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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.

March 2013
20 STOM-TOOL Brokerage Event Kielce (Poland)
20 Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2013 – from Materials Research to Ramping up Production Birmingham (United Kingdom)
21 b2fair FURNITURE 2013 Vilnius (Lithuania)
21 WIN Automation 2013 Matchmaking Event (TR) Istanbul (Turkey)
21 Brokerage event - Healthcare Technology Transfer Day: Seoul 2013 Seoul (Korea, Republic of)
21 WIN Automation Matchmaking Event Istanbul (Turkey)
21 Oil & gas business meetings at OMC 2013 (Offshore Mediterranean Conference & Exhibition) Ravenna (Italy)
21 International Business meetings at BIOGAZ Europe and Fair BOIS ENERGIE 2013 NANTES (France)
27 Railways Brokerage Event 2013 Lille (France)

April 2013
04 ITS Networking Event 2013 Villeneuve d'Ascq (France)
09 conhIT Business Meetings 2013 Berlin (Germany)
09 HANNOVER MESSE 2013: Technology Cooperation Days on Industrial Energy Efficiency Hannover (Germany)
09 Company Mission & Partnering, Construction Sector , Clean Tech, Efficiency & Engineering St. Petersburg Russia
09 Swedish company mission to Ventura Lambrate Milan (Italy)
10 Photonix Japan 2013 Tokyo Big Sight (Japan)
10 EUROLUCE 2013 Company Mission Milan (Italy)
10 CORKMEET 2013 - Multi-sector brokerage Event Cork (Ireland)
10 2nd International B2B Software Days - The Big Data Challenge Vienna (Austria)
10 THETIS 2013 Brest - International B2B Meetings Brest (France)
10 COMPANY MISSION AT FIERAVICOLA 2013 Forlì (Italy)
11 Biopesticide Market Opportunities London (United Kingdom)
11 Automechanika 2013 Matchmaking Event (TR) Istanbul (Turkey)
12 Vision 2013 Freiburg, Germany (Germany)
15 Agrofood Brokerage Event 2013 Lisbon (Portugal)
17 B.e. Aerospace Connected Toulouse/Blagnac (France)
17 Brokerage Event SINAVAL-2013 on Industry, Energy and Maritime Services Bilbao (Spain)
17 "Unlocking the Potential" Euromediterranean Brokerage Event 2013 St. Julians (Malta)
17 BioNanoMed - From nanomedicine to brain imaging Pula (Italy)
19 YOUR HOME 2013 Brokerage Event at 43. International Construction Industry Fair Bielsko-Biala (Poland)
23 DGT and Quo Vadis. Create. Games. Business Conference Berlin (Germany)
24 NanoScience and Micro-Nanotechnologies (Imagine Nano) Bilbao (Spain)
24 AutoDay 2013 Bratislava (Slovakia)

24	Photonics Brokerage Event 2013 (NL) Veldhoven (Netherlands)	
24	High Tech Systems 2013 Eindhoven (Netherlands)	
25	"Business For" First Eurasian Forum of business communities Novosibirsk (Russian Federation)	
25	Brokerage Event for the Construction Industry RESTA 2013 Vilnius (Lithuania)	
26	Matchmaking at jazzahead! 2013 Bremen (Germany)	

May 2013

02	Europa Markt 2013 Magdeburg (Germany)
07	Luxinnovation Forum "Business meets Research" – Innovation Matchmaking Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
07	Danish-German Company Mission in the frame of the BIONNALE Berlin (Germany)
08	Partnering Event for the Furnishing Textiles @ PROPOSTE Cernobbio (Italy)
08	PLASTPOL Brokerage Event Kielce (Poland)
14	BE @ M2M FORUM 2013 Milan (Italy)
14	ATWARM 2013 Brokerage Event - Water the Greatest Global Challenge Dublin (Ireland)
15	Inverse Trade Mission in the Agrofood Sector to La Rioja Logroño (Spain)
17	Energy efficiency in buildings-Technology Dating Udine (Italy)
21	Mission to Izmir (Turkey) Izmir (Turkey)
23	AUTOPROMOTEC Matchmaking Event 2013 Bologna (Italy)
27	Company Mission to the fair "Les salons de la santé et de l'autonomie" Paris (France)
28	Matchmaking event for Safety, Security and Emergency Kortrijk (Belgium)
30	Go Greeen to Environment 2013 Bulgaria Sofia (Bulgaria)
31	Matchmaking event - International Exhibition of Western Lithuanian Business Achievements Klaipeda (Lithuania)

June 2013

05	Futurallia Istanbul 2013 Brokerage Event Istanbul (Turkey)
05	Innovat&Match 2013 Bologna (Italy)
05	London Gaming & Digital Media Mission to Tampere Tampere (Finland)
06	Logistics-B2Match 2013 Munich (Germany)
06	MoneyTalks® Forum focusing Game Industry & Digital Media Tampere (Finland)
11	techtextil 2013 - B2B Meetings Frankfurt am Main (Germany)
12	EEN Brokerage Event at "GR Business Days" in Luxembourg Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
13	Company Mission on Smart Grid & Electric Energy Storage for SME from Germany & Sweden Stockholm (Sweden)
18	Smart and sustainable city – B2B meetings Nice (France)
19	Biomedica Brokerage Event 2013 Aachen (Germany)
20	Connect with international partners at EuroNanoForum Dublin 2013! Dublin (Ireland)

July 2013

01	NeuroConnection 2013 Marseille (France)

September 2013

19	Brokerage Event at EMO Hannover 2013 - Meet the World of Metalworking Hannover (Germany)
26	Subcontracting B2B Matchmaking 2013 Tampere (Finland)

October 2013

10	JTED 2013 Mons (Belgium)

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: Small Business   Students   Job Seekers   Entrepreneurs   Attorneys   Business Development Consultants   Journalists   Nonprofits   Venture Capital

See how the Network's brokerage events work.
More... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWI

B2B CrossTour & Brokerage Event 2013, with Enterprise Europe Network support, 25 April 2013, Ruse, Bulgaria

- Hotels, guest houses,	Creative industries stakeholders
- Other types of accommodation;	- Craft villages; - Creative spaces of tourism interest;
- Restaurants/Food and drink;	- Local art and creative festivals organisers;
- Spa hotels or medical/ health centres;	- Companies willing to establish contacts with craft organizations,
- Municipalities; - Tourist Information Centres;	organisers of cultural events from the Danube region;
- Tour operators; - Travel agents;	- Historical and contemporary cultural heritage stakeholders;
- Other organisations in the tourism field	- Creative industry interested in cooperation with the tourism sector

Why do you have to participate? To develop business relationships, experience, to establish joint activities & offers
More... http://danubetournet.eu/crosstour2013 ; Download the flyer

Call for proposals 2013: European Info Day Marco Polo, 10 April 2013, Brussels
Applying for Marco Polo funding is a competitive process, and only the best project proposals will be selected. The European Info Day 2013 will give you essential information and advice on how to develop a good project proposal and apply successfully. It also offers the opportunity to ask questions, exchange views and share expertise.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/events/2013/european-info-day-2013_en.htm ; Programme

Hannover Messe 2013 - Group Exhibit Hydrogen + Fuel Cells, 8-12 April 2013, Hannover, Germany
Europe's largest hydrogen + fuel cells exhibition. Meet all major industry players from 25 countries at Europe's largest hydrogen and fuel cells exhibition!
- Over 130 companies committed to participation this year, including Air Liquide, Ballard Power, BASF, Bosch, DANA, Hydrogenics, NGK Insulators, Saint-Gobain and many more!
- 15 exhibitors demonstrating electrolysers for hydrogen generation
- Fuel cell cars of Daimler, Adam Opel / GM, Honda and Toyota available for a test drive
- Refueling of vehicles with hydrogen performed by Linde and ITM Power
- Stationary fuel cells developed by heating appliance manufacturers Vaillant, Viessmann and Baxi
- NGK Insulators (Japan) informs about its high energy density sodium-sulfur (NAS) battery system with capacity of MW
More... tobias@h2fc-fair.com ; www.h2fc-fair.com ; The current exhibitor list ; The floor plan.

