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Enterprise Europe Network – Services in benefit of Small and Medium Enterprises

The Enterprise Europe Network is a key instrument in the EU's strategy to boost growth and jobs. Bringing together close to 600 business support organisations from more than 50 countries, we help small and medium companies size the unparalleled business opportunities in the EU Single Market.

More... <http://een.ec.europa.eu/> ; <http://een.ec.europa.eu/about/about#sthash.uJG3x6OI.dpuf>

Useful links

[Enterprise-Europe-Network](#) [DG Enterprise EU-Services](#) [Funding for SMEs](#) [Your Europe for businesses](#) [Small-Business-Portal](#) [Erasmus for entrepreneurs](#) [Fighting late payments](#) [EU financing by country](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Going-International](#) [Cordis](#) [Research&Innovation-SMEs-techweb](#) [Technology-Transfer](#) [Intellectual property](#) [US-EU-match](#) [Eco-innovation](#) [Knowledge Web](#) [SMEs & Entrepreneurship](#) [Access2Finance-for-SMEs](#) [Information Society: Thematic Portal](#) [Your Europe–Citizens-portal](#) [EU law & standards](#) [Job Seekers.](#)

Events in the field of technology transfer, innovation and business finding partners



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.

More... Events Calendar: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents>

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](#)

9th Brokerage Event "Tourism@GAST 2014", 7 March 2014, Split, Croatia

Croatian Chamber of Economy, County Chamber Split as part of the Enterprise Europe Network is hosting the event eduring the international GAST fair in Split, Croatia, 5th - 9th of March 2013.

Brokerage event Tourism@GAST has become a tradition for all our companies, partners. The matchmaking event will be organised within this fair between companies of the tourism & gastronomic interests (foods, beverages, hotel equipment). This will be a unique chance for meeting Croatia, international companies providing diverse services in this sector.

More... <http://www.gastfair.com/> ; nbusic@hgk.hr

Mission to Portugal under the framework of the EUROPE 2020 Strategy for Growth, 28-29 November 2013

Vice President Antonio Tajani will lead a Mission to Portugal under the framework of the EUROPE 2020 Strategy for Growth on 28-29 November. This Mission is a key priority for Vice President Tajani.

Together with the Portuguese authorities EEN will organise a conference with the objective of making EU companies aware about opportunities in and from Portugal. A brokerage B2B event will be organised by Portuguese Consortia to promote business partnerships between Portuguese & EU companies, but also with other non-European countries (i.e.: Angola & Brazil) in active sectors identified as key contributors to achieving Growth in Portugal.

More... <http://een.ec.europa.eu/events/europe-2020-strategy-growth-promoting-business-partnerships-portugal>

B2B Networking Event, 29 November 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

Register in the B2Match (www.b2match.eu/m4g-portugal) until the 7th November (extended deadline). The aim of the **B2B Networking Event** is to promote business, innovation partnerships between Portuguese & EU SMEs and also non-European countries in active sectors identified as key contributors, **but not exclusively**, for achieving growth, such as:

- Economy of the sea (i.e.: offshore activities such as [wind, wave and tidal power](#),
- Cruising & nautical
- [Naval industry](#)
- [Pharma and biotech](#)
- [Health](#)
- Tourism
- [Automotive components](#)
- [Aeronautical components](#)
- [ICTs](#)
- [Agriculture and Food](#)
- [Paper and Paste](#)
- [Shared Services Centres](#)
- [Building materials](#)
- [Moulds - Engineering and Tooling Industry](#)
- [Petrochemical and Chemical Industry](#)

Register in the B2Match (www.b2match.eu/m4g-portugal) until the 7th November.

More... <http://www.b2match.eu/m4g-portugal/pages/venue-accomodation>

How to Web, 20-21 November 2013, Bucharest, Romania

Enlarge your vision, transform your business, meet tech innovators from all around the world! For two days, HtoW puts you in front of leading innovators, entrepreneurs, professionals for a feast of hands-on talks on global web trends, product & business innovation & new technologies. The [Startup Spotlight](#) program & competition, showcasing some of the most innovative startups in Central & Eastern Europe, along with world-class accelerators, investors, support programs.

