with IEE staff. Applying for Intelligent Energy Europe funding is a competitive process, only the best project proposals will be selected for funding. The EU Info Day:

- presents you the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme, the priorities of its 2013 call for project proposals;
- gives you an update on the **European policy** for renewable energies and energy efficiency;
- presents ongoing IEE projects and **the ingredients of their success**;
- tells **how to apply for IEE funding,** gives the best chance for your project to be selected amongst tight competition;
- offers **dedicated sessions** for each funding area with the opportunity to meet the IEE team of the EACI;
- organises **bi-lateral meetings with the IEE staff in charge of project management** to give you the opportunity to discuss your project ideas or a specific question related to the 2013 IEE call;
- is an opportunity to **network** and find project partners

More… http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/events/2013/european-info-day_en.htm ; Programme ; Practical information

AAL Call 6: Info Day, 6 February 2013, Brussels

The AAL Association organizes an INFO DAY to inform the European community about the next call topic of the AAL Joint Programme: "ICT solutions for supporting occupation in life of older adults." The topic of this 6th Call will be explained as well as the procedures for applying and for searching a partner.
Call 6 of the AAL aims at funding the development of ICT-based solutions which enable older adults to continue managing their occupation at work in an office or a factory (or any working environment), in a first or new second or third careers, in paid or voluntary occupation while preserving health and motivation to remain active. The call shall target the preservation of cognitive/physical capabilities of older persons when performing their paid or unpaid activity.
More… http://www.aal-europe.eu/aal-call-6-info-day/

VentureConnect Foundation. In short, 2012 brought us:

- well-designed mentoring workshops, *Venture Mentoring*, with over 100 attending companies
- a digital community for business-angels, *AngelConnect*, AngelConnect's mission is to build a powerful bridge between entrepreneurial ventures and renowned business-angels in the region.
- a performative support platform for IT & Tech businesses: *VentureConnect*

Join us in building a more mature entrepreneurial environment: 2013 will bring even more innovation, competitive programs, while also consolidating VentureConnect's vision of being the one-stop platform for entrepreneurial wowness!
More… http://www.ventureconnect.ro/

The European Contest; the outlook for 2013

The European Contest will continue with its 9th edition in 2013 with major venture events in the following cities already confirmed: Sofia (BG), Lausanne (CH), Leuven (BE), Lisbon (PT), Brussels (BE), Aarhus (DK), Tirana (AL), Horsens (DK), Copenhagen (DK) and Belgrade (RS).

The venture events are either geographically focused (Benelux, Balkan, Nordics, Italy) or industry focused (Tech Media, Language Technologies, Mobile & Mobility, Energy, Healthcare). For more details on our upcoming events please click here. We are in the process of confirming the last dates and hope that the list is completed soon.
More... http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/list-upcoming.aspx

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

Ten new projects labelled in 2012 by EUREKA telecoms cluster Celtic-Plus
Fourteen proposals were submitted during the two calls for projects launched by the **EUREKA** telecoms cluster **CELTIC-Plus** in 2012. After the review of the proposals by a panel of experts, ten projects with a total budget of 106 million euros received the Celtic-Plus label. The labelled projects represent a total effort of 1030 men/year, contributing actively to employment in Europe but also beyond, as out of the eighteen countries involved in the CELTIC-Plus projects labelled in 2012, three are extra-European: Israel, South Korea and Turkey. The projects cover a wide range of new technological developments at a pre-competitive stage, including new standards, formats and technologies in Wi-Fi, 4G, mobile broadband, digital content distribution and streaming, and a promising video compression format called HEVC.
More information about the projects labelled in 2012 can be found on the **CELTIC-Plus project page**.
More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=1871927&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

Interview with EUREKA ICT Cluster ITEA2 Chairman Rudolf Haggenmueller
Rudolf Haggenmueller is the Chairman of one of **EUREKA**'s most successful and longest-standing technological clusters, **ITEA 2**, specialising in information & communication technology (ICT). Projects stemming from ITEA 2 encompass everything using software or the Internet, from mobile payments to online gaming. We met Haggenmueller at a high-level meeting where he presented the Cluster to a delegation of high-tech companies/research institutes from South Korea.
More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=1866720&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

SMEs

Technology Profiles

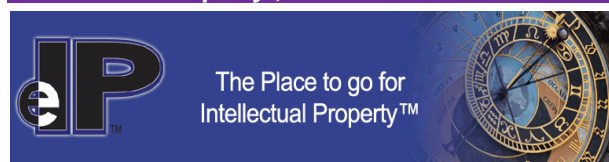|		
Portable muscular rehabilitation and evaluation device	Belgium	OFFER
Universal Automatic Track Loading System for multiple loading bays	Spain	OFFER
Innovative low-cost solar system for water heating	Poland	OFFER
Model Driven Development tool for automatic source code generation of .Net applications, combining high acceleration with broad adaptability	Belgium	OFFER
Freon-free vortex-tube air conditioner for motor vehicles	Russia	OFFER
New superplastic materials for high-speed and low-temperature molding	Russia	OFFER
Therapeutic transducer	UK	REQUEST
Virtual assistant for the quality of home life and support for mobility and independence for seniors and / or regular users of ICT	Spain	OFFER
Device for non-invasive measurement of glucose in tear fluid	Netherlands	OFFER
Fenugreek seed extracts for foodstuffs	Denmark	REQUEST
Security radiometer for explosives and weapons detection.	France	OFFER
Regio- and stereo-selective hydroxylation of terpenes	Germany	OFFER
Ceramide analogues as potential anti-tumour drugs.	Spain	OFFER
Automatic cleaning system of obstructions in the sifting of paprika.	Spain	REQUEST
Wastewater treatment from liquid sugar manufacturing.	Spain	REQUEST
System to determine hydraulic conductivity and soil sorptivity	Spain	OFFER
System for protein production in plants	Spain	OFFER