International business networking event *Unlocking the Potential*, 17-18 April 2013, Malta
Unlocking the Potential is a matchmaking event, a business networking event where registered companies are able to book individual one-to-one-meetings with each other. Click HERE to download further information. Two full days of networking, individual business meetings, short practical workshops for companies & entrepreneurs. This event will focus on the following sectors: renewable energies, advanced manufacturing, sustainable construction, digital game production, maritime, aviation, logistics, functional food & beverages and life sciences. It has around 50 registered profiles.
EUREKA Cafe' will be running on both days, showcasing companies looking for EUREKA partners.
If you are interested in personally meeting other entrepreneurs to discuss business cooperation you are most welcome to join the event. There is no registration fee for visiting companies.
More... www.maltab2b.eu ; Click here to view company profiles & Book your meetings; Click here to download the event Brochure ; Click here to download the Agenda! **Contact:** Brigitte Tanti, brigitte.tanti@maltaenterprise.com

7th edition of *VentureConnect,* 28 May 2013, Bucharest, Romania
The event is organized in one of the most tech orientated cinema halls in Bucharest: **Grand Cinema Digiplex at Baneasa Shopping City.** Our goal is to create the necessary context for more seed or venture investments with a two-track pitching session. We welcome *early stage projects* looking for business-angels, mentors, business advisors, *mature companies* in search of larger investments, strategic national & international partnerships. Entrepreneurs should hurry and send in their Application Form by **10 May 2013.** The benefits of attending *VentureConnect* are numerous from investments to business mentoring and five-star networking.
More... VentureConnect, VentureMentoring, AngelConnect, office@ventureconnect.ro

Business Angels Europe: new European Confederation for Angel Investing
On the 9th of January 2013 AEBAN (Spain), Business Angels netzwerk Deutschland (Germany), BAN Netherlands, BeBAN (Belgium), France Angels and IBAN (Italy), have signed the founding act of Business Angels Europe **(BAE) – the European Confederation of Angel Investing,** based in Brussels, Belgium. BAE's strategic goals are:
- to offer the business angel communities across Europe the opportunity to benefit from a strong coordinated voice to represent them to the European institutions;
- to support the development of a favourable fiscal, regulatory and policy environment for the growth of the business angel market across Europe;
- to encourage and enable the growth of national federations and trade associations across Europe;
- to promote professional and ethical standards and best practice among the business angel community including the exchange of experience;
- to be the resource of knowledge, experience and intelligence on the European angel market;
- to encourage the growth of cross-border investment at European and international level;
- to act as the key interface with the global angel community level.
More… http://www.businessangelseurope.com/

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

Celtic-Plus – Smart Connected World – an EUREKA Cluster
Celtic-Plus intends to liaise with related initiatives in order to address global solutions. Other EUREKA clusters in energy, water technologies, manufacturing industry, but also the other ICT clusters, are the first candidates.

Get connected - addresses everything needed to establish, run and secure the communication, basically, the infrastructure, connectivity aspects. Key topics will be related to network elements, infrastructures. This includes wireless, optics and energy efficiency, as well as network architecture and connectivity, like networking and autonomic networks.

While connected - tackles all aspects while a communication is running, including, all requirements for new end-to-end services, applications. Celtic-Plus projects will deal with future end-to-end services, like digital home, digital enterprise, digital city, digital school, digital transport, and e-health, as well as horizontal services, like security, public safety and identity. The latter is particularly relevant for protecting the privacy rights of European users.

Celtic-Plus and the Future Internet - Celtic-Plus projects will also focus on the architecture and challenges of the Future Internet. One major challenge is to further develop the network infrastructure, which makes mobile Internet with high Quality of Service happen in conjunction with a much higher flexibility, capacity, mobility, so that future applications do not suffer from the current limitations of the Internet.

One important aim is the establishment of a "*Celtic-Plus Use-case Factory*". The "factory" shall be complementary to the Future Internet PPP Calls under the FP7. As there will be more excellent Future Internet use case projects to be expected than can be funded under FP7 Celtic-Plus offers opportunity to realise some additional. Another focus may also be on capacity building, test cases/ platforms or alternative foundation platform.

Celtic-Plus & Green Internet - Celtic-Plus intends to be a driving force in EU & beyond for future greener telecommunications. Three major challenges are addressed: make environmental issues, encourage better energy efficiency, develop multidisciplinary solutions.

More... Celtic-Plus Purple Book

Celtic-Plus Calls for Proposals 2013

Celtic-Plus calls for proposals are defined on an annual basis. Every year there will be two submission possibilities for fully defined project proposals. **Submission deadlines (revised)** (see also detailed call calendar):

- Spring Call (2013-1): 23 April 2013 (submission is now open)
- Autumn Call (2013-2): 14 October 2013

The new fast call process will now only consider one single, full proposal phase; no Proposal Outline (PO) phase is required any longer. One important aspect to speed up the call and funding decision process is that each project participant must submit a national funding application in parallel to the proposal submission.

Without such national applications no label will be assigned. As compensation to the missing proposal outline phase Celtic offers the opportunity to submit a short proposal abstract (including a short project outline, intended consortium partners/countries) for a 1st check to the Celtic Office. Well evaluated but not labeled proposals may get a 2nd chance by submitting refined proposals at the 2nd call deadline about six months later.

- Possible Research Items
- Proposal forms, call support, online submission
- Download Call-flyer 2013 (pdf)
- Frequently asked questions related to Celtic-Plus calls

More... http://www.celticplus.eu/Project-calls/Call-2013/call-2013-information.asp ; Find-a-Partner page

Next Celtic-Plus Spring's call deadline, 23 April 2013

As in the last two years we continue also in 2013 our rather successful submission and launch process of new projects. The expected total project budget for 2013 is expected again at around 100 M€ as in the years before. Possible research items can be found at the Call-2013 page or the Celtic Purple Book. Since Celtic-Plus accepts project ideas defined bottom-up you may also propose other research items as long as they cover the main Celtic-Plus research portfolio. Please note that we only accept fully defined proposals in a single submission process. You may, send us your project idea abstract for first assessment and recommendations. The second (Autumn) call deadline is 15 October 2013.

More... Call-2013 page ; Find-a-Partner page

Celtic-Plus Event 2013 in Kayseri: Proposal presentations are available

Celtic-Plus organised its annual Event 2013 in Kayseri, Turkey from 6-7 March 2013. The Event was held in conjunction with the EUREKA Turkish Chairmanship meetings of the EUREKA National Contact Points and High-Level Group representatives and provided an excellent opportunity for presenting and discussing projects achievements and related issues with high-level people from public authorities from all EUREKA countries. There were several interesting presentations given at the Event session, which also have high relevance to future research and project ideas.

All presented proposal ideas are found at the Proposers' Day web page. If you are interested to join a possible new project proposal you should check the presentations and to contact the presenters for further information. Contact details should be found within the presentations.