- Follow hands-on talks on product innovation, business development and newest web & mobile technologies
- Discover the latest global web trends and the impact web innovation is having on global and local businesses
- Meet your regional peers from Central & Eastern EU, beyond, with more than 800 participants from 10+ countries
- See the best showcase of tech innovation from Central & Eastern EU, with 32 teams pitching live during the event
- Meet global innovators, entrepreneurs and tech leaders from all around the world and ask them your questions
- Meet 12 of the best accelerator programs in the world presenting themselves and their success stories
- Be part of a fantastic sparkling community of innovators right here, in Eastern Europe
- Enjoy the How to Web spirit and have fun during two fantastic days & nights

More... <http://2013.howtoweb.co/> ; [Youtube/watch](#) ; [info@howtoweb.co!](mailto:info@howtoweb.co)

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.

Eager to discover the presentation material shown at the first European Commission information day on SMEs in Horizon 2020? Please [click here](#). Interested in following the information day via the internet? Please [register here](#).

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

Information Day on Smart, Green & Integrated Transport challenge, Horizon 2020, 18 December 2013, Brussels

The first round of calls under the Smart, Green & Integrated Transport challenge of the new Horizon 2020 Framework Programme will be published at the end of the year. To support the preparation of proposals, the Transport Directorate of the EC's Research and Innovation DG is organising an Information Day.

The aim is to inform potential participants in the first round of calls under the Smart, Green & Integrated Transport Challenge of the new **Horizon 2020 Framework Programme**, to offer some unique opportunities for networking.

In the second part of the afternoon, a **brokerage event**, also organised in parallel sessions, will allow **selected participants** to present project ideas and partners profiles.

The morning sessions will be broadcasted in web streaming; an access link will be available a few days before the event.

More... Full information and details for registration: [Information Day website](#) ; More [info](#) on the brokerage event.

Infoday ERA-NET Cofund under H2020 & Synergies between H2020 & Structural funds, 16-17 Jan 2014 Bruxelles

ERA-NETs under Horizon 2020 will be implemented by using a specific, new type of action: ERA-NET Cofund. There are a number of important changes compared to FP7 and with this event we want to inform participants and the broader stakeholder community about today's and future ERA-NETs, as early as possible to ensure that the ERA-NETs under Horizon 2020 continue successfully with their activities.

The Infoday will include a general introduction on Public-Public Partnerships under Horizon 2020, provide you with detailed information on the features of the ERA-NET Cofund actions including the provisions from the model grant agreement, the relevant calls in 2014-2015, information on proposal submission, evaluation, grant preparation, reporting. In addition it will be organised a dedicated workshop on **Synergies between Horizon 2020 and the Structural funds** and how they might be used for Public-Public-Partnerships.

More... [Pre-Announcement\] Infoday on ERA-NET Cofund under H2020 & Synergies between H2020 & Structural funds](#)

Launch event of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart cities & communities, 26 Nov. 2013, Brussels

The European Commission is organising this conference to share and discuss the actions outlined in the "Strategic Implementation Plan" of the Smart cities and communities Partnership and how to put them into practice.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/eip/smartcities/>

Clusters

EUROGIA2020, the energy EUREKA Cluster

EUROGIA2020, proposes a systemic approach to cope with the challenges that we face today:

- satisfy the energy demand and its continuous growth,
- fight against climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- prepare the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies while continuing the energy chain decarbonisation, and migrating towards a hydrogen economy.

EUROGIA2020 goal is to support international partnerships developing innovative projects in low-carbon energy tech. **EUROGIA2020** is a bottom-up, industry driven, market oriented programme which addresses all areas, from renewable energy to efficiency, and reduction of carbon footprint of fossil fuels. It addresses all energy technologies that will:

- reduce the carbon footprint of energy production and use
- develop new technologies for energy such as solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, energy efficiency, etc.

