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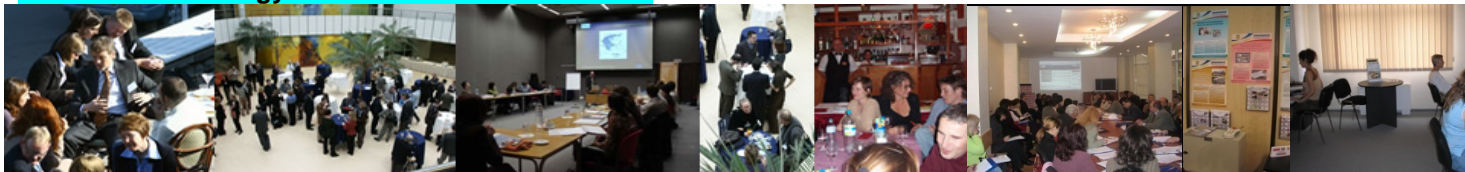
Newsletter

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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.

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How the Network's brokerage events work.

More... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=fERuBYG7sWl

Success Story: Giving old tyres a new life

More... http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Us4aK_t2Zec

15th International brokerage event at MEDICA 2013, 20-23 November 2013, Dusseldorf, Germany

On the occasion of MEDICA 2013, the global No. 1 meeting place for the medical sector, ZENIT GmbH together with the Healthcare Sector Group of the Enterprise Europe Network will organise the international Brokerage Event.

The aim is to assist enterprises, universities and research institutions in finding partners in Europe for product development, manufacturing and licensing agreements, joint ventures or other types of partnership.

In the last years each of the brokerage events had more than 180 participants from about 25 countries with more than 600 meetings. It is the world's biggest brokerage event in the healthcare sector.

More... www.b2match.eu/Medica2013 ; [Healthcare Brokerage Event MEDICA 2013](#)

AquaMatch 2013 B2B brokerage event, during the International Water Week, 7 November 2013, Amsterdam

The AquaMatch is an international brokerage event focused on water technology and innovation. The event organised by NL Agency and Enterprise Europe Network, takes place at [Aquatech Amsterdam](#) during the [International Water Week](#) in Amsterdam. You must first register free registration: <https://registration.n200.com/survey/09fetdyo2ia4o>.

AquaMatch enables exhibitors, visitors to find partners for cooperation, e.g. for product development, research & development, Horizon 2020, joint ventures, manufacturing and licensing agreements. Focus: water treatment, water re-use, monitoring & sensing, water management, water & energy.

The earlier you submit your collaboration profile the more it will be recognised.

Co-organizer Ro4Europe-EEN Romania.

More... <http://www.b2match.eu/aquamatch2013/> ; <http://www.aquatechtrade.com/amsterdamen/Pages/default.aspx>

3rd International brokerage event at the professional trade fair MIDEST, 19-22 November 2013, Paris, France

The international business cooperation platform at MIDEST 2013 will be organised by Reed Expositions France, the Chamber of Commerce of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and the European Business Support Network "Enterprise Europe Network" in cooperation with many other professional organisations worldwide.

The **MIDEST** trade fair is known to be one of the world's most important key platforms for industrial subcontractors at international scale and involved the participation of more than 1,700 exhibitors from 46 countries and 40,000 visiting professionals from 78 different countries participated in MIDEST 2012. For the first time, the **matchmaking event** will be extended to the trade fair "Tolexpo", which will take place in parallel to MIDEST.

Tolexpo is the No.1 event in France specially dedicated to industry equipment for production of sheets, tubes & profiles.

More... <http://www.een-matchmaking.com/midest2013> ; een@cc.lu ; niels.dickens@cc.lu

NMP – H2020 brokerage event, Strasburg, 29 November 2013

The German and French National Contact Point (NCP) and Enterprise Europe Network Alsace with the Europe Alsace Network organise a brokerage event with the objectives to present the future framework program of research, innovation "Horizon 2020" and the first calls for proposals to be published by the end of 2013.