More... Proposers' Day web page

Celtic-Plus Proposers' Day, 13 June 2013, Paris

It is targeting mainly the Autumn Call (deadline 15 October). Interaction with French organizations and French industry clusters is the main target. The Day will be held in English. Registration will open soon.

More... Call-2013 page ; Find-a-Partner page

Celtic-Plus Workshop at FuNeMS, 3-5 July 2013, Lisbon

The Future Network & Mobile Summit 2013 will address all the challenges of building the Future Internet Infrastructure, based on mobile, wireless and fixed broadband communications infrastructures. There will be Celtic-Plus Workshop held during the Summit, (details to be published soon).

More... Future Network & Mobile Summit 2013

Info Day on two Calls for Proposals dedicated to clusters, 20 March 2013, Brussels, Belgium

The European Commission's Enterprise & industry Directorate-General has published two call for proposals that might be of interest to you given their focus on "Promoting cluster excellence" (62/G/ENT/CIP/13/C/N04C031) and on "Clusters and Entrepreneurship in Support of Emerging Industries" (64/G/ENT/CIP/13/C/N04C02), where the latter will aims to foster cross-sectoral spillovers, including through creativity and creative input.

The registration form should be sent by *18 March 2013*, to entr-clusters-and-support-for-smes@ec.europa.eu

More... Event/information-day-clusters-and-entrepreneurship/

Clusters and Entrepreneurship in support of Emerging Industries, Deadline 17 April 2013

The main objective of this call for proposals is to support regions to adapt/change their industrial structures to unlock the potential of clusters & entrepreneurship for regional economic development, for addressing societal challenges such as reducing CO_2 emissions, improving resource efficiency & environmental protection. The aim is in particular to better capitalise on all forms of creativity, new technologies, the transformative power of innovation to shape new globally competitive value chains that may help to foster the development of emerging industries in EU. By supporting the development of more fertile environments in which SMEs can combine creativity with the use of new technologies, more resource efficient solutions, new business opportunities may arise that result in smarter and more sustainable growth.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=6475&goback=%2Egde_2414016_member_221246359

Promoting cluster excellence, Deadline 6 June 2013

The call will be implemented through a one-stage procedure inviting transnational, regional consortia to submit **full proposals** for adapting and using the results and tools developed by the European Cluster Excellence Initiative to improve cluster management capacity and excellence in their respective regions.

More... Promoting-cluster-excellence

Cluster Observatory

The Cluster Observatory is an **online platform that provides a single access point to information and analysis of clusters and cluster policy in Europe**. Born in 2007, the Observatory is now offering a range of new services, as it provides data and analysis on clusters and competitiveness, a cluster library, a cluster wiki and a classroom for cluster education. The Cluster Observatory also produces analysis and reports on regional competitiveness conditions, transnational cluster networks, clusters in emerging industries, and studies on better practices in cluster organisations.
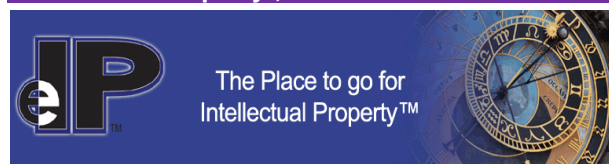
More... http://www.clusterobservatory.eu/index.html

SMEs		
Technology Profiles		
Looking for unmanned aircraft technologies to monitor crop productions & conduct fields surveys	France	REQUEST
Processing technology to upgrade organic waste materials to the highest possible quality level	Netherlands	OFFER
PS: FP7 - ICT-2013.4.2 Scalabe data analytics	Italy	REQUEST
PS-IEE 2013-10.1.3 SAVE - CICERoNE CItizens Communities for EneRgy efficieNcy sErvices	Italy	REQUEST
A mechanical medical device & a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, that relieves chronic pain	France	OFFER
Solution to measure the level of bacterial contamination in aqueous samples with living cells	France	REQUEST
Alternatives to stone wool as damping material	Sweden	REQUEST
Benzothiazole Derivatives as CK-1 Inhibitors for the Treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	Spain	OFFER
Novel, safe and comfortable protection device from welding	Italy	OFFER
Nanochemical tech for obtaining environmentally anticorrosive SnO2-based nanocoatings	Romania	OFFER
Next Generation Packaging for Sliced Bread	US	REQUEST
IT device for drug delivery at bedside	Italy	OFFER
Antiparasitic of natural origin and with efficacy against ticks	Spain	OFFER
Oil-spill detection system based on synthetic aperture radar image processsing	Spain	OFFER
Implementation of a wearable (portable) system	Romania	REQUEST
ICT solutions to monitor elderly and people with disabilities	Romania	REQUEST

Anticarcinogenic polymer nanoparticles with high selectivity	Spain	OFFER
A new biological method for weed control.	Netherlands	OFFER
Tech hybrid project for ethanol & energy extraction from biomass & organic fertilizers production.	Poland	OFFER
Novel one-step method to create functional wrinkles in polymeric surfaces	Spain	OFFER

Intellectual Property ; Standards

PCT at the EPO - Conference for patent professionals and industry, 13 June 2013, Munich, Germany

The EPO is organising an in-house conference for patent attorneys and IP professionals from industry in Europe and elsewhere interested in filing PCT applications with the EPO.

The participants may choose four from eight sessions run by experts from the EPO, from other major patent offices (USPTO, JPO, SIPO) and by experienced patent attorneys on:
• PCT filing, search and examination and entry into the European regional phase
• the national phases at SIPO/USPTO/JPO
• restoration and incorporation procedures under the PCT
The sessions will be followed by a panel discussion on key developments in the PCT, in particular the enhancement of PCT search, the strengthening of Chapter II and the simplification of entry into the national phase.
More... http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/search/pct.html

WIPO: Summer School on Intellectual Property

The Summer School program, organized by WIPO in cooperation with its institutional Partners, provides an opportunity to senior students and young professionals to acquire **deeper knowledge of IP** to gain an appreciation of IP as a tool for economic, social, cultural, technological development/understand the role WIPO plays in the global administration of IP.
A certificate of participation is awarded to participants who successfully complete the program requirements.
More... http://wipo.int/academy/en/courses/summer_school/

Research

Help define Horizon 2020 forthcoming Work programmes

Consultation on directions for ICT-driven public sector innovation in the EU **-** The EC recently launched an online public consultation on research and innovation in ICT-driven public sector innovation. The answers will help to prepare Horizon 2020 forthcoming Work Programmes. The consultation will be open until 15 April 2013.
The document on directions for ICT-driven public sector innovation describes some initial thoughts on research and innovation challenges in the forthcoming Horizon2020 Work Programmes.
More... To contribute to this consultation here**.** More information and additional documentation here
Public Consultation on Cloud Computing, Software and Services **-** DG Connect launched a Public Consultation in view of defining future research priorities in Cloud Computing, Software & Services, ahead of the H2020 ICT Work Programme 2014-15. Here you will find a draft document describing our initial thoughts on how the forthcoming ICT Work Programme 2014-15 could address the future research & innovation challenges in the sector. This document draws on the reports prepared by ISTAG in July 2012 and by the Cloud Computing Expert Group in December 2012, on NESSI ETP Position Papers and on Cloud Select Industry Group Research priorities.
More... You can submit your contribution to the consultation here. For more information here

New Decision on legal and financial rules for the validation of FP7 participants

A new Commission Decision on the legal and financial rules for the validation of FP7 participants (LFV rules) has entered into force, which replaces the existing rules. While the update does not impose major modifications it introduces, however, several clarifications that reflect the current practice of the validation services. The main updates concern in particular the following issues:
- Definitions of legal statuses and categories
- Provisions regarding requested documents and the effective date
- Cases of incomplete, contradictory or false declarations and/or supporting documents
- Provisions regarding the Legal Entity Appointed Representative (LEAR)
- The procedures for modification and review of validations
- Provisions regarding the validation panel
- Specific cases within the verification of the financial capacity procedure concerning requested data and documents
- Definition of exceptional cases concerning the viability ratios
- Modification of the section on 'protection measures'
More... http://www.kowi.de/new-documents

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Don't Confuse Creativity With Innovation

Not so long ago that creativity was an important part of any innovation discussion. You could not separate the 2 terms. Guess what? Today, the terms are separated, the reason is that innovation is no longer viewed as a creativity effort. It has become a management discipline, as such this is more about strategy, structure, processes, culture than creativity.

