

# Newsletter

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### Danube Water Program Call for Applications for Competitive Grants

The Danube Water Program is a joint initiative of the International Association of Danube Water Works (IAWD) and the World Bank, initially funded by the Government of Austria, to support the water supply and waste water sector in improving operational practice within the Danube Region.

There will be two separate Calls for Applications for Competitive Grants  
Call 1 – September 30, 2013 (Funds available up to 500,000 Euro)  
Call 2 – Spring 2014 (Funds available up to 400,000 Euro and funds leftover from Call 1)

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#### Open Calls

*Open call for proposal related to innovation and competitiveness*

- *Expert evaluators Eco-innovation*

**Deadline 2013-09-30**

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### Call for personal and post-doctoral research grant applications 2013

The call for post-doctoral research applications will be open from 1 September to 17:00 (Estonian time) on 30 September 2013. The post-doctoral research grant is a research grant that the Estonian Research Council (ETAg) will award to an applicant as a result of an open international competition for the purpose of implementation of a particular research project. The grant includes remuneration of the post-doctoral fellow (27,000 euro annually incl. taxes payable thereon), research-related costs (for an experimental research project – 6,000 euro, for a non-experimental research project – 3,200 euro).

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## *Events*

### **European Mobility Week kicks off: Cities put focus on transport & clean air (16-22/09/13)**

European Mobility Week (EMW) 2013 officially launches today, and will see more than 2,000 cities in 43 countries implement activities to create a more sustainable mobility culture. This year's edition will run from 16 to 22 September under the slogan 'Clean air – It's your move!'

The 2013 campaign aims to raise awareness about the impact of transport on local air quality, and encourages citizens all over Europe to improve their health and well-being by changing their day-to-day mobility behaviour. It coincides with the European Year of Air, an area EU policy makers are currently reviewing through the Thematic Strategy on Air Quality.

Poor air quality continues to have a major impact on the health of European citizens, leading to respiratory and cardiac complications, premature deaths and shorter life expectancy. Air pollution also affects the environment, resulting in acidification, biodiversity loss, ozone depletion and climate change. Urban traffic is a growing source of air pollution – specifically when it comes to particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide. [More...](#)

### **27 September 2013, Chisinau - Researcher's Night - Event for promoting Moldovan Scientific research results**

The Researchers night, organized in the framework of the MORE4U project, is conceived to increase the awareness of research as a solution to the numerous challenges faced by people all around the world and mainly in Europe.

The goal of the event is to reveal to the non-academic public the role of researchers in transforming ideas into ready-made useful products available to all. In doing so the activities foreseen are going to involve an audience as young as pre-school age kids, teenagers to young adults and adults from a great variety of fields: didactic staff, doctors, entrepreneurs, clerks, etc. among them. An important target group of the project will be students.

The Researchers night will promote public recognition of researchers and their profession and bring them closer to society. The project also aims to stimulate young people to embark on scientific careers and to enhance the attractiveness of Europe as host territory for researchers.

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### **Brokerage event on environmental technologies, 25-27 September 2013 in Budapest, Hungary**

The Association of Environmental Enterprises is organising for the second time the ÖKOINDUSTRIA – International Environmental Industry, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Exhibition on the 25-27 September 2013 in Budapest, Hungary. ÖKOINDUSTRIA 2013 will be covering all environmental fields: renewable energies, energy efficiency, eco-building, climate protection, waste, secondary raw material, products from waste, water, soil, biotechnology, air, noise and vibration protection. ÖKOINDUSTRIA 2013 will provide a unique opportunity to introduce the latest environmental innovations, technologies, services and a platform for information exchange, technology transfer and professional cooperation. [More...](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES 2013", Latvia, Riga**

The international scientific conference 'Environmental and Climate Technologies 2013' will be held from 14 to 16 October 2013 in Riga, Latvia.

Over the last 20 years, environment and climate change have grown from mind-boggling public concerns to successful research fields from which a great deal of nowadays' new technologies originate. Still, much remains to be achieved before mankind can take a breather.

The main aim of this yearly conference is to acquaint researchers with achievements in the area of energy systems and environmental engineering and to provide scientists, especially PhD students, with an opportunity to publish the results of their research.

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## **'PEGNet Conference 2013: How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World - Global, Regional, and Local Solutions', Copenhagen, Denmark**

An event entitled 'PEGNet Conference 2013: How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World - Global, Regional, and Local Solutions' will be held from 17 to 18 October 2013 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Economic growth has come largely at the expense of natural resources and the environment. It has not achieved economic and social equality either, which is why the concept of green growth has emerged to make growth compatible with environmental sustainability without neglecting the social dimension. Institutional reform is needed to pursue policies which aim to get prices right, fix markets while assigning property rights and prices to environmental services.

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## **ECOMEDIU Brokerage Event Arad (16-18 October Romania)**

ECOMEDIU Brokerage Event is organized within ECOMEDIU - International Fair of technologies and equipment for drinking water preparing, technologies and utilities for waste water processing, urban, industrial and special waste management, projecting and execution of ecological landfills for urban and rural wastes, utilities for investigation, analyzing and quality control of water, air, ground, urban hygiene equipment and many other green technologies and products.

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## **Danube Innovation Partnership, Bucharest- 29/10/13**

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission is formally launching the Danube Innovation Partnership during a workshop that will take place on 29 October 2013 in Bucharest, directly after the Second Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, jointly organised between the Government of Romania and the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy.

The need to improve the quality of the Research and Innovation ecosystems has been identified as one of the important policy goals to be pursued over the next few years in the Danube region and the Danube Innovation Partnership will be an integral part of the JRC's Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy initiative.

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