Participants will have the opportunity to present their own concepts and to meet representatives from companies/SMEs, universities, research organisations in order to exchange ideas during pre-arranged meetings. The aim is to pave the way for future co-operations & European projects including call topics for 2014 and 2015. The event will focus on :

- Nanotechnologies
- Advanced materials
- Advanced Manufacturing and Processing
- Energy efficiency in Buildings (PPP-EeB)
- Factories of the Future (PPP-FoF)
- Sustainable process industries (PPP-SPIRE)

and will take into account the **societal challenges** defined in Horizon 2020.

More... <http://www.b2match.eu/kets2014/>

Info Day: SMEs in HORIZON 2020", 25 November 2013, Bruxelles

Participants will:

- Learn the latest on practical implementation of the different measures for SME support (incl. on the new SME instrument and on SMEs' access to risk finance)
- Discover more about the streamlined support environment that Horizon 2020 proposes
- Be able to engage into a dialogue with EU officials in order to identify opportunities for SME support under H2020

The topics that will be covered include:

- The SME instrument
- Collaborative Projects
- Access to Risk Finance
- Marie Curie-Skłodowska Actions
- Eurostars (2014-2020)
- Innovation in SMEs
- The Participant Portal

Eurostars, with it's over [1.14 billion euro budget](#) under Horizon 2020, will be present for the event.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020_event

Info Day: Horizon 2020 Health, demographic change & wellbeing, 1st funding round, 22 November 2013, Brussels

[Horizon 2020](#), the EU's new programme for investment in research and innovation, is expected to include **more than 7 billion EUR** for the 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing' challenge. This event will prepare you for the first funding round, expected for December this year. It will:

- give you essential information on how to develop a good project proposal
- take you through the application process, step by step
- help you find project partners and get answers to your questions.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/horizon-2020-health-open-info-days_en.html

The Security Research Event 2013 at Milipol Paris 2013, 19-22 November 2013, Paris, France

The EC is pleased to announce its first participation in **Milipol Paris 2013**, combining a dedicated Security Research Conference with an exhibition of the results of key EU security research projects. The main subject of the **Security Research Conference** will be the EC's initiatives to meet the challenge of providing a more secure society by 2020.

Milipol Paris 2013 will provide the stage to launch the Horizon 2020 Secure Societies Challenge and to have a session on our broader activities on Security Industrial Policy. The EC will present the results of its research and how she deals with societal and ethical issues. There will be a session on international perspectives on the security at major events.

More... <http://en.milipol.com/Show-features/European-Commission>

Transport Workprogramme sessions in ICT 2013 Event - Create, Connect, Grow, 6-8 November 2013, Vilnius

Will be organizing 3 sessions presenting objectives under H2020 Societal Challenge 4 Transport workprogramme in the context of the ICT2013 event in Vilnius; one on automation, one on cooperative ITS and one on Electric Vehicles. The sessions will include a presentation of the specific Workprogramme objectives; then the floor will be open to participants for short presentations of their ideas for research, i.e. potential proposals.

<http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/events/cf/ict2013/item-display.cfm?id=11662>

<http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/events/cf/ict2013/item-display.cfm?id=11663>

<http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/events/cf/ict2013/item-display.cfm?id=11664>

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-2013>

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

You are an 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...

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Clusters

Calls for projects currently open for EUREKA Clusters

Together with EUREKA Individual projects & Eurostars projects, Clusters are one of EUREKA's funding instruments. Each Cluster covers one specific industry sector, including water technology, software, telecommunications, energy, nano-electronics, integrated electronics. Apply in tech specific calls open to all types of companies and get in touch with the leading multinationals of the innovation sector in Europe. Here are a few dates, information on currently open calls:

- [ITEA 2](#) - is the European software industry's spearhead. The latest call for project funding opened on March 19, and potential project participants will be able to send their full project outlines [until October 31, 2013](#).
- [EUROGIA2020](#) - This cluster finances projects in clean energy. The next deadline is [November 15, 2013](#).
- [EURIPIDES²](#) - specialises in smart systems, which are electronic systems integrated in objects, vehicles, textiles or even human bodies. The next deadline is [November 26, 2013](#).