Weeds digital mapping system	Spain	OFFER
Mycotoxin analysis and monitoring of food-borne fungi	Italy	OFFER
Software development and solutions for quality management and/or process optimisation in the field of water-analysis	Germany	OFFER

Latest Technology Alerts from UK
- Advanced Materials and Chemicals
- Biosciences and Healthcare
- Digital Technologies and Services
- Electronics and Printable Devices
- Industrial Biotechnology
- Renewable Energy

More... http://www.een-northeast.co.uk/engage/newsletter-signup-archive/?goback=%2Egde_164166_member_198299991

Intellectual Property ; Standards

EC welcomes agreement on the EU unitary patent package
A one-stop shop for obtaining a patent having immediate effect in most parts of the EU's territory, combined with a single specialised patent court ensuring the highest review standards will be created.
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-12-971_en.htm

Research

Horizon 2020
Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Running from 2014 to 2020 with an €80 billion budget, the EU's new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe.
Horizon 2020 provides major simplification through a single set of rules. It will combine all research and innovation funding currently provided through the Framework Programmes for Research and Technical Development, the innovation related activities of the Competitiveness & Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).
More... presentation on Horizon 2020 ; http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020

SME participation progress report
Per 30 September 2012, SMEs had received 16.3% of the Cooperation Programme's budget; this amounted to €2.9 billion of the total €18.6 billion spent.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/pdf/sme_participaton_in_fp7_oct_2012.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Tracking exposure to environmental pollutants
Working to improve air quality is one of the areas in which the EU has been most active by controlling emissions of harmful substances, improving fuel quality, integrating environmental protection requirements into the transport, energy sectors. EU is funding its biggest investment in environmental health in a unique venture. Subjects will carry smartphones equipped with sensors to measure exposures to the environment, blood will be analysed to monitor molecular changes.
One of the goals is to look for biomarker differences between people walking through areas with low air pollution, those exposed to urban fumes, in order to understand the triggers for conditions such as heart disease, lung cancer, asthma.
More... ec.europa.eu/research/infocentre/article

Countries use innovation to deal with climate change
While we hear of the effect climate change is having around the world, it is refreshing to hear of innovative ways that EU countries are helping to reduce the damage. In a pan-EU contest organised by the EC, more than 70 organisations from across Europe have taken part in a campaign called 'A world you like. With a climate you like', which aims to find the best and most original idea for combating climate change. The campaign showcases existing cost-efficient solutions for achieving the EU's objective of an 80–95 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
More... ec.europa.eu/research/infocentre/article

Modification of the FP7 Model Grant Agreement
The European Commission decided on a revised version of the FP7 Model Grant Agreement due to the recent revision of the financial regulation as well as the introduction of the electronic-only signature and transmission of Form Cs and certificates on the financial statements.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documentation

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

How Does Collaboration Link to Innovation?

The Innovation Excellence community is home to innovation articles, webinars, videos, training and education - powering successful growth in the innovation management profession.

Every day the business press is packed with information on how to innovate more effectively. Sage advice ranges from transforming an entire organizational culture to shifting accepted go-to-market practices, or adopting radically new business models. And lots of this stuff is good…much of it is well written, and well researched.

More... What is a Midnight Lunch? Closing the Collaboration Gap

SME techweb revisited: discover the new face of our information shop for SMEs now!
The new SME techweb is the place to be to follow all latest developments on EU funding and support for Research and Innovation with Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.

Practical Guidance: **Is your business an** SME**?** Do the test!; **Get funding:** How to apply? , Latest calls, Help desks ;
Specific Programmes: For SMEs performing research , For SMEs acquiring research
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.cfm?pg=home

The Top 10 Smartest European Cities
Which city in Europe is working the hardest to be the most advanced urban landscape? This year, I sought to more accurately rank cities based on a holistic model of smart cities around the globe. We are going to release two separate rankings. The 1st ranking represents the top 10 smart cities in EU, the 2nd, top 10 smart cities in North America.

In an attempt to improve the rankings, I developed a metric called the Smart Cities Wheel, which contains six key components of smart cities and three key drivers for each component. For each of the six components of the Smart Cities Wheel, I sought to obtain more than one data source to rank each city in its respective region, except in cases where the singular data source was sufficiently rigorous (e.g. Mercer's Quality of Life rankings). As you might expect, not every city had data available from every source, so the more data points, the better.

More... The Top 10 Smartest European Cities

Tool to improve accessibility in cities, towns and regions
The ISEMOA Quality Management Scheme (QMS) provides a structured framework to assess and improve accessibility work. The tool helps transport planners identify strengths and weaknesses of their accessibility work, and gives guidance on which parts of the work to focus on to improve its quality.