Innovation is the process of matching technology with market needs. Creativity is a part of that process, but it is not the same thing as innovation. You can be very creative in developing a new product or service, but that does not mean it will be succesful or "innovative" if it does not meet a customer need and a customer is willing to buy it!

Innovation starts with creativity (and creative thinking) -- it creates sustainable value -- be it something new, something improved, something borrowed, something rediscovered, something adapted, or something reinvented. Some level of process, discipline can be helpful, the most successful companies avoid locking into ridged processes and methodologies -- preferring agile, responsive approaches and flexible, adaptive frameworks. They cultivate a culture of experimentation and play. They place equal value on customers and employees. They recognize that sustained growth requires a balanced portfolio of growth strategies and the management capabilities to implement them. The companies that "survive & thrive" adapt, evolve, explore, improve everyday.

It's the little things that mean a lot creativity is only ONE of the sources of successful innovation management, which include. copying others/doing it better. From Pampers to McDonald, Kodak or Microsoft (even Apple & Google), the successful innovators (i.e. the ones who created some business values) where NOT necessarily the ones who "invented". Creativity is thinking about new things. Innovation is doing new things. Managing innovation is doing new things that create value better than others... Creativity (like R&D) can in some cases play an important part of the innovation process, but in many organizations it is not a key issues (and is not the starting point).

Effective innovation requires a 'system' covering hard-edged stuff like process and budgeting together with 'soft stuff' like a supportive climate/culture and leadership. Too little focus on the 'soft' requirements will stifle innovative behaviours, too little focus on the 'hard-edged' stuff will create inefficiency - with poor ideas pursued by senior champions and better ideas not getting through. Creativity is but one part of the innovation journey.

We should also remember that 'individual' innovation is not the same as 'institutional' innovation. Many individual innovations are not scalable or even valuable to an organisation as a whole. Creating institutional-level innovation requires collection, aggregation and development, selection and exploitation of the best ideas from individuals and teams to bring new value propositions for the organisation as a whole.

innovation is implementing ideas to create value. Creativity is required to get better ideas, to solve challenges during implementation and to shape a good business model.

Creativity is the core element of innovation. But creativity alone will not make innovation happen. Many good ideas never become reality. Creative ideas need to be integrated into existing knowledge and used to develop new perspectives. Those perspectives then become the fuel for innovation. Throw in the will to make the idea work, some strategic planning, a good prototype and continuous improvement, and eventually, new ideas become reality.

Creativity is about thinking in new boxes... Innovation management is about people, teams identifying/selecting/ implementing new opportunities, in line with their objectives (a means, not an end).

More... http://www.fastcompany.com/3006868/youre-only-strong-your-weakest-manager

Partner Search

Partner Search - looking for investors interested in developing wind projects in Romania

We are looking for investors interested in developing wind projects in Romania. The projects start from 75 MW up to 1100 MW in total. We have connectivity technical permit (ATR), the urbanism certificate & the following permits which led to the PUZ (Areea Town Planning) approval: preliminary geo study; placement permit at ENEL; environment permit; Direction of Culture permit; county roads permit; permit from National Communication Authority; ANIF permit (National Administration of Land Improvements); placement permit permit OCPI (Cadaster and Real Estate Publicity Office) of the topographic measurements. Medium speed 7,35 m/s at 80 m height, according to the measurements made over a 2 year period.

More…Contact: Trust Consulting Corporation S.R.L., Mr Sorin Georgescu, office@finantare-firme.ro, 0040.742.026.492

Looking for Partners to apply to the Citizenship Programme (Action 1, Measure 2.1) with a project on active citizenship and volunteering in Europe

Info about the call for proposals: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2013/call_action1_21_2013_en.php I work at Fundación Cibervoluntarios www.cibervoluntarios.org, Spanish NGO with more than 12 years experience in the field of eInclusion, citizen empowerment through social innovation, social use of ICTs, cybervolunteering technological volunteering. We develop cybervolunteering activities to promote digital skills for a wide range of people, with special needs, fewer education, with employability needs, old people...in a wide range of non formal education activities. We have participated in several European projects FP7, Leonardo, Grundtvig, Youth in Action... We are developping a project to apply to the call for proposals "Citizenship Projects 2013, Action 1 Measure 2.1 Citizens' Projects". Partner Sought: - Non profit organisations with legal personality. - Public local authorities.

Participant countries: The Member states of the European Union, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Contact: Irene Gomez, irene.gomez@cibervoluntarios.org

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

7th LIFE+ call for proposals. Deadline 25 June 2013

LIFE+ Nature & Biodiversity - The component continues and extends the former LIFE-Nature programme. It will co-finance best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives. In addition it will co-finance innovative or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the objectives of

[Commission Communication COM (2011) 244 final](#) Our life insurance, our natural capital: an EU biodiversity strategy to 2020. At least 50% of the LIFE+ budget for project co-financing are dedicated to LIFE+ Nature & Biodiversity projects.

LIFE+ Environment Policy & Governance - The Environment Policy & Governance component continues and extends the former LIFE-Environment strand. It will co-finance projects that contribute to the implementation of EU environmental policy, the development of innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments, the knowledge base as regards environment policy and legislation, and the monitoring of environmental pressures (including the long-term monitoring of forests and environmental interactions).

LIFE+ Information & Communication - This component will co-finance projects that implement communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention (awareness raising, special training).

More...   http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus2013/call/index.htm

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Artemis JU Call 2013 (Embedded Computing systems), Deadline: June 6, 2013

The EC has published its Artemis JU Call 2013, under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme "Cooperation" (FP7-COOP). The programme is open to organisations in EU Member States & Associated Countries. Selected projects will be co-financed by the Joint Undertaking & the Member States that have joined ARTEMIS.

The projects should be industry-driven projects which aim at generating new/improved technologies, in applying them in products, processes, services. The goal is to strengthen the competitiveness of EU industry, improve sustainability, facilitate the emergence of new embedded system-related markets, applications that respond to societal needs.

More...   http://www.artemis-ju.eu/call2013

In parallel with the Call for Proposals of 2013, ARTEMIS-JU is launching a voluntary "Expression of Interest" (EoI), for which a template document can be found here: EoI Template - RTF.rtf

This "EoI" is an informal/optional submission that will be used by the ARTEMIS-JU Office staff to get a first picture of the anticipated coverage of the programme. It will be sent to the National Funding Authorities of the ARTEMIS Member States, so that they are given advance information about the projects they may be asked to finance.