More... [EUREKA-Network-showarticle-journal_content](#)

6th ITEA & ARTEMIS Co-summit 2013, 4-5 December 2013, Stockholm, Sweden

This year's Co-summit featuring international keynote speakers, a high level panel discussion, an inspiring project exhibition including speakers' corners fuelled by the project teams themselves, is dedicated to *Software innovation: boosting high-tech employment and industry*. Visitors will be able to roam around the project exhibition, share insights with key representatives from more than 80 leading European R&D&I projects. Both ITEA & ARTEMIS projects, their results will be showcased in terms of innovation, business impact and exploitation. The exhibition will include a special focus area with projects related to the topic of 'Smart Cities'.

More... <http://www.itea2.org/cosummit2013> ; <http://www.itea2.org> and www.artemis-ia.eu.

French Clusters Guide

More... http://www.nxtbook.fr/newpress/France-Clusters/Guide-2013_ce/index.php?ap=1

SMEs

Access to finance for SMEs - Support schemes available

Through Programmes or resources from the European Investment Bank or through financial instruments supported through Structural Funds, there are a multitude of support schemes available. The web site will help you to apply for finance supported by the EU. Details of the different sources of support are available on the following website:

More... http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/funding-grants/access-to-finance/index_en.htm

Study on trade secrets and confidential business information in the internal market

The EC contracted the law firm Baker & McKenzie to carry out a study on the role of trade secrets and confidential business information as possible drivers for innovation, competitiveness and economic growth in the EU.

This study incorporates a survey covering 537 companies, including 323 small and medium size companies (less than 250 employees) undertaken at the end of 2012. It also provides a detailed review of the legal frameworks governing trade secrets in the 27 Member States, the United States of America, Japan and Switzerland.

More... Read and download the report [here](#)

Unleashing the power of innovation

Based on a survey of 246 CEOs from around the world, this report explores the changing role, nature of innovation in businesses. To see how innovation is evolving, the findings are compared to a similar study carried out in 2009. What emerges from the latest survey is that CEOs are now taking personal responsibility for directing and inspiring innovation as it becomes an ever more vital element of business survival and success, but organisations are not always ready to take advantage from new ideas.

More... Find the report at [this page](#)

Intellectual Property ; Standards



Innovation contest winners announced

The winners of the EPO's Innovation Contest for university students were announced in Munich. Launched earlier this year, the competition asked students to define a research project of potential interest for future R&D.

More... [Read more](#)

Hall of fame exhibition opens at Deutsches Museum

The exhibition features seven inventors who were finalists for the European Inventor Award. It opened at the Deutsches Museum in Munich and will later travel to other European cities.

More... [Read more](#)

UNECE to develop standards and recommendations on Public-Private Partnerships

UNECE - through its International Public Private Partnership Centre of Excellence (ICoE) - intends to develop standards, recommendations on PPP aimed at remedying governments' lack of clear models to base their own projects, programs on. The recommendations will also target developing infrastructure in order to deliver social services in sectors such as transport, water management, water/wastewater, broadband/ICT, renewable energy, green PPP, schools, health, the renovation of public buildings, legal practices.

More... [here](#)

Research

Study on Non FP Participation by Innovative SME

The report focuses on non-participating highly innovative SMEs in the ICT sector with the aim to clarify the reasons for not participating in EU research programs, to suggest ways forward for the new ICT-H 2020 to remedy the situation. During the interviews Innovative ICT-SMEs were asked to express the issues they have faced when considering European research funding, with a particular focus on the issues raised that had stopped SMEs from successfully applying. The SMEs were asked to suggest ways to solve these issues. They were also given a brief explanation of the proposed plans for H 2020, asked to comment on these proposals. From these investigations 6 key messages have been developed. These key messages have then been compared to the solutions put forward for H2020.

More... <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/study-on-non-fp-participation-by-innovative-sme-pbKK3113910/>

Horizon 2020 Instruments

Horizon 2020 is the new name for the Framework Program coming after FP7. It will run for 7 years from 2014 to 2020 with an approximate €70 billion budget. Horizon 2020 Main Instruments are:

- Grants for Research and Innovation
- Grants for Innovation Support and Coordination Actions
- Programme Co-funding Actions
- Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)
- Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI)
- SME-Instrument
- Prizes

More... www.finance-helpdesk.org

New EMDESK website launched

EMDESK – specialised management software for European research projects. Integrated and secure tool for collaborative proposal writing and effective project management in FP7 and Horizon 2020.