More... <http://www.eurogia.com/>

EUROGIA2020 cluster finances projects in clean energy. The next deadline is November 15, 2013

The application process for a eurogia⁺ project proposal has **two stages**.

1. **Submit a Project Outline.** The 1st **phase** will be to complete and submit a Project Outline. The project coordinator is invited to present it through an oral presentation in front of the Technical Committee. [Submit your project](#)
2. **A Full Project Proposal.** The 2nd **phase**, the applicants will be invited to fill in and submit a Full Project Proposal. Following the evaluation, the Technical Committee will give its recommendations to the eurogia⁺ Board, who in turn will decide to label the project. With this label, project participants can apply for funding in their respective countries.

More... <http://www.eurogia.com/projects/upcoming-calls.html>

SMEs

European Small Business Portal

What can the EU do for your business? Help you to get finance, partners, go international. The portal gathers together all the information provided by the EU on and for SMEs, ranging from practical advice to policy issues.

Money, partners and public contracts

- [Obtaining funding](#)
- [Business partners and public contracts](#)

EU SME policy & statistics

- [EU SME policy](#)
- [Facts and figures](#)

Support

- [Translation and language help](#)
- [Contact points and support services](#)

Making the most of the market

- [EU market rules](#)
- [Sectors of activity](#)
- [Human resources](#)
- [Innovation, research and copyright](#)
- [How can I get grants or financing?](#)
- [Environment and business](#)
- [How can I find foreign partners?](#)
- [Business outside the EU](#)

More... http://ec.europa.eu/small-business/index_en.htm

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

COSME - the programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs

COSME is the EU Programme running from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3bn, supporting SMEs for:

Better access to finance for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

COSME will facilitate/improve access to finance for SMEs through different financial instruments, available from 2014.

The Loan Guarantee Facility. The COSME budget will fund **guarantees & counter-guarantees** for financial intermediaries (e.g. guarantee organisations, banks, leasing companies) to help them provide more loan, lease finance to SMEs. This facility will also include securitisation of SME debt finance portfolios.

The Equity Facility for Growth. The COSME budget will also be invested in funds that provide venture capital and mezzanine finance to expansion and growth-stage SMEs in particular those operating across borders.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/access-to-finance-smes/index_en.htm

Access to markets. All businesses have access to the services of the Enterprise Europe Network and can freely approach the local partner in their region. Over 600 partner organisations in 54 countries have built a capacity to reach out to more than 2 million SMEs. Your nearest partner can be found on the [Network's website](#).

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/access-to-markets/index_en.htm

Supporting entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs and their new businesses are key to European growth and competitiveness. Promotion of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial culture is therefore one of the four main objectives of COSME.

The [Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan](#) is a decisive call for joint action at European, national, regional, and local level.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/supporting-entrepreneurs/index_en.htm

More favorable conditions for business creation and growth

- [Reduction of administrative and regulatory burden](#)
- [Identification and exchange of best practices among national administrations to improve SMEs policy](#)
- [Analytical tools for better policy](#)
- [Sectorial actions such as tourism](#)

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/business-creation-growth/index_en.htm

How to apply for funding

- [Access to finance](#)
- [Enterprise Europe Network](#)
- [Call for proposals](#)

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cosme/>

Intellectual Property ; Standards



EPO - Online Filing software, update available & new certificate

The EPO is pleased to inform users of its Online Filing software that a new update 5.06 for version 5.05 (build 5.0.5.094 or higher) is now available for download. Furthermore, the current server certificate for the Online Filing software expired on 14 October 2013. Users who

have not yet run the Live Update function or do not have version 5.0.6 will urgently need to download the new certificate. Failure to do so will prevent the receiving and viewing of filing receipts.

More... [Download the update](#) ; [Download the new certificate](#)

European IPR Helpdesk - A double-line IP strategy for start-ups

Are you a SME looking for some suggestions on how better shape an IP strategy for your company? The 2-level strategy highlighted in this new case study could be suitable for your enterprise as well, so have a look at it!