More...   www.artemis-ju.eu ; ARTEMIS-CALL-2013@artemis-ju.europa.eu

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Active ageing: Open call for robotic based pre-commercial solutions, Deadline: June 12, 2013

The EU-funded SILVER project (Supporting Independent LiVing for the Elderly through Robotics) searches for new, innovative ways to acquire public sector health services by utilizing a Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) process designed for optimally matching R&D with procurers' needs. The goal is to find new technologies to assist elderly people's ability to continue living independently at home. The call is open to all EU members/associated state countries.

More...   http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/active-ageing-open-call-robotic-based-pre-commercial-solutions

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Open calls for proposals of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development

Area	Title	Deadline	Themes	More
CAPACITIES	Joint Programming Coordination 2013	2013-03-19	Regions of Knowledge	link
COOPERATION	IMI 8th Call 2012	2013-03-19	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
COOPERATION	FP7-AAT-2013-RTD-HIGH-SPEED	2013-03-28	Transport	link
COOPERATION	FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO	2013-04-04	Environment	link
COOPERATION	FP7-ICT-2013-11	2013-04-16	ICT	link
COOPERATION	SP1-JTI-CS-2013-01	2013-04-18	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
IDEAS	ERC-2013-PoC	2013-04-24	FP7 Ideas	link
COOPERATION	FCH-JU-2013-1	2013-05-22	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
COOPERATION	ENIAC-2013-1	2013-05-23	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
CAPACITIES	ERA Chairs Pilot Call	2013-05-30	Research Potential	link
COOPERATION	ARTEMIS call 2013	2013-06-06	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
COOPERATION	Call for individuals - FP7 experts	2013-07-31		link
CAPACITIES	FP7-CDRP-Women-Innovators	2013-10-15	Support for the coherent development of research policies	link

Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness

Political area	Title	Deadline	More
Biotechnologies	ERA-IB 4th call for proposak	2013-03-26	link
Environment	Eco-Innovera 2nd call	2013-04-08	link
Energy	ERAfrica Joint Call	2013-04-15	link
Maritime Affairs	MARTEC II Call 2013	2013-04-30	link
Information society	ICT PSP 7	2013-05-14	link
Energy	SOLAR-ERA.NET Transnational Calls	2013-05-15	link
Environment	Life + 2013 call for proposals	2013-06-25	link
Environment	Expert evaluators Eco-innovation	2013-09-30	link
Energy	Expert evaluators for Intelligent Energy Europe	2013-09-30	link
Research	Eureka : Euripides call for expert	2013-12-31	link
Education	EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region	2020-10-31	link

Sustainable Industry Low Carbon scheme (SILC) I - Short-term innovation measures – Action
The objective of the call is to provide support to actions that will focus on manufacturing and process industries covered by the ETS so as to enable these to cope with the challenges of a low carbon economy and to maintain their competitiveness, with a particular view to tackling the stringent requirements resulting from the ETS-Directive by 2020.
More... Sustainable-Industry-Low-Carbon-scheme ; https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/call_CIP

COST Call for Research Networks, Deadline 29 March 2013
COST - European Cooperation in Science & Technology, invites researchers throughout EU to submit proposals for research networks and use this unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and to embark on new EU perspectives.
The Open Call follows a two-stage process whereby applicants, after registering, submit a preliminary proposal by a set collection date. This preliminary proposal provides an overview of the proposed Action's goal and its foreseen impact. After assessment, approximately 80 of these preliminary proposals are selected for the second phase. Successful applicants are then invited to submit a full proposal. The latest announcement.
More... http://www.cost.eu/ ; http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call

Marie Curie Individual Fellowships: call for proposals for the funding of research stays for junior scientists.
The program "People" is a Specific Program of the FP7: 2007- 2013, is equipped with a budget of EUR 4.7 billion. The program's goal is to support the mobility of junior scientists through the specific actions of the "Marie Curie Actions", to help establish a "European employment market for researchers". Researchers either with a PhD or at least four years of full-time research experience can apply. The calls are open to any field of research. In case of funding, the project will be carried out at a chosen host institution abroad. Funding comprises the researcher´s salary as well as a mobility allowance and a contribution to the research costs. Deadline: 14 August 2013
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people

EU Gateway to Japan and Korea
The EU-financed initiative "EU Gateway to Japan and Korea" is helping European companies explore their market potential and build their business in Japan and Korea.
Offering financial, strategic and logistical support, EU Gateway to Japan and Korea organises up to six business missions per year in high-technology and design sectors.
During their one-week stay in Japan or Korea, participants exhibit their products to a hand-picked Japanese audience and discuss with potential business partners in pre-arranged individual meetings. Briefings as well as studies on the local business culture and market opportunities ensure that the participants are well prepared. A study tour and a networking reception complete the busy schedule. Applications are currently open for business missions both to Japan and Korea.
More... http://www.eu-gateway.eu/home

RegioStars Awards

The objective of the RegioStars Awards is to identify good practices in regional development and to highlight original and innovative projects which could be attractive and inspiring to other regions. The RegioStars awards form part of the Commission's Regions for Economic Change initiative, which aims to highlight good practice in urban and regional development. The Award Categories for 2014 are:

1: Smart Growth: SME innovation
2: Sustainable Growth: Green growth and jobs through Bio-economy
3: Inclusive Growth: Creating jobs for the young generation
4: CityStar: Investment projects in sustainable urban public transport
5: Major Investment Projects: Energy efficiency and the low carbon economy

Applications should be sent by 19 April 2013 to the electronic address REGIO-STARS@ec.europa.eu. The selected finalists will have the opportunity to showcase their projects before an independent jury during the eleventh annual European Week of Regions & Cities - OPEN DAYS 2013. The Award ceremony will take place in Brussels in early 2014.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/regions_for_economic_change/regiostars_en.cfm

Millennium Technology Prize
The nomination period for the sixth Millennium Technology Prize – organized by the Technology Academy Finland - will remain **open until the 31st of July 2013.** Nominations are sought from universities, academies, research institutes and industrial organizations based all over the world. Every eligible organization has the opportunity to nominate candidates from every fields of technology except for military technology.
More... http://www.technologyacademy.fi/call-for-nominations/

Call for Independent Experts for the Safer Internet Programme. Deadline September 30, 2013
A Call for Independent Experts for Safer Internet Programme is open. The objective of the Safer Internet programme is to promote safer use of the Internet andother communication technologies, particularly for children, to fight against illegal content, harmful conduct online. The tasks include assistance to the EC in evaluating proposals submitted in response to calls for proposals, reviewing individual Safer Internet projects, legacy projects funded under the programme.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/funding/experts/index_en.htm

Call for Experts in Eco-Innovation, Intelligent Energy and Marco Polo Programmes. Deadline September 30, 2013
The Executive Agency for Competitiveness & Innovation, EACI invites applications from experts in the fields of energy efficiency, environment, renewables, sustainable freight transport, with a view to drawing up lists of external experts that will assist it in evaluation activities relating to the implementation of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme CIP.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/eaci/call_en.htm ; EACI-DPO@ec.europa.eu

Policy

Green paper on plastic waste
In the context of a wider review of current EU waste legislation, the European Commission has published a green paper on plastic waste. Furthermore a public consultation has been launched on various impacts of plastic waste. The consultation is open to citizens, organisations and public authorities and will be closed on 7 June 2013.
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-201_en.htm ; http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/index.htm

EU: Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan
The European Commission drew up the "Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan" a blueprint for decisive action to unleash EU's entrepreneurial potential and to revolutionize the culture of entrepreneurship in EU**.**
The Action Plan proposes 3 main areas of immediate intervention aiming at enhancing entrepreneurial education/ training to support growth/business creation; strengthening framework conditions for entrepreneurs by removing structural barriers, supporting them in phases of the business lifecycle; dynamising the culture of entrepreneurship in EU.
More... http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0795:FIN:EN:PDF

7th Community Innovation Survey
The Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, published the **Community Innovation Survey 2012**, providing a wide set of indicators on product and process innovation as well as organizational and marketing innovation and offering for the first time information on skills and creativity.
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-13-5_en.htm?locale=en ; Innovation Statistics here.