More... <http://www.emdesk.com/en/>

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

Methods of Generating New Ideas for Business

Even with a wide variety of sources available, coming up with an idea as the basis for a new venture can still be a difficult problem. The entrepreneur can use several methods to help generate, test new ideas: focus groups, brainstorming, problem inventory analysis. The entrepreneur is not limited by only the three methods presented in this article. There are other creative problem solving methods and techniques that are also available.

More... [Methods-of-generating-new-ideas-for-business](#)

An Integrated Approach to E-Governance, E-Participation and Policy Modelling – Brochure

It supports governments in:

- Gaining a better understanding of the citizen's needs and businesses activities .

- Getting direct feedback from all political stakeholders through multi-channel social network analysis based on the communication between politicians and citizens.
- Predicting the impacts of policy measures leading to a more efficient implementation of government policies.
- Taking better decisions based on forecasts regarding the potential impact of political decisions.
- Achieving a High-level engagement of citizens and a wider use of ICT tools resulting in a higher innovation potential related to the interaction of citizens with their respective governments.

More... http://www.fupol.de/sites/default/files/doc/FUPOL_Brochure_modules.pdf#

Supporting Investment in Knowledge Capital, Growth and Innovation

Supporting Investment in Knowledge Capital, Growth and Innovation is the latest OECD publication that reveals the significance of business investment in what is called knowledge based capital (KCB). KCB consists of non-physical assets such as data, software, patents, designs, new organisational processes and firm-specific skills.

The key findings of the publication show that investing in knowledge-based capital is crucial to developing, maintaining a healthy innovation ecosystem. Business investment in knowledge based capital is a key factor in driving growth in knowledge economies. The report shows that it contributes to 20-34% of average labour productivity growth in the EU.

Adopting and supporting a broader concept of innovation (also explored in the OECD "[Oslo Manual](#)") would allow policymakers to support SMEs more completely in all of the kinds of innovation they can be involved in, including innovations in marketing strategies, organisational structure and function.

The upcoming [European Council meeting](#) on growth, competitiveness & innovation on the 24-25 October should take into account these new figures when coming to their conclusions on Europe's collective future in innovation.

More... [Eureka-Network-Investments-in-Knowledge!](#) ; [Supporting Investment in Knowledge Capital-Growth-Innovation](#)

Center for Data Innovation

The [Center for Data Innovation](#), developed by the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation conducts high-quality, independent research, educational activities on the impact of the increased use of information on economy, society.

In addition, the Center for Data Innovation formulates and promotes pragmatic public policies designed to enable data-driven innovation in the public and private sector, create new economic opportunities and improve quality of life.

The Center for Data Innovation also sponsors the annual [Data Innovation Day](#).

More... Check further details at [Center for Data Innovation official website](#)

Partner Search

Looking for potential partners in business, from Romania

Popeci Utilaj Greu can manufacture high quality products, by using modern technological procedures and processes. Being equipped with numerical or conventional control machine tools, that can process a various range of parts.

Among the technological operations: cylindrical turning on parallel lathes, cylindrical turning on vertical lathes, cylindrical grinding, flat/shaped grinding, cylindrical teeth grinding, milling, flat milling on portal milling machines, rack milling, outer gear cylinder cutting, inner gear cylinder cutting by mortising, inner gear cylinder cutting with modulus disc milling machine, straight tapering gear cutting, arc-curved tapering gear cutting, drilling, deep drilling, boring, honing, coring, flame cutting in CNC, Plasma cutting for refracting/ferrous materials, welding of complex structures with 200.000 kg maximum weight, bending plates, profiles, thick plates rolling with cylinders, sandblasting in closed cabin, metalized coats, primer painting, dyeing, thermal stress relieving in furnace, stress relieving through vibrating.

If you are interesting to subcontract an instalation, if you search a strong and reliable partner for futures jobs, if you wish to plase an tender for some parts of you're projects or you looking for a partner in a project please contact us

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Partner Search for currently open call M-ERA.NET 2013-4,

Topic: Materials for Health and I kindly ask you for dissemination of PS to your clients. Slovenian company is preparing project proposal to be submitted to M-ERA.NET open call 2013-4, topic: Materials for Health.