More... >> read more

Open Innovation for Cities
Open Innovation in an urban environment holds strong promises for growth/jobs. Living Labs can make here a difference. The Living Labs Global Award is an open competition for technology solutions to urban challenges posed by a group of global cities. Finalists are selected and showcased on CityMart, a growing online marketplace of ideas, applications, urban strategies available for any city to copy/adapt. In 2012, the awards ceremony was held in Rio de Janeiro in conjunction with the Rio Summit on Service Innovation in Cities. The interview gives insights on this endeavour.

More... Open Innovation for Cities: An Interview with Sascha Haselmayer

The International Venture Club
The International Venture Club (IVC) is a collaborative platform of active venture capital and institutional investors and corporate venture investors to increase returns and accelerate portfolio growth and innovation. The Club grew to 33 Members in 2012 and is expected to selectively expand in 2013. The IVC creates an informal investor-centered environment to share best practices, discuss mutual interests and investment strategies and a deal sharing platform.

We are proud to announce that Europe Unlimited will jointly be organizing the 3 annual Growth Summits in 2013 for the International Venture Club together with the Tech Tour organisation; The strategic partnership will turn the Growth Summits into industry "must-attend" events for growth entrepreneurs and international venture investors alike.

The joint forces of IVC and Tech Tour will strengthen and deepen the selection process, the networking and communication reach of the IVC and Tech Tour as well as the Growth Summits.

More... International Venture Club

European R&D scoreboard shows the importance of Innovation for European companies
The recently published EU Industrial R&D scoreboard contains economic and financial data of the world's top 1500 companies ranked by their investments in research and development (R&D).

The sample consists of 405 companies based in the EU and 1095 companies based elsewhere in the world. The Scoreboard data are drawn from last year's accounts for most companies.

EUREKA plays a key role in fostering R&D in small and medium but also the larger companies mentionned in the scoreboard, as they take part in many EUREKA projects and benefit from its innovation funding instruments.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=1866655&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

Eurostats publishes statistics on transnationally coordinated research
Transnational cooperation in research is one of the core elements of the European Research Area and EUREKA, as the instrument allowing national innovation funding agencies to cooperate plays a key role.

A study published by Eurostat, the organ of the EU institutions collecting statistical data accros EU member states, presents several findings on transnational coordinated research.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=1858624&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

Eco-Innovation Action Plan
Visit the Eco-Innovation Action Plan website for eco-innovative good practises with support of EUREKA projects.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoap/about-eco-innovation/good-practices/index_en.htm

How to Deal with Innovation Management When You Are Small?
Innovation is frequently marketed as driver of growth and prerequisite for remaining competitive. However, the process is often risky, especially for small or medium sized enterprises in search of ways to successfully manage their new products, services or businesses in a systemic and stable manner. Luckily, tools such as the "A.T. Kearney House of Innovation" are available to lend an essential helping hand.
More... http://www.innovationmanagement.se/2012/12/19/how-to-deal-with-innovation-management-when-you-are-small/

Reducing the Gap of Poor Innovation Leadership
The Innovation Excellence community is home to innovation articles, webinars, videos, training and education - powering successful growth in the innovation management profession.
More... Reducing the Gap of Poor Innovation Leadership – Executive Work Mat

5 lessons for core-funded & subsidized organisations
When I work with publicly funded organisations (university, research or non-profit), I try to avoid the word "business". For example, when I talk about a funding model I mean a business model. When I talk about a funding model I mean a business model. Most publicly funded organisations still think they are not a business. Nevertheless, they have to earn money to survive and pay checks. Certainly, if they receive a core funding, they do not have to worry a lot about the business and commercial side of their work. Life is good with core funding and substantial support from state.
However, the game changes with budget cuts. The moral of the organisation goes down. Best people start to leave the sinking ship. The managers are running after government officials, try to convince them to keep the support level.
Here are 5 lesson that might be useful for managers of core-funded organisations:
1) Use good times to develop a sustainable business and demand-oriented culture
2) Stay on the top of policy changes
3) Show your value and impact to stakeholders
4) Be ready to size-down
5) Keep the morale high by putting a new vision
More... Core-funded-subsidized-organisations ; An funding strategy ; Programme for state-funded organisations