The professional management of Intellectual Property (IP), Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is crucial to ensuring you make the most of your innovative potential, your ticket to innovation & competitiveness. As a service initiative we offer information as well as qualified advice and direct, tailor-made support on IP/IPR issues via different services

More... <http://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/node/1888#!>

Research

Free downloadable FP7 book (V2.17)

The downloadable book continues to be free as it was in the previous framework programs. The book is constantly updated and registered users are notified of important changes and updates by Email.

More... <http://www.finance-helpdesk.org/front/ShowCategory.aspx?CatId=48>

Horizon 2020: Work programme „Information and Communication Technologies“

The final draft version of the Work programme 2014-2015 for the ICT Call to be published on 11 December 2013 has been made available by the EU's DG „Communication Networks, Content and Technologies“. The document which the Member States have agreed upon can be downloaded.

More... <http://www.kowi.de>

Open Access: Get your Horizon 2020 work programmes

Are you hoping to apply for Horizon 2020 grants and want to know what will be funded? Draft work programmes are circulating, but it seems only some research institutes and universities have access.

Detailed draft work programmes for Horizon 2020, the EU's flagship R&D programme, have been sporadically circulating through Europe since September 2013. A quick Google search serves up several "confidential" documents, providing crucial information for those interested in applying for the first calls under the €70 billion programme.

More... [Open-Access-Get-your-Horizon-2020-work-programmes-here!](#)

EUfunding2014-2020 - a new web portal entirely dedicated to the programming period 2014-2020 of the EU

EUfunding2014-2020 is a new web portal entirely dedicated to the programming period 2014-2020 of the EU, for private & public bodies interested in getting access to EU funds through different EU programmes.

Users can get information on all the current/forecast call for proposals (under Horizon 2020, Cosme, Life, Health for growth, CBC programmes, Erasmus+, etc.) and can also propose their project ideas and look for ideal partners. Users can propose themselves as partners in other users projects. All the services are free until the end of January 2014.

More... www.eufunding2014-2020.eu

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

One Stop Shop - Networking

For new businesses and startups, networking can be the difference between failure and success. Having the right connections can help entrepreneurs obtain more resources, find new markets or improve their business plan.

The Startup Europe Leaders Club is an independent group of founders in the field of tech entrepreneurship, who act as role models for European web entrepreneurs and provide guidance to the Commission on what needs to be done to strengthen the environment for web entrepreneurs to start in Europe and stay in Europe.

More... [One-stop-shop-Networking!](#)

One Stop Shop - Technology

New businesses and startups require being constantly up to date when it comes to technology. Due to the rapid evolution of new technologies and the impact that these have on the markets, new businesses and startups strive to access the latest tools and technologies to obtain competitive advantage and guarantee survival during the first months of existence. EU provides several tools and technologies for startups that would allow them to remain technologically up to date.

More... [One-stop-shop-technology!](#)

Tech transfer regions: western continental Europe

Continuing the regional overview of technology transfer, we examine western Europe's Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany.

More... <http://www.globaluniversityventuring.com/article.php/2996/tech-transfer-regions-western-continental-europe#!>

Innovative Sustainable Mobility Plans

- [Aachen](#), Germany presents its regional sustainable mobility.
- [Tel Aviv – Yafo](#), Israel embraces a green backbone approach.
- [Malaga](#) and [Palma](#), Spain shows further improvement in urban mobility.
- [Gdynia](#), Poland uses internet to involve citizens and stakeholders in the urban mobility planning.
- [Koprivnica](#), Croatia shows its dynamism during the European Mobility Week 2013.

More... http://www.civitas.eu/sites/default/files/documents/file/civitas_move-15c_30oct13.pdf

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

Contact: Florin MARIN, Craiova, Romania, constantin.marin@popeci.ro, www.popeci.ro, tel: +40 755 059915.

Looking for potential partners in business, from Romania

S.C. ONCOS S.A. - Active growth, slaughter broilers, laying hens, wholesale & retail, we are looking for collaborators / partners / investors for the exploitation of four broiler farms, to upgrade some of its assets in operation (slaughterhouse, farms). We are open to suggestions on how collaboration is possible: rent, association, participation in other ways acted.