The aim of the project is to incorporate living microorganisms, different biomolecules or sensoric devices (either dyes or other types of sensors) within the textile material for biomedical application. Manufacturer of textile materials is sought. Novel functionalized textile will be used to prevent bacterial infection in diabetic foot without the use of antibiotics. In the course of the project the method to functionalize textile material for efficient attachment or incorporation of living microorganisms or different antimicrobial molecules will be developed and tested in vitro and in vivo.

A pilot-scale finished product used to prevent infection of the diabetic foot will be the outcome of the project. A company has to have a possibility to anticipate scaling up of the manufacturing process, industrialization of a final product. Company is looking for the following countries: France, Finland, Russia, Turkey, Poland, Norway, Luxemburg, Romania.

Contact: Eols can be sent until 18th October 2013 to e-mail: sebastjan.rosa@zrs.upr.si

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

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

Area	Title	Deadline	Themes	More
COOPERATION SP1-JTI-CS-2013-02		2013-10-22	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
COOPERATION FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-2		2013-12-03	Infrastructures	link
COOPERATION FP7-2013-ICT-FI		2013-12-10	Information and Communication Technologies	link

Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness

Area	Title	Deadline	More
NMP	SIINN Second Call for Proposals 2013	2013-10-31	link
Transport	105-G-ENT-CIP-13-C-N03C03	2013-11-05	link
Research	Eureka : Euripides call for expert	2013-12-31	link
Education	EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region 2008/2009	2020-10-31	link

An open call for expression of interest for the financial instruments under COSME

The new Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) will run from 2014 to 2020, with a planned budget of €2.3bn (current prices). Objectives

- facilitating access to finance for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- creating an environment favourable to business creation and growth
- encouraging an entrepreneurial culture in Europe
- increasing the sustainable competitiveness of EU companies
- helping small businesses operate outside their home countries and improving their access to markets

As regards the financial instruments to be implemented under COSME, these are implemented on a demand-driven basis. While the EC will incentivise the EU Investment Fund (the entity most likely to be entrusted with the implementation of the financial instruments) to work with financial intermediaries across a wide geography, the entrusted entity can only respond to requests from financial intermediaries but not force financial intermediaries to apply.

An open call for expression of interest will be launched for the financial instruments under COSME, allowing equal access to the facilities across financial intermediaries from participating countries. This call for expression of interest will also set out the detailed terms and conditions of the financial instruments which will be binding for all financial intermediaries.

[More... http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cosme/](http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cosme/)

CIP - EIP European Mobile and Mobility Industries Alliance 2013. Deadline: 05 November 2013

Budget: €2 375 000. **Specific Programme(s):** Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)

The main objective is to develop large-scale demonstrators of Copernicus & the EU GNSS-based services. The concept of large-scale demonstrators is a new approach for stimulating innovation. It provides regional, local authorities, with a tool to better link all public, private actors, notably industry, knowledge-based service providers, research institutions, regulators, users/citizens to share knowledge, contribute practical experience, articulate their needs & competences. It offers a clear context, the appropriate incentives for successfully developing, testing, implementing new approaches in addressing specific challenges & problems. At the centre of large-scale demonstrators lies a staged approach that starts with the specific need or a vision for the future that is of importance to the area. It then works back from this challenge or policy objective to the potential technical and service innovation solutions and the corresponding support required.

[More... CallIdentifier=105-G-ENT-CIP-13-C-N03C03&specificProgram=EIP ; http://ec.europa.eu/cip/eip/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/cip/eip/index_en.htm)

Greece-Israel EUREKA bilateral call for R&D project proposals is open

The main objective of this call is to promote Greek and Israeli business relations while developing innovative products, services and applications in any technological area. These innovations will help to promote growth and jobs in all countries involved.

[More... Eureka-Network-Greece-Israel-Call](#)

The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) will shortly launch its 10th Call for proposals

The 10th Call has **one** indicative topic: Immunological assay standardisation and development for use in assessments of correlates of protection for influenza vaccines. The indicative text is online on the [10th Call web page](#).

IMI will hold a webinar on the 10th Call topic on 24 October 2013. For more information, to register visit the [webinar page](#).