Why is Innovation so important?
Innovation is important because it is the lifeblood of any business; without it a company will cease to exist. Additionally, innovation offers greater rewards for those that invest in it than those that invest in continuous/incremental improvements. Process of invention / innovation is distinct in three levels of research, fundamental research, technological research, technological progress redesign!
Fundamental research is based on scientific development of theoretical study and the need to bring data and evidence! Technological research is essential in depth knowledge of the technology in use, defining element of novelty / innovation / invention and the need / opportunity to apply change! If, fundamental research novelty is easily introduced and accepted by the academic environment technological research result is very difficult to introduce as new! During the redesign of consumer products, markets, consumers and producers waiting for funding newness is so easy lived as a researcher!
Unfortunately in technological research and effort to in-depth knowledge of existing technology and bringing innovation is extremely complicat. Busines environment is more open to stealing technology than research funding or acquisition of patents! Companies have many reasons to acquire patents: Develop platform innovation technology, Develop disruptive technology, Expand existing technology, Develop blocking technology.
Some companies spend a lot of time and money, they do research grant. Some are less and less is spent but requires innovation and creativity non the less and should never be belittle as younger less gray haired engineers read this. Other invention are strategic are important to companies and just because people don't understand and agree with the law and don't protected their ideas properly well they need to learn from their mistakes. As we learn for our failed experiments.
Companies have always had a flow of innovation, a flow sufficient for the needs of the company at that time. What I think has happened is that the flow from "before" is no longer sufficient to address the business challenges of today. Hence its importance has increased as has the pressure to get more and better innovation. At some point, the processes for innovation will catch up to the business need and then there will be something else that needs special attention. By then the flow of innovation will have reached a new level, a level that can address the business challenges.
Sure a company can and should improve its products based on customer feedback and continuous improvement; however, when it becomes dependent on, or gets trapped in the vicious cycle of continuous improvement to improve their bottom line, they too will be eliminated once an innovative product replacement becomes available.
All companies are interested in research that improves profits and invests in development. What is not shown in your explanation is corporate investment in reducing pollution, waste and reducing energy consumption, use of renewable energy, Research includes not only change, but redrawing a product and technology research. Researchers are upset because a company continues to heavily pollute the environment, wasting energy and not invest in research
More... Innovation-Management

Partner Search

Partner Search for a Project Infrastructures in medical sphere
We want to complete our consortium, where we will be together 3 partners. The theme of project Infrastructure is capacities, we have to write proposal to encamenet and enlargement our medical centre in the middle of Slovakia to build new medical gadgets and involve diagnosis in cardiology, neurology, hepatology, psychiaty etc...We are looking for the last partner to finish our consortium. We cooperate with Clinic in Bucurest and they help us in making e-learning and conferencies. At least we want to make joint research project with another EU coountry and we need also help with installing equipment such as Ultrasonographs, Mamographs, CT.
Contact: Michaela Holičková, misela2224@gmail.com

Searching for FYROM Partners for SMEs Competitiveness and Green Energy projects
The projects are in the framework of the IPA Cross Border Programme Greece - FYROM 2007-2013. Project partner search includes National/Regional Authorities, Universities/Institutes, Business Associations / Chambers from FYROM.
Contact: Nikos Koutsomarkos grammateia@chorotaxia.gr

Looking for partners for a Comenius project
Our school is a vocational high school in Isparta/Turkiye. Our students age between 14-18. We have prepared Comenious multi cultural school project. Our project is "professions and traditional art tending to be lost". We are partners from Turkiye, Italy, Greece, Romania, Latvia and we are looking for the 6th partner.
We are planning a preparatory meeting in Isparta between 13.02.2013-16.02.2013
Contact: Yasar, comeniuskml@yahoo.com

Call for partners Europe for Citizens -Tower of Babel: Multiculturalism in European societies
CEIPES - Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo is glad to present its next project to discuss and explore the idea of multiculturalism in contemporary societies and search for a form of coexisting people from different cultures in Europe in order to influence European policies as well as people's consciousness and daily behaviors in collaboration with the *Europe for Citizens programme Action 2 - Measure 3: Support for projects initiated by civil society organizations*;
For more information please see the fallowing documents: The call for partners; Partnership form:
Contact: Ana Afonso, afonso@ceipes.org

LDV Learning partneship about Environment and Healthy Life
We are training adult center and we search Spanish, Bulgarian and French partners (as training VET centers, tecnical or agricol universities, municipalities, for a LDV Learning partneship about ENVIRONEMENT and HEALTHY LIFE.
Contact: Soleil Helene, solei3_helene@yahoo.com ; elenalupu33@yahoo.com

Partner Search: EuroTransBio (ETB) project
We are looking for partners with experties in development & distribution of prosthesis, implants, orthopaedics and medical devices in order to complete a consortium.
Contact: Andrea Marí Sanchis, CEO at ECOCLEVAL S.L., Valencia, Spain, info@ecocleval.com

Partner Search from Turkey for a Grundtvig Partnership Project for 2013-2015 term
We are partners from Turkey, Lithuania, Poland, Germany and Romania. We are looking for more partners. Ödemiş Traditional Arts Association is newly founded in 2012 but it contains a lot of expert education specialists who know each other for a long time. We want to promote cultural, artistic values of the Küçük Menderes region by using the scientific, artistic methods through publications/exhibitions. We are very active and experienced association dealing with local traditional arts. We would like to give an EU dimention in monotous lives of disadvantaged adults living in rural area. OUR PROJECT aims to engage adult learners in the learning of languages and enhancing that through an adult network with an objective of preserving and sharing local history. Our cultural environments and heritage are different: stories, tales, folk dances, arts all have a different collective meanings to different countries. Understanding these common aspects of our traditions can encourage adults to be more open, active, communicative between our nationalities.
If you are working on the topic of disadvantaged adults under a community, association, municipality, public or adult education center, you are welcome to work with us. We would like to know much more about you.
* short discription and experience of your institute
* what you can offer to add value as a potential partner
* experience in EU projects
* institute location and regional information in your country
Contact: Nazmi EKER, nazmieker@gmail.com

Looking for a Coordinator (some more partners are welcome, especially SMEs) for a KBBE proposal about LIGNIN under topic KBBE.2013.3.4.-01 'Preventing and valorising bio-waste in biorefineries'
We are seeking a Coordinator with outstanding experience in leading and managing FP7 projects. Some more partners are welcome especially SMEs, who work with lignin mainly in:
- selective extraction of lignin from biomass;   - research on depolymerisation of lignin;
- removing cellulose or other materials from lignin;   - 'refining' lignin.
The main objective is the future conversion of lignin into fractions which can be used as raw material for the production of various green chemicals and products (e.g. for production of electricity and heat).