Innovating for Sustainability
The Leadership Council of the Network for Business Sustainability – NBS started a research on innovating for sustainability, whose results are now published in a Systematic Review & an Executive Report that aims to be one of the most comprehensive/credible evidence to date on innovating for sustainability, highlights "how-to" case studies from large & small leading organizations. It answer the question: "What innovation activities help companies become sustainable?".
More… the Systematic Review. the Executive Report.

Doing Business 2013 - Smarter Regulations for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises
The Report gives an overview of regulations affecting domestic firms in 185 economies and ranks the economies in 10 areas of business regulation, such as starting a business, resolving insolvency and trading across borders.
More… http://www.doingbusiness.org/reports/global-reports/doing-business-2013

Solar PV demand up 2 GW in 2013
According to a new report offered by NPD Solarbuzz, the global solar photovoltaic (PV) demand is estimated to increase by 2 GW, reaching 31 GW in 2013. A large amount of the 2 GW will come as a result of strong demand from the Asian markets, where almost 50% of increase will be registered, in countries as China, India and Japan, leading to a capacity addition of around 11 GW in 2013. For the first time, China will overtake Germany to become the world's leading PV user, while emerging markets as South Africa, Saudi Arabia,..
More... read more ; www.energymarketprice.com

Key Enabling Technologies - KET - Key for industrial innovation in Europe
The Key enabling Technologies received recently full support to their importance for the development of EU industries from 7 ministries from France, Germany, UK, Italy and Spain. For the Commission Antonio Tajani, Commissioner for Industry and Enterprises, participated in the ministerial meeting on the KET. The ministerial participants adopted a joint declaration underlining the importance of further development and support to the KET to European industry.
More... http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid67089/technologies-cles-generiquesenjeu-pour-l-innovation-industrielle-en-europe.html ; http://www.cea.fr/le-cea/actualites/technologies-cles-generiques-au-cea-104723

EIPA - European Institute of Public Administration, online learning solutions
This portal gives you access to our online learning solutions. Find new opportunities for your training on a range of key topics related to EU affairs. EIPA's e-learning solution "*i-Learn*" offers a workspace repository and learning space where participants can quickly acquire the necessary EU knowledge.
Online learning at EIPA offers the possibility to study from home or at the office, move forward in your professional career at the same time. All modules are live with the possibility to virtually interact with the experts. In addition we will provide you access to our i-Learn campus where you can find all the recorded sessions including the questions/answers, learning materials, assignments, collaborative tools like forum/chat to foster communication between lecturers/participants.
More... http://eipalab.eu/en/pages/About-us.228/ Seminars: The EU Budget, Project cycle management; TechGuide

How do you see research and innovation making a difference for a better future?
We need to take care about the need of the people, of course that's very important, to listen to what the people need, but not necessarily what they needfor infotainment, but maybe what are their real concerns. Today the technology is focused too much on the leisure and maybe not enough on what we really need.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=testimonials&video=thierry-ernst-3
If people aren't exploring in any means possible, including science, we're gonna be going backwards and not forwards. Right now, education is failing us and I think it's because people are learning in ways that were appropriate for a century or two ago and not for our modern times... and again, if people are learning what they want and need, to learn, to live the lives they want and need to live then people will be sp... on to do who knows what in their own creative way.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=testimonials&video=mitch-altman-3

Events

17th International Conference on System Theory, Control & Computing, ICSTCC, 11-13 Oct 2013, Sinaia, Romania
The main goal of the 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, is technically co-sponsored by IEEE Control Systems Society, the papers will be indexed in IEEE Xplore.
More... http://ace.ucv.ro/icstcc2013/ ; icstcc2013@automation.ucv.ro or vrasvan@automation.ucv.ro

3rd International Conference on Computer Science & Automation Engineering, 23-25 August, Guangzhou, China
Original papers are invited and submitted papers should not be previously published or currently under review for any other publication. All the accepted papers will be published by IEEE. CSAE 2011 and CSAE 2012 have been indexed by Ei Compendex. Prospective authors are encouraged to submit a full paper for review before May 10, 2013, in PDF or Word format. Each paper should be written in English. Please submit your papers by using the online submission system.
More... http://www.ieee-csae.org/submission.asp ; http://www.ieee-csae.org csae@vip.163.com

5th International Conference on Computational Collective Intelligence, Technologies & Applications, 11-13 September 2013, Craiova, Romania
The aim of this conference is to provide an internationally respected forum for scientific research in the computer-based methods of collective intelligence and their applications in (but not limited to) such fields as group decision making, consensus computing, knowledge integration, semantic web, social networks and multi-agent systems.
ICCCI 2013 is organized by University of Craiova in Romania, and Wrocław University of Technology in Poland, in cooperation with IEEE SMC Technical Committee on Computational Collective Intelligence .
The conference **proceedings** will be published in the prestigious series Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence of Springer-Verlag (the announcement already included in the list of LNCS Forthcoming Proceedings), indexed by ISI (CP), EI, Scopus, DBLP, ACM Digital Library etc.
More... http://software.ucv.ro/ICCCI2013/index.html; iccci2013@software.ucv.ro, iccci@pwr.edu.pl

5th Workshop on Multi-Agent Systems Technology & Semantics, September 4-6, 2013, Prague, Czech Republic

The event will bring together researchers, practioners who are working on or are interested in exploring novel approaches to multi-agent systems development, the use of multi-agent systems technology in building innovative applications.

The goal of the workshop is to present/discuss ideas, developments related to 2 converging areas of research, applications, namely multi-agent systems, semantic technology. The workshop aims to focus on: the semantic role of agents in building complex distributed applications, the collective, cognitive dimensions of the multi-agent systems paradigm, the use of agents in the development/deployment of semantic web services, the utilization of intelligent agents and semantics in the development of ambient intelligence applications.

MASTS 2013 will be held in conjunction with the 7th International Symposium on Intelligent Distributed Computing (IDC'2013) http://www.ksi.mff.cuni.cz/IDC2013/

More... http://aimas.cs.pub.ro/masts2013/

Innovact, the European Forum of innovatives SMEs, Reims, France, 26-27 March 2013

A European platform for innovative entrepreneurs to meet, do business and share their experiences! Unique in Europe, just 45 minutes away from Paris, Innovact brings together the largest number of innovative start-ups, project leaders from all sectors of activity. Its brand new 2,500 sq.m. "open space" format maximises the participants' agendas with business meetings, award ceremonies, presentation areas, a TV studio and useful practical workshops.

More... http://www.innovact.com/en/rubrique2.html

Annual TII conference *The Globalization of Technology Transfer*, Beijing, China, 5-10 May 2013

It is being co-organized with the Enterprise Europe Network, hosted by Coway International TechTrans Co., Ltd. The conference intends to:

a) tackle issues of common concern for those working in technology transfer, innovation support in Europe and in Asia

b) learn more about the two regions' support infrastructure and working methods, as well as to

c) strengthen collaboration between China and the EU in tech transfer through joint actions both on the technology side and in terms of professional skills.