[More... http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/10th-call-2013-10](http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/10th-call-2013-10); project partners can be found via the [Partner Search Tool](#).

URBACT Call for Proposals for the Creation of Pilot Networks

Following the decision of the URBACT Monitoring Committee an URBACT Call for proposals is now open for the creation of up to 4 Pilot Networks for the transfer of good practice in the field of integrated, sustainable urban development.

In URBACT II, the focus of exchange networks has been on fostering integrated and participative approaches to urban policies through sharing experience and practices, and improving local policies (production of Local Action Plans). The full chain of identification, transfer and validation of "good practices" in the field of urban policies has barely been explored. It is proposed to experiment this "capitalisation of good practices" process with small scale pilot projects under the current programme so as to explore tools and processes to be embedded in URBACT III.

[More... URBACT-Call-for-proposals ; http://urbact.eu/en/news-and-events/view-one/news/?entryId=5295](http://urbact.eu/en/news-and-events/view-one/news/?entryId=5295)

European Mobile and Mobility Industries Alliance – 2013

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providers, research institutions, regulators and users/citizens to share knowledge, contribute practical experience, and articulate their needs and competences.

More... [European-Mobile-and-Mobility-Industries-Alliance](#)

Action Plan to make Europe's cities smarter

Commission expected to invest around €200m to create Smart Cities in the next two years.

Cities are the major source of EU economic activity and of innovation. But the global economy is developing, changing fast and European cities need to rise to new challenges, develop & improve.

The plan suggests improvements to the way that cities are run with better ways of involving citizens, more collaborative ways of doing things. It suggests innovation zones, new business models, a re-evaluation of rules, legislation, a more standardised approach to data collection, use to enable better comparisons between approaches, between cities.

More... [Action-plan-smart-cities!](#)

Erasmus+ - the new EU funding programme for education, training, youth and sport

From 1 January 2014, Erasmus+ will become the new EU funding programme for education, training, youth and sport. Erasmus+ will have a new, streamlined structure that combines current funding programmes in the sector including the Lifelong Learning Programme (Comenius, Leonardo, Erasmus, Grundtvig and Transversal Programmes), Youth in Action, Jean Monnet, Tempus and Erasmus Mundus.

More... <http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/#!>

EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI):

As PROGRESS is ending in 2013, the Commission has adopted its proposal for a new programme, the Programme for Social Change & Innovation PSCI. This programme should come into effect on 1st January 2014. The EC's proposal on PSCI integrates and extends the coverage of three existing programmes: Progress (Programme for Employment & Social Solidarity), EURES (European Employment Services), the European Progress Microfinance Facility.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=987&langId=en&callId=383&furtherCalls=yes>

European Capital of Innovation Award – iCapital. Deadline: 3 December 2013

The EC intends to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of a city in building up an innovation ecosystem, i.e. a system which links the citizens with a built environment & public organizations, policy-makers through business. The award of EUR 500.000 will be granted to the winning city to scale up its achievement. The experts will examine, select the "Capital of Innovation" which is supposed to be announced in spring 2014.

More... [this page](#)

Policy

European Forum for Science and Industry

The European Forum for Science & Industry enhances the dialogue & cooperation on the scientific needs of industry in a regular & structured way. Future EU research & innovation programmes will focus on Europe 2020 objectives, particularly the Innovation Union: The European Forum for Science & Industry provides a reliable platform for the discussion, sharing & development of future projects aimed at boosting successful dialogue & cooperation between science & industry.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=6660>

What does the Commission mean by secure Cloud computing services in Europe?

Europe should aim to be the world's leading 'trusted cloud region'. Widespread adoption of cloud computing is essential for improving productivity levels in the European economy; but the spread of cloud could slow in light of recent revelations about PRISM, other surveillance programmes. These surveillance revelations have led to calls for national or regional cloud computing initiatives.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/what-does-commission-mean-secure-cloud-computing-services-europe>

Saving and Improving Lives: UN-EU partnership for food and nutrition security 2008-2012

The 8th annual Partnership Report "Saving and Improving Lives" presents the United Nations-European Union partnership for food and nutrition security from 2008 to 2012. The web photo publication and the videos included in the report will take you through the results of our work on the ground.