Contact: Daniela Gomes, info@octopux.eu

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Practical Guide to EU Funding Opportunities for Research and Innovation

Research and innovation are at the heart of the EUROPE 2020 strategy. This new edition includes a full up-to-date picture of the three main sources of funding (FP7, CIP and Structural Funds) completed with information on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and on the European Fisheries Fund, and Lifelong learning programme and LIFE + in the field of the environment. It also describes the research and innovation funding opportunities offered to countries and territories beyond the European Union, in the framework of Pre-accession Assistance and within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument. This updated Practical Guide allows potential beneficiaries to quickly identify exactly how they can access European funding at any stage of a project.

More... Download the document ; Funding opportunities linked to FP7 ; European Institute of Innovation & Technology ; Intergovernmental opportunities ; Structural Funds ; Rural development policy & funding (CAP) ; Thematic opportunities

FP7 calls

- Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology / **3** open calls
- Information and Communication Technologies / **6** open calls
- Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies - NMP / **2** open calls
- Energy / **4** open calls
- Environment (including Climate Change) / **3** open calls
- Transport (including Aeronautics) / **4** open calls
- Socio-economic sciences and Humanities / **3** open calls
- Joint Technology Initiatives (Annex IV-SP1) / **1** open calls

Intelligent Enegy Europe - Call for proposals 2013, Deadlines: April, May, November 2013

All proposals must be submitted by the coordinator of the consortium using the electronic submission system of the European Commission, an online service available as a web based application.

In 2013, there will be € 65 million available for funding. Do not miss the opportunity to submit your ideas for projects in areas such as energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, clean transport and local energy investments! The call closes on 8th May 2013 for all types of actions except the BUILD UP Skills initiative which has different deadlines.

More… http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/getting-funds/call-for-proposals/how-to-apply/index_en.htm ; Call for proposal

CIP ICT Policy Support Programme, Deadline: May 14, 2013

The ICT Policy Support Programme (PSP) aims at stimulating innovation and competitiveness. Among the WBC, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro are Associated Countries to the ICT PSP. FYROM is also being associated to the Programme.

The ICT PSP is one of the three specific programmes of The Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP) and runs for the years 2007-2013. The ICT PSP aims at stimulating smart sustainable and inclusive growth by accelerating the wider uptake, best use of innovative digital technologies/content by citizens, governments, businesses. It provides EU funding to support the realisation of the Digital agenda for Europe.

More… https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/sites/digital-agenda/files/cip_ict_psp_wp2013_publication.pdf ; Participant Portal

EUROSTARS, Deadline: April 4, 2013

Eurostars Programme is a European Joint Programme dedicated to the R&D performing SMEs*, and co-funded by the European Communities and 33 EUREKA member countries. However, even if your organisation is based outside of the member countries of Eurostars, you may still be eligible to participate in a Eurostars project in addition to the minimum of two participants established in two different Eurostars member countries.

Eurostars aims to stimulate these SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. It is fine-tuned to focus on the needs of SMEs, and specifically targets the development of new products, processes and services and the access to transnational and international markets.

More… eligibility criteria ; http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/where.do ; http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/guidelines.do

ERA Chairs – new measure to bridge the research and innovation divide in Europe

These grants are intended to help develop research excellence in EU Member States, Associated Countries, regions. Universities/other eligible research institutions with currently low levels of participation in the Framework Programme, with a demonstrated potential, a concrete plan for research excellence, will be selected by the EC to appoint outstanding research leaders: the ERA Chairs, his/her research team. It will permit these institutions to develop, in particular field the level of excellence required to successfully compete internationally, effectively widen participation. An ERA Chairs pilot call, funded under FP7, is launched**.** Future ERA Chair calls will be published under Horizon 2020.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-chairs_en.html

FP7 Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Call 11, Deadline: April 16, 2013

The objective of ICT research under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) is to improve the competitiveness of EU industry – as well as to enable EU to master, shape the future developments of these technologies so that the demands of its society & economy are met. FP7 research activities will strengthen EU's scientific & technology base and

ensure its global leadership in ICT, help drive, stimulate product, service, process innovation, creativity through ICT use, ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into **benefits** for EU's citizens, businesses, industry & governments.