More... TII website www.tii.org (and follow the links)

4th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation, CONCORDi, 26-27 September 2013, Seville, Spain

The 4th European Conference on Corporate R&D and Innovation (CONCORDi-2013) will focus on "Financing R&D and innovation for corporate growth in the EU: Strategies, drivers and barriers". It will take place at the premises of the JRC's Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC-IPTS) in Seville. The two-day programme will address the financial challenges affecting the link between innovation and growth of European companies.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=events&eventcode=4A4BF512-A330-1EB3-0B1EB7D3195DEF33

6th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Regional Development, 20-21 June 2013, Istanbul

The theme of the conference is "Regional Economic Resilience through Innovation and Enterprise".

The objective of the conference is to gather decision makers (government, ministries and state agencies), innovation experts (universities, research and development centres, technology transfer centres, start-up centres) and practitioners (smes,business incubators and business support organisations) to generate discussion and exchange on the potential of entrepreneurship promotion and innovation to national and regional competitiveness.

More... www.sehir.edu.tr/iceird2013 ; iceird2013@sehir.edu.tr

9th ISME Meeting *The governance of innovation building; innovative eco-system for SMEs*, 21-24 May 2013, Izmir

The event is the right place to take stock of the main Network achievements, to increase knowledge sharing among INSME Members by learning from other Members' experiences and from their case studies, as well as to encourage and accelerate cross border cooperation activities on a voluntary basis among them.

For all innovation stakeholders, practitioners - policymakers, international organizations, academic experts, business intermediaries, knowledge networks it represents a occasion to meet the right players, discuss relevant topics, identify the right talents/partners/clients/sponsors/investors for future activities, projects.

More... http://www.2013.insme.org/

Genomica: 2nd Current Opinion Conference on Plant Genome Evolution, Amsterdam, 8-10 September 2013

For the 2013 meeting, which will be at least half a day longer, we are more ambitious, are trying to put together an exciting program focused on plant genomes, natural variation, systems biology, all with a strong emphasis on evolution/ evolutionary aspects. The meeting will be the opportunity to meet/discuss with colleagues, get updated on the newest developments, insights in plant genome evolution, will provide unique possibilities to network, discuss collaborations.

More... http://www.plantgenomeevolution.com/ ; Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, 29 April, 2013

5th International Conference on Environmental, Industrial & Applied Microbiology, 2-4 October 2013, Madrid

BioMicroWorld2013 will bring together researchers, engineers and scientists in the fields of industrial microbiology, biotechnology, environmental sciences, agriculture, food and medical microbiology, and other related fields, to communicate current research priorities and progress in those fields, and to identify new research approaches.

Deadline for abstract submission: 2 July 2013 for oral presentations and 30 July 2013 for poster/virtual presentations

Contact: Aurora Solano, BioMicroWorld Secretariat, info@biomicroworld2013.org, bmw2013@formatex.info

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=events&eventcode=4A5A10A1-C854-5B90-C915C7D4923DE680

European Geothermal Congress, 3-7 June 2013, Pisa, Italy

The organisers requested submission of abstracts for papers concerning all areas of geothermal energy use, from very shallow systems to deep drilling and high-enthalpy helds. The technological, the social-economic side will be in focus. On 7 June you will have the opportunity to visit the Larderello power plant site which celebrates it's centenary in 2013, trek across the area's geothermal fields, visit the Valle Secolo Plant- the biggest geothermal powerplant in Italy! You can view the full agenda here. Space is limited to 200 participants so reserve your space now to avoid disappointment.
More... http://www.geothermalcongress2013.eu/

21st European Biomass Conference & Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark, 03-07 June 2013

For 30 years now the EU Biomass Conference & Exhibition has been the place to address and discuss the fundamental challenges of the bioenergy industry, to illustrate the best innovative technological solutions available to overcome them. The Conference will discuss major issues for the biomass markets, in technical/business areas, from resource assessment to market, policy developments, drawing on leading experiences from all over Europe and worldwide. The subjects of the 21st EU BC&E result from the experiences of the previous successful EU BC&E conferences.
More... http://www.conference-biomass.com/Conference.405.0.html; http://www.conference-biomass.com/Exhibition.406.0.html

9th International Conference on Ecosystems & Sustainable Development, 18-20 June 2013, Bucharest, Romania

The aim of the event is to encourage/facilitate interdisciplinary communication between scientists, engineers, economists, professionals working in ecological systems, sustainable development. Emphasis is given to those areas that will benefit from the application of scientific methods for sustainable development, the conservation of natural systems around the world. The conference wold seeking to integrate thermodynamics, ecology and economics into 'ecodynamics'.
More... http://www.wessex.ac.uk/13-conferences/ecosud-2013.html

1st Conference *A European research strategy for intermodal transport*, Gran Canaria, Spain, 17-18 April 2013

The objective of the conference is to contribute at the optimization of research & innovation transport policies by defining a targeted research strategy for intermodality to be implemented in the programming period 2014-2020. The event aims:
- giving advice to regional authorities and further stakeholders on the coordination of RTD policy development and support the consideration and integration of transport related concerns into Smart Specialisation Strategies;
- formulating recommendations to private and public RTD actors on research strategies to be tackled in the future and spread knowledge on successfully developed technologies and procedures for improving transport modes;
- presenting/debating on successful cluster policies, strong innovation systems supporting the exploitation of research results into the market.
More... http://www.intraregio.eu/intconference/

The International Symposium on Nuclear Energy (SIEN), 20-24 October 2013, Bucharest, Romania

SIEN is a biennial scientific and technical meeting in Romania having already a long tradition. SIEN is co-organized by the Romanian Nuclear Energy Association - AREN and the Romanian Atomic Forum - ROMATOM. The objective of the symposium is to debate challenges and the future prospective of Nuclear Energy in the context of the last well known events in the world. All the experts and representatives of the main organizations and institutions involved in the development of nuclear projects are invited to attend SIEN 2013. This symposium is also open to research officers and students interested in the Issues of Nuclear Energy.
More... http://www.sien.ro/

4th International Conference on Energy & Sustainability, 19-21 June, 2013, Bucharest, Romania

All parts of the new energy economy are strongly interlinked, researchers in the field must be aware of the entire enterprise to maximize their own contribution.
This conference offers an opportunity for scientists, professionals, policymakers, other parties to review recent developments in this rapidly changing environment. The conference will cover topics related to sustainability in energy production, energy storage, distribution, energy management.
More... http://www.wessex.ac.uk/13-conferences/energy-and-sustainability-2013.html

IDC CIO Summit, Vienna, Austria, 25-26 April 2013

Budget cuts, "cloud" everything, data getting "bigger", more stakeholders than ever before, a rapidly evolving competitive landscape – the CIO's world is not getting simpler. IDC's CIO Summit 2013 will focus on a pressing theme – *Seize the Moment: Transform, Innovate, Collaborate*. What are the strategies that the business-savvy CIO needs to consider? How they can demonstrate greater value to the business user, increase the profile of IT in the boardroom? **Topics:**

• ICT to Drive Business Agility	• Enabling the Mobile Enterprise
• IT Management & Governance to Optimize Costs	• Service Delivery for the Future (Cloud)
• Leadership: Driving Innovation to Re-Energize the Business	• Leveraging Your Data
• The Newest Threat Vectors: Securing the Enterprise	• The Role of the CIO in 2020