More... [Partnership-reports/saving-and-improving-lives--un-eu-partnership-for-food-and-nutrition/](#)

Wake-up call for European research and innovation

At the 5th European Innovation Summit, big names in research agreed that it was high time for a 'wake up Europe' call.

A five-point declaration addressed to EU policy-makers & member states was agreed after several speakers sought to identify ways to remove obstacles in the way of EU becoming a successful innovation economy.

The tone was set by former Polish prime minister, current president of the European Parliament, Jerzy Buzek, who said that "on the global map of innovation the EU is still closer to the Death Valley than the Silicon Valley".

More... [University-World-News-article!](#)

Public consultation on the Green Action Plan for SMEs

How could resource efficiency for SMEs in all sectors be supported more effectively? What measures could help them sell internationally green products and services? And which actors are best placed to help them in this view. Submit your ideas for EU Green Action Plan by 12 December at the latest.

More... <http://bit.ly/18kQ7Bx>

Refocusing EU Cohesion Policy for Maximum Impact on Growth and Jobs: The Reform in 10 points

Once the EU's 2014-2020 budget is confirmed by the European Parliament and EU member states, Cohesion Policy will invest € 325 billion in Europe's regions and cities to deliver the EU-wide goals of growth and jobs, as well as tackling climate change and energy dependence.

This will in turn leverage national, regional resources worth at least € 100 billion, for an overall expected investment of more than € 400 billion. The reform of Cohesion Policy will ensure maximum impact for the investments, adapted to individual needs of regions, cities.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/newsroom/detail.cfm?LAN=en&id=1057&lang=en

Events

2nd Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, 28-29 October, Bucharest, Romania

The Forum is jointly organised by the European Commission and the Government of Romania. The publication of the 1st Report on the implementation of the Strategy (April 2013) and the crucial stage of the negotiations for the future programmes in the period 2014-2020 will shape the debates among decision-makers from business, politics, international organisations and civil society coming from all over the Danube Region.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/danube/index_en.cfm

JRC European Forum for Science & Industry, Round Table Scientific Support to Energy Efficient Buildings, 29 November 2013, Brussels

Research & innovation in the field of energy efficient buildings requires efforts by different stakeholders at different level, therefore involving all actors is essential. On the occasion of launching the JRC initiative on scientific support to EU growth and jobs we had the chance to bring together different stakeholders, discuss where scientific support is needed for efficient buildings, vehicles, equipment.

The aim of this Round Table is to deepen the dialogue on efficient buildings, discuss financial aspects of it and examine the link between technology, policy and behaviour.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc> ; You can register by replying to JRC-CONFERENCE@ec.europa.eu.

International Workshop on Leadership & Entrepreneurship Development, 2–3 November 2013, Helsinki, Finland

The international workshop envisions to strengthen the social entrepreneurial skills and entrepreneurial networking among promising young leaders and young entrepreneurs. The major objectives of this event are as follows:

- Nurture, solidify the democratic leadership and socially responsible entrepreneurial skills among youth participants.
- Enhance networking, multicultural awareness, exchange of best-practices and further cooperation among youth with focus on the issue of democratic leadership and socially responsible entrepreneurship.
- Promote the implementation of joint youth socially responsible entrepreneurial, leadership initiatives among youth.
- Youth will have improved their entrepreneurial capabilities, developed, agreed to put in motion an action plan.
- Major sessions of the workshop will be uploaded in the website of the workshop.

More... <http://wnyleforum2013.info/>

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

[Critères pour le choix d'un moteur électrique](#), 25.10.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[La montre mécanique](#), 15.11.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Développement de logiciels selon des normes de qualité éprouvées](#), 25.11.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Les métaux précieux](#), 11.12.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

[Astronomie de la montre](#), 13.12.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)

More... <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; [More FSRM courses](#) ; <http://www.eurotraining.net/>

Webinar on Crowdfunding in Europe - Funding Innovation and Growth for SMEs, 24 October 2013

Why? To get to know more about the concept of crowdfunding and learn how to reap the benefits of different crowdfunding models. Joins us on the 24th of October sending an email to academy@insme.it with the following details: your name; your organization; your email; your country.

More... [Download the Abstract](#) ; <http://www.insme.org/insmeacademy>



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