The ICT Work Programme 2013 under FP7 is divided into **eight 'Challenges'** of strategic interest to EU society, plus research into 'Future & emerging technologies', support for horizontal actions, such as international cooperation, pre-commercial procurement:

- Challenge 1 - Pervasive and Trusted Network & Service Infrastructures
- Challenge 2 - Cognitive Systems & Robotics
- Challenge 3 - Alternative Paths to Components & Systems
- Challenge 4 - Technologies for Digital Content & Languages
- Challenge 5 - ICT for Health, Ageing Well, Inclusion & Governance
- Challenge 6 - ICT for low carbon economy
- Challenge 7 - ICT for the Enterprise & Manufacturing
- Challenge 8 - ICT for Creativity & Learning
- Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)

More... Programme Website ; ICT Work Programme 2013 and the Call Fisce for ICT Call 11 from this link.

FP7 ICT Future Emerging Technologies Call (FET Open), Deadline: March 12, 2013

Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) fosters exploratory research to open up new avenues across the full breadth of future information and communication technologies. It supports new and alternative ideas, concepts or paradigms of risky or nonconventionalnature. FET-Open aims to increase the role of young researchers and high-tech research intensive SMEs in its cooperative research to further enhance their disruptive innovation potential and to unlock longer-term scientific and industrial leadership. In this FET Open call, four objectives are featured:

1. ICT-2013.9.1 FET-Open: Challenging current thinking
2. ICT-2013.9.2 High_Tech Research Intensive SME in FET research
3. ICT-2013.9.3 FET Young Explorers
4. ICT-2013.9.4 International Cooperation in FET research

More... Programme Website

FP7 Environment 2013 - Water Innovation & Demonstration Projects Call, Deadline: April 4, 2013

The main objective of research for the environment under FP7 is to promote the sustainable management of both the man-made and the natural environment and its resources. To this end, increased knowledge on the interaction between the climate, the biosphere, ecosystems and human activities is sought and new environmentally-friendly technologies, tools and services are developed. Under the heading 'Transformative and Responsible Innovation', the 2013 Environment (including climate change) work programme addresses three specific objectives:

• addressing major societal challenges;

• developing and strengthening European leadership in environmental innovation; and

• promoting/facilitating knowledge transfer, assessment, uptake, exploitation of research/innovation data/results in policy, industry, society.

More... Programme Website **;** the call documents click here

IMI, the Innovative Medicines Initiative launched its 8th Call for proposals

The **deadline** for submitting Expressions of Interest is **19 March 2013**. The 8th Call has **five** topics:

- **Topics under New Drugs for Bad Bugs (ND4BB):**
  - o Topic 1C: Innovative Trial Design & Clinical Development (work package 6 of Topic 1)
  - o Topic 3: Discovery and development of new drugs combating Gram – negative infections
- **Topics under the Theme 'Developing an aetiology-based taxonomy for human diseases'**
  - o Topic A: Approaches to develop a new classification for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and related connective tissue disorders and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
  - o Topic B: Approaches to develop a new classification for neurodegenerative disorders with a focus on Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Parkinson's disease (PD)
- **European induced pluripotent stem cell bank**

More... http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/xxxxxxxxx

Call for champion cities now open. Deadline: 28 February

The mission is to enhance the broad transfer and take-up of 15 innovative urban transport and mobility measures throughout Europe and to make a visible contribution to establish them as mainstream measures.

While building on the successes of NICHES and NICHES+, it is clear that there is still a significant need for further guiding local authorities in taking up the challenge of actually integrating and implementing innovative urban transport measures in their urban transport policies. We will select 10 champion cities to develop concrete, tailored implementation scenarios which will help them integrate one of the innovative measures in their local transport policy. Success factors, barriers, including managerial issues, stakeholder consultation, financing, timeframe, an action plan will be addressed.

The selected champion cities will receive a subcontracting budget of 19.000 € plus an additional travel budget.

More... www.tide-innovation.eu.

2013 call for research proposals on Environmental and Occupational Health

ANSES has launched its 2013 call for research proposals on Environmental and Occupational Health, as part of the National Research Programme for Environmental and Occupational Health (PNREST). Letters of intent must be submitted online by the 30th of January 12:00 (midday) at the latest.
More… www.anses.fr/PMGC00JDI0.htm

ADEME CIDe call on the theme of environmental & health impacts of waste management
The EU Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) expressly states that the first objective of any waste policy should be to minimise the negative effects on human health and the environment of the generation & management of waste. To support waste regulations and public policies, for the next 3 years, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) will launch each year a specific call for research. Five points are highlighted:

- hazard identification,
- sources characterisation & exposure assessment,
- risk characterisation,
- population & media monitoring,
- prioritisation tools.

For the first edition, proposals must be submitted by March 1stttt, 2013.
More... www.ademe.fr / Appels à Propositions.

New EU loan guarantee facility for innovative SMEs launched in Austria
The European Commission has welcomed the commercial launch in Austria of a new European Union loan guarantee facility for innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The Risk Sharing Instrument (RSI), developed by the EC in partnership with the EU Investment Bank Group, will help SMEs gain access to finance by guaranteeing some of the risk that banks take on through their lending. The EU Investment Fund, which is managing the facility, today signed a 1st RSI agreement with UniCredit Bank Austria to support up to €120 million of lending over the next two years.
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1053_en.htm?locale=en