More... Joint the CIO Summit and discuss it with top IT professionals across Europe

Events in the field of ICT

2013-04-10   First International Conference on Internet Science   Brussels   link
2013-04-30   15Th EU Conference on the applications of evolutionary & bio-inspired computation Vienna link
2013-05-13   Second EOS Conference on Optofluidics   Munich   link

2013-05-15   Vision in an Increasingly Mobile World London [link](#)
2013-06-03   First International Workshop on Human Mobility Computing   Milan   [link](#)
2013-06-04   ITS Congress Dublin 2013   Dublin [link](#)
2013-06-05   6th Iberian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis   Madeira   [link](#)
2013-06-13   13th European Conference on eGoverment Como   [link](#)
2013-07-08   9th International Conference on Earthquake Resistant Engineering Structures A Coruña, Spain [link](#)
2013-09-04   13th International Conference on Knowledge Management and Knowledge Technologies Graz   [link](#)
2013-10-16   13th International Conference on ITS Telecommunications   Tampere   [link](#)
More… http://www.interfaceeurope.eu/event_themes

Events in the field of Security
10th International Conference on Security and Cryptography : http://www.secrypt.icete.org/
Critical Criminology in a Changing World - Tradition & Innovation: http://www.jus.uio.no/ikrs/english/research/news-and-events/events/conferences/2013/CCIACW/

Events in the field of Health
2013-03-26   Second International Conference on Health Information Science London [link](#)
2013-04-10   Protein engineering: new approaches and applications   Chester   [link](#)
2013-04-15   Cellular polarity: from mechanisms to disease London [link](#)
2013-04-23   Seventh International Conference on the Impact of Environmental Factors on Health   Budapest   [link](#)
2013-04-24   Tenth International Conference on Modelling and Measurement in Medicine & Biology Budapest   [link](#)
2013-04-25   International Conference on Aging and Cognition   Dortmund   [link](#)
2013-05-01   Space in the brain: cells, circuits, codes and cognition   Buckinghamshire   [link](#)
2013-05-05   Mitochondria: from Signaling to Disease   Lisbon [link](#)
2013-05-08   Chromatin and Epigenetics   Heidelberg   [link](#)
2013-05-12   Third International Conference on Bio-Sensing Technology   Sitges [link](#)
2013-05-14   European Brain Research Successes and Next Challenges Brussels   [link](#)
2013-05-15   Applied Bioinformatics & Public Health Microbiology 2013   Cambridge   [link](#)
2013-05-23   Allergy and Asthma 2013   Bruges [link](#)
2013-06-07   The Biology of Ageing: Damage or Hyperfunction London [link](#)
2013-06-12   24th Annual Meeting of the EU Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Rotterdam   [link](#)

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics
12 Apr [Electron Microscopy: New Applications in Micro and Nanotechnology](#) Switzerland
15 Apr [University of Oxford: Online Introduction to Electronics](#) Online
16 Apr [Workshop on Advances in Analog Circuit Design](#) France
16 Apr [Polymer Microfabrication](#) Germany
22 Apr [Advanced Course on Image Sensor Technology](#) Germany
22 Apr [Power Integrity: Advanced Design and Characterization](#) Germany
22 Apr [Digital Signal Analysis Techniques: Time, Frequency, and Spatial Algorithms](#) Germany
22 Apr [Smart Materials in Robotics and Microtechnology](#) Switzerland
22 Apr [Smart Sensor System Course 2013](#) The Netherlands
22 Apr [Fiber Optic Transmission Systems](#) Germany
22 Apr [Advanced Radio System Architectures](#) Germany
29 Apr [RF Analysis with Virtuoso Spectre Simulator vMMSIM.7.2](#) UK
06 May [Advanced Signoff Power-Grid Analysis with Encounter Power System v8.1](#) Germany
11 May [Advanced Digital Physical implementation flow](#) Belgium
13 May [Nanoscale CMOS Process Technology](#) Belgium
13 May [Thin Film Deposition at the Nanoscale: Mechanisms and Applications](#) Sweden
More… http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php ; More FSRM courses ; http://www.eurotraining.net/

Training Courses Catalogue 2013
Interface Europe provides all European stakeholders with high added value services required to successfully develop and manage EU R&D strategies & projects throughout the EU funding programmes dedicated to research and innovation.
More… download the catalogue … http://www.interfaceeurope.eu/files/articles/pdf_en_65.pdf

Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East EU countries, Belgrade, Serbia, April 11-12, 2013
The workshop is all-inclusive both for Western Balkan & Danube region's.countries. It is a combination of training on smart specialisation basic concepts, practice evolving around the presentation of the Platform & Guide on smart specialisation that the Joint Research Centre - Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, IPTS has launched. National/Regional Research & Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3 strategies) are integrated, place-based economic transformation agendas.
The concept: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/informat/2014/smart_specialisation_en.pdf
More… http://wbc-inco.net/attach/2_S3Training_Agenda_DRAFT.pdf ; marija.mosurovic@pupin.rs ; contact@seerc.org

MBA programme - University of Cumbria, UK in partnership with Robert Kennedy College

The MBA programme has been designed for busy managers and can be completed almost entirely online with a one week residency in Cumbria, England.

More… To apply for the April intake you can fill the application form available here.; 2013 Online MBA special report

International Summer School "Nanotechnology: from fundamental research to innovations", Bukovel, Ukraine, 25 August – 1 September 2013

Participation in the summer school will open the opportunity for young scientists to listen to a series of lectures on the fields of Nanosciences & Nanotechnologies. Scientists of worldwide reputation from universities and research centres from Ukraine and EU will share their knowledge/experience in the format of lecture presentations, roundtable discussions.

More… http://www.iop.kiev.ua/~nanotwinning/iss2/

IHRS BioSoft Guest Student Programme. Deadline is 31 March 2013

The aim is to support interdisciplinary research at the interfaces between traditional disciplines. Applicants from physics, chemistry, biology and related research areas should therefore also be interested in the other two disciplines.

From 29 July until 2 October 2013, the IHRS BioSoft conducts a guest student programme for master students physics, chemistry, biology and related subjects. The programme enables selected master students to work on an own, ten-week research project in one of the participating groups. Guest students will learn soft matter by short lab courses.

More… http://www.ihrs-biosoft.de/gsp/

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The key drivers of cloud adoption are coming from six key topic areas: Mobility, Cloud Integration, Digital Marketing, Big Data, Testing (as a Service), and Government Cloud initiatives from around the world. All of these are having a significant impact today, and all will have an even greater impact over the next two to three years.

This webinar will give Software and IT Services providers an insight into the Cloud market, especially the six key drivers, to assist them in taking full advantage of the opportunities that Cloud services offer.

More… www.gotomeeting.com/register/438670722

Course: Transportation Risk Assessment, 15-19 April 2013, Stuttgart, Germany

The aim of the course is the introduction to transportation risk analysis. The risk assessment of road, rail and pipeline transportation of hazardous substances will be illustrated. The approaches to frequency calculation, consequence assessment, risk assessment will be discussed. Case-studies will be analyzed to illustrate the calculation, the use of individual, societal and other advanced risk indexes.

More… register before **1 April 1 2013**. online announcement, course profile, overview of all our courses, training plan.

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Temporary Agent (M/F), Scientific analyst-content coordination, Grade: AD 6, Deadline: **28 March 2013,** Lisbon, Portugal

More... http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/vacancies/2013/AD1