Contact: telephone number 400 720 600 090, e-mail: juridic@oncos.ro

Wet wipes production line for sale

This is a full auto-inter-folding machine, full line composition for wet wipes, almost completely, currently not in use, ready for immediate installation at the new buyer location due to financial troubles of original EU owner. The price is attractive.

Contact: More details upon written request with your full contact details sent to emarket@wotra.com

Partnership for Comenius Project

If you want to join us for Comenius Project (2014-2016), We are from Turkey, Romania, Spain.

Contact: Esin Sevik Teacher at Turkish Ministry of Education, esin.sevik@gmail.com

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 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
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

Joint Programming Initiative Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)" – Partnering Tool available

The Joint Programming Initiative "Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)" has announced two calls for proposals to be published in early december 2013. The indicative call titles are:

- A call for EU research projects for Cross-Disease Analysis of Pathways related to Neurodegenerative Diseases
- A call for EU research projects for Pilot Studies on Preventive Strategies related to Neurodegenerative Diseases

From 7 november, an online-partnering tool is available for researchers interested in the calls. The platform can be used to discuss project ideas and to find partners for consortia. The Partnering-Tool aims particularly at attracting early-career researchers and research groups participating for the first time in JPND-calls.

[More... Pre-Call Announcement ; JPND Partnering Tool](#)

10th Call for proposals IMI-JU-10-2013 - Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)

With a topic on Immunological assay standardisation & development for use in assessments of correlates of protection for influenza vaccines. Deadline for EoI: 28 January 2014. Based on the recommendations of the [IMI Research Agenda](#) the IMI Governing Board has approved the Scientific Priorities 2013 as part of [IMI Annual Implementation Plan 2013](#).

Budget: The indicative in kind contribution from the research-based companies that are members of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries & Associations (EFPIA) will be EUR 6 100 000 million. The financial contribution from the EC to the IMI JU for the support of research activities will be a maximum of EUR 6 100 000 million.

[More... http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/stage-1-8](#) ; project partners can be found via the [Partner Search Tool](#).

EU: "Future Internet"-2013, Call Identifier: FP7-2013-ICT-FI, Deadline: 10 December 2013

The objective of ICT research under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) is to improve the **competitiveness of European industry** – as well as to enable Europe to master and shape the future developments of these technologies so that the **demands of its society and economy** are met.

FP7 research activities will strengthen EU's scientific and technology base and **ensure its global leadership in ICT**, help drive, stimulate product, service, process innovation, creativity through ICT use, **ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into benefits** for EU's citizens, businesses, industry, governments.

[More... Call-FP7-2013-ICT-FI ; Handbook - evaluation & selection ; Evaluation forms ; ICT Work Programme 2013](#)

FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-2. Deadline: 3 December 2013

The call contains one topic (INFRA-2013-3.1 Support actions on policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures; page 12 of the [updated Work Programme 2013](#)) with four areas:

- Bringing together national & pan-European e-infrastructure, research infrastructures initiatives and stakeholders
- Investigating the feasibility of EU-wide network of HPC competence centres for industry, especially SMEs
- Fostering an increased European role in global data infrastructure initiatives
- Developing a roadmap for broadening e-infrastructures to support the participation of citizens
- Funding schemes Coordination and Support Actions - supporting actions (CSA-SA). The total budget is 2.5 Mio €

[More... FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2013-2=CAPACITIES call FP7](#)

WP2014-15 Web Entrepreneurs Challenge

This objective calls for projects to create an environment in EU that encourages more web entrepreneurs to start a business in Europe and scale it up. The focus of this topic is on entrepreneurs who use web and mobile technologies as main components in their innovation with a positive impact across the continuum of actors for entrepreneurship

The forthcoming €10M funding will be allocated to projects to accelerate web entrepreneurship in EU by using new cross-border services co-developed by several local web entrepreneurship ecosystems, hubs working together. Coordination activities to strength the environment for web entrepreneurship in EU, that exploit synergies across stakeholder communities will also be funded.