A mindmap covering more than 60 billion Euro from different EU Programms
The Ideas programme will support "frontier research" solely on the basis of scientific excellence. Research may be carried out in any area of science or technology, including engineering, socio-economic sciences, etc. XMind is the world's coolest mind mapping software, the best way of brainstorming, the most efficient solution to save your time, and power your company. You can integrate XMind into your product, store data into XMind files, or even build your own mind mapping software based-on XMind.
More... https://www.xmind.net/m/FR37/?goback=%2Egde_164166_member_199273275

Policy

Personal services industries: Trends and consequences
On 13 December 2012 the European Economic & Social Committee (EESC) adopted an opinion on "**Personal services industries: Trends and consequences**" aiming to explore the changing trends in these service industries, to identify their possible future developments, to tackle the challenges of this industrial sector in terms of labour market, education, training, financial, migration issues. These personal services form an important cornerstone of the EU social model.
More… http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.ccmi-opinions.21924 ; ccmi2@eesc.europa.eu

How SMEs can contribute to achieving the goals of the Innovation Union initiative
The Innovation Union is one of several flagship initiatives which support Europe 2020, the EU's growth strategy until the end of the decade. Peter Dröll, head of the Innovation Policy Unit at the DGI for Research & Innovation, explains how SMEs can contribute significantly to achieving the objectives of this initiative by generating growth and creating jobs.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/newsletter/issue14/editorial_en.html

European Commission announces winners of sustainable mobility action
Within the framework of its Sustainable Urban Mobility campaign, the European Commission has announced the 20 winning actions set to receive up to €7000 each in financial support.
The money will be used to further the activities of the winning initiatives in promoting sustainable urban mobility.
More... >> read more

Events

17th International Conference on System Theory, Control & Computing, ICSTCC, 11-13 Oct 2013, Sinaia, Romania
The Joint Conference is for the fourth time organized in this format. The main goal of this conference is to provide a multidisciplinary forum between researchers from industry, academia to discuss state-of-the-art topics in system theory, control & computing, to present recent research results, prospects for development in this evolving area.
The ICSTCC conference emerged from the fusion of the 3 conferences that were organized by University of Craiova, Faculty of Automation, Computers & Electronics (SINTES - International Conference on System Theory & Control), Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi, Faculty of Automatic Control & Computer Engineering (SACCS - International Symposium on Automatic Control & Computer Science), Dunarea de Jos University of Galati, Faculty of Control Systems, Computers, Electrical & Electronics Engineering (SIMSIS - International Symposium on Modelling, Simulation & Identification Systems). The ICSTCC conference, is technically co-sponsored by IEEE Control Systems Society, the papers will be indexed in IEEE Xplore.
More... http://ace.ucv.ro/icstcc2013/

5th International Conference on Computational Collective Intelligence Technologies & Applications - ICCCI 2013, September 11-13, 2013, Craiova, Romania
The aim of ICCCI is to provide an internationally respected forum for scientific research in computational methods of collective intelligence and their applications in (but not limited to) fields as Group Decision Making, Consensus Computing, Knowledge Integration, Semantic Web, Social Networks and Multi-Agent Systems.
More… http://software.ucv.ro/ICCCI2013 ; iccci2013@software.ucv.ro

2nd IFAC Workshop on Convergence of Information Technologies & Control Methods with Power Systems (ICPS'13), Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 22-24, 2013
The event are hosted by Tehnichal University Cluj and IPA Cluj Subsidiary). ICPS'13 serves as a platform for scientists, researchers to discuss their forefront research results/ findings in the field of information technologies & control methods applied to Power Systems. It is intended to make this workshop a primary forum for cross-industry, multidisciplinary research and to create the opportunity of a unique and rich cultural experience, with excellent technical and social programs. The submission deadline: January 15th.
More… http://icps13.conference.utcluj.ro/

5th International Congress of sport and kinetotherapy with exhibition, April 5-7, 2013, Caciulata, Romania
At the Congress there will be three presentation modalities: *Oral and poster presentations (in-person) and virtual (for those who cannot attend in person) or recorded video summary is sent by e-mail.* Papers will be published in special issue of appearance in the *STUDIA EDUCATIO ARTIS GYMNASTICAE.* The Journal is indexed in IDB.
More… HTTP://CIS01.CENTRAL.UCV.RO/ICEK

Energy Efficiency in Public Transportation, 07-08 February 2013, Brussels
The objective of the conference is to bring together diverse stakeholders for exploring creative approaches to develop competitive, smart, sustainable and cost-effective public transportation systems in European cities.
The event is targeted at executives, managers and decision-makers from public transport authorities and operating companies, policymaking and regulatory bodies, technology, service provider firms, equipment manufacturing companies, financiers and venture capitalists, industry consultants, research and development organizations, technical institutes, etc.
More… http://www.globalmasstransit.net ; Conference brochure ; To register online for the event, please click here.