The expected impact is to support the emergence of dynamic EU ecosystems for web entrepreneurs that also contribute to shaping future web entrepreneurship specific policies, for the implementation of [Startup Europe EU initiative](#)

[More... For full details of the legal text of the call Link](#)

Policy

EU Commission launches new innovation indicator

The EC has launched a new innovation indicator which focuses more on market impact. Top performing countries using the new indicator are Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg. These countries are closely followed by Denmark, Finland and the UK. The new indicator is a compilation of Eurostat, OECD and IMF information which measure innovation output more closely and helps complement other indexes such as Innovation Union Scoreboard's Summary Innovation Index. The [Eurostars programme](#), targeting SME's, fast-growing firms, contributes substantially to the objectives of maintaining smart growth. It's success in doing so is indicative of its [increased funding](#) through both its member countries and the EU. [More... EU-Commission-launches-new-innovation-indicator](#) ; [New innovation indicator](#)

Regional Policy in European Countries

EU regional policy is an investment policy. It supports job creation, competitiveness, economic growth, improved quality of life and sustainable development. These investments support the delivery of the Europe 2020 strategy.

- [Read more...](#)
- [How does it work?](#)
- [Is my region covered?](#)
- [What funding is available?](#)
- [Eco-innovation: regions moves towards the green economy](#)
- [How can I apply?](#)
- [Fields of activity](#)
- [Evaluation](#)
- [Cooperation](#)
- [Legislative proposals 2014-2020](#)

Click on a country to find out more about the funding priorities, cooperation between regions, countries, the organisations responsible for managing the programmes and the activities that receive funding.

[More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm)

Urban Mobility and Climate Change

The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded in its Assessment Report that scientists are 95 percent certain that humans are the 'dominant cause' of global warming.

Cities take action to curb climate change. There is a lot cities can do to cut greenhouse gas emissions from transport and an abundance of initiatives have successfully demonstrated real emission savings.

Transforming urban mobility requires a joint effort. While initiatives are certainly worthwhile, single measures, scattered efforts are not enough to achieve the required transformation to low-carbon mobility. In 2011, the EC published a White Paper on Transport titled 'Transport 2050 - Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area'. It proposes steps that will contribute to a 60 percent cut in Europe's transport emissions by 2050.

The EC aims to free cities of conventionally fuelled cars by 2050 and achieve CO₂-free movement of goods in major urban centres by 2030. An integrated planning approach addresses all modes and forms of mobility in cities and their surrounding areas. Such a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) should define a set of interrelated measures to systematically bring you closer to the vision for your city.

[More... Mobility-Plans](#) ; [Clima/policies/transport/vehicles](#) ; [Transport/themes/strategies/2011_white_paper](#)

Cloud-for-Europe

On November 14, Cloud-for-Europe is launched. It will help European public authorities procure cloud products, services, thus building trust in European cloud computing

Announced already at the meeting of the European Cloud Partnership (ECP) on 4th July 2013, the initiative Cloud-for-Europe (C4E) will be officially launched on 14 November 2013 in Berlin with the participation of EC Vice-President Neelie Kroes. C4E will help build trust in European cloud computing, define public-sector requirements and use-cases for cloud computing and boost the uptake of the cloud in the public sector.

[More... Cloud-for-Europe-Sample-data-articles!](#)

Energy

Super-umbrellas covering smart cities

In most cases new applications and innovations are the result of developments within a certain industry. Specialized companies have their own laboratories and research departments, or they collaborate with universities. Their findings mainly flourish within a particular field. Other discoveries find their way to a whole range of applications outside the industry they were originally designed for. Smart appliances in the energy sector illustrate both ways to the market.

[More... http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4192](http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4192)

Biomass-to-jet fuel projects to take off

In the coming years, one of East London's disused brown field sites will form the basis for an ultra modern fuel facility. About 500,000 tonnes of the city's waste per year is going to be processed into 50,000 tonnes of jet fuel, 50,000 tonnes of diesel, green naphtha, 40 MW of green electricity. Micro channel technology has the potential to offer a solution for making use of natural gas that would otherwise be left, waste biomass by converting these into liquid fuels.