Workshop *Intelligent Data Analysis with Applications in Information Retrieval & Machine Learning,* IDAIR, Sesimbra, Portugal, 26-28 June 2013
The session targets research efforts that have as outcome progress in building Intelligent Systems in any application domains such as Image and Video Processing, Multimedia Systems, E-Learning, E-Commerce, E-Society Applications, Medical Applications. Any data analysis process, which analyze data generated by any information system, may have as output an Intelligent System. The aim of the workshop is to provide an internationally respected forum for scientific research in the technologies and applications of intelligent and interactive multimedia systems and services.
The workshop will be co-located with the 5-th KES International Conference on Intelligent Decision technologies, IDT-13. and in conjunction with KES IIMSS 2013 http://iimss-13.kesinternational.org/
More… http://iimss-13.kesinternational.org/cms/userfiles/ws01.pdf

Chip to Cloud Security Forum 2013, 25-27 September 2013, Nice, France
Smart Trusted Technologies & Services for the Networked Society. Chip-to-Cloud Security Forum is a wide-ranging technical event covering all aspects of all assets protection in embedded, mobile and cloud technologies. Its scope ranges from the cryptographic foundations up to the latest developments of trusted services.
More… http://www.chip-to-cloud.com/

21st Conference on Composites or Nano Engineering, ICCE-21, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, July 21-27, 2013
All areas of Composite materials, metals, polymers, ceramics, or nano materials and all kinds of fibers research, will be welcomed, among other current hot topics such as those in bio nano, energy materials, green engineering, natural fibers, and, chemistry materials, computational materials and experimental mechanics etc..
More… www.icce-nano.org

11th Conference on Practical Applications of Agents & Multi-Agent Systems for AAL & e-HEALTH, 22-24 May, 2013, Salamanca, Spain
A-HEALTH aims at bringing together leading researchers from academia/industry to present, discuss applications of agent-based systems for Ambient Assisted Living, telemedicine & e-Health. http://www.paams.net/a-health13
The BISITE research group (http://bisite.usal.es) of the University of Salamanca, organiser of PAAMS 2013, offers 40 grants/awards to facilitate the attendance to doctoral and young doctors both to the event itself (including Workshops and Special Sessions) and to the parallel collocated events. http://www.paams.net/?q=node/32
More… http://www.paams.net/

6th World Future Energy Summit – WFES, Abu Dhabi, 15-17 January 2013
The World Future Energy Summit (WFES) is constantly innovating to bring you a host of valuable new summit experiences and increased value for your participation. For WFES 2013, our sixth edition, we are offering you a special

opportunity to join the world's leading renewable energy thinkers! Book your delegate pass to the International Renewable Energy Conference in Abu Dhabi (ADIREC), hosted by WFES 2013, gain entry to an additional 12 side events. ADIREC is a 3-day gathering that delivers exclusive access to world class thought leadership, business opportunity, innovation, the place where sustainable energy pioneers come together to debate, discuss, shape the future. **More…** http://www.worldfutureenergysummit.com/ ; Book your Seat & Attend the ADIREC Side Events ; 12 side events

2nd Annual Chongqing ITO/BPO Conference, January 23-25, 2013, Chongqing, China

The event will feature thought leaders from China's sourced services industry along with Local and Provincial Government Officials, speaking on the "China opportunity in a Changed World" The event will be attended by 100+ executives from Asian and Western companies, along with 30+ top service providers from emerging centers of excellence from China's Southwest region and nationally.
More…2nd Annual Chongqing ITO/BPO Conference ; Click here for more information

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

AMDEC- Analyse des Modes de Défaillance, de leurs Effets et de leur Criticité , 23.01.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Fabrication additive - impression 3D , 06.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Système TRIZ de stimulation de la créativité et d'aide à l'innovation , 07.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Conception des guidages flexibles , 18.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Développement de logiciels selon des normes de qualité éprouvées , 20.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Évolution d'un produit, améliorations et innovations , 21-22.02.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Energy Harvesting, 28.02.2013, Zürich (CH)
Reliability and Test, 11.03.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)
Basic Introduction to CMOS Image Sensors, 14-15.03.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)
Maîtrise de la métrologie dimensionnelle , 13-14.05.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

Critères de choix des capteurs et des appareils de mesure , 19.06.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

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

Courses on "Introduction to the IMP³rove Approach", January 23-24, 2013, Munich, March 14-15, 2013, Berlin

Innovation seems to be an issue that will generate additional business in 2013. Why not offer an Innovation Management Assessment to your clients providing international benchmarks as basis for improving your clients' competitiveness and innovation capabilities? The IMP³rove – European Innovation Management Academy offers such an online benchmarking tool. To effectively apply it, courses on "Introduction to the IMP³rove Approach" are offered in Munich and in Berlin. The IMP³rove Assessment is the EU approach to better Innovation Management & competitiveness
More… www.improve-innovation.eu ; improvecoreteam@atkearney.com.

Basic Compliance & Ethics Academy Brussels, May 13-16, 2013, Brussels, Belgium

The Compliance Academy is a four-day intensive training course designed for participants with a basic knowledge of compliance concepts. Global companies need to have an effective compliance program wherever they operate. SCCE's International Basic Compliance & Ethics Academy is a three-and-a-half-day intensive training program
Courses cover subject matter in each of these areas and better prepare interested parties for the CCEP-I exam.
More… http://www.corporatecompliance.org/Events/EventInfo/sessionaltcd/002_CAIBR0513.aspx

New jobs postings in research and administration
More… http://www.kowi.de/en/vacancies

MBA programmes / Master in International Business Management at Robert Kennedy College

The admission deadline for the February start of the University of Cumbria MBA and Master in International Business Management is January 19. Places are very limited**.**
MA in International Business Management Learn more▸   Master of Business Administration Learn more▸
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