[More... http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4123](http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4123)

Why Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) must shed its image as an 'unproven' technology

It's up to technologists to refine CCS, independently of policy/funding in order to accelerate the sector. Winning funding is rarely without its obstacles, even for a technology such as CCS, which has the potential to transform fossil fuels into a low carbon energy source. However, CCS is too important for technology vendors to sit back and wait for policy to support it, the industry needs to take a proactive approach to improving the appeal of CCS, from the inside out.

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Events

European Funding Opportunities for competitiveness & innovation in Danube Region, 11 Dec 2013, Stuttgart

Experts from the European Commission will share with you information on

- The first calls to be launched in Horizon 2020 (Research & Innovation)
- The COSME programme, benefits for business creation, growth, internationalization, finance support for SMEs
- The new INTERREG funding period - projects for challenges specific to the Danube Macroregion will be supported.
- Opportunities for getting to know new partners, networking offered throughout the day.

More... You are invited to register online by visiting: www.amiando.com/Danube2013

11th Remote Engineering & Virtual Instrumentation Conference (REV2014), 26-28 February 2014, Porto, Portugal

Contribute with your work to the major event on remote engineering and virtual instrumentation.

Original and innovative works have always been submitted and presented at previous REV.

New project ideas can be discussed with representatives from the Horizon2020 and LLP programs.

Two special tracks are included in this 11th edition, allowing for submissions on two specific hot topics.

Renew your contacts with both academia and industry partners.

In this REV edition we will celebrate the 10th-year anniversaries of REV and IAOE.

Benefit from the review feedback on your work from major experts on the field.

You will have the opportunity to visit Porto, the city hosting the REV 2014 edition.

There will be plenty of opportunities for interacting with your peers during the REV social events.

More... <http://www.rev-conference.org/REV2014/> ; udoru@unitbv.ro

7th International Conference for entrepreneurship, innovation & regional development, 5-6 June 2014, Nicosia

The conference will gather decision makers, innovation experts and practitioners in the field of ICT to generate discussion and exchange on the potential of entrepreneurship promotion, innovation to national, regional competitiveness.

More... <https://iceird2014.cs.ucy.ac.cy/>

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

[Laser Micromachining](#), 18.11.2013, Lausanne (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 "How to drive Innovation with Regard to Sustainability", 21 November 2013

Are you willing to learn more about the proven practices for innovating at each stage and across all a company's operations? Don't miss the next session of the **INSME Academy** taking place on the **21st of November, from 2 pm to 3 pm CET**, held by Ms. Pamela Laughland, from the [Network for Business Sustainability](#).

INSME launches 15 free passes for the first non-members to register for the webinar! Spread the word to your colleagues and join us on the 21st of November! The participants will benefit from a Questions&Answers session at the end of the webinar and get the chance to directly communicate with the relator for any further doubt or information.

Join us by sending an e-mail to academy@insme.it with the details: your name, organization, country, e-mail address.

More... To learn more and read the abstract of the next session please visit the following [page](#).

Webcast: From Lab to Market: Horizon 2020 - and how the EU can advance innovation, 12 November 2013

The view from the Parliament ; Getting inventions to earn their keep - a personal account

An interactive debate taking stock of the new Horizon 2020 programme, with some of the MEPs most involved in its development. 1st annual Science|Business lecture by the most active VC/entrepreneur in the Cambridge cluster. Followed by a discussion, Q&A session: How can the EU make more innovation happen? Is Horizon 2020 sufficient, even helpful?

More... Participate online: Send your questions to live@sciencebusiness.net ; [Register here](#) to watch the live webcast

7th Workshop «Horizon 2020 for SMEs», 09-10 December 2013, Bruxelles

Horizon 2020 will take an integrated approach to **Small & Medium-sized Enterprises** whose participation will be strongly encouraged. Participants will be provided with knowledge and tools in order to achieve the standards requested by the EC to SMEs in the framework of Horizon 2020. Participants will receive in first hand:

- practical information on what is expected to be implemented as Horizon 2020's Work Programme
- a set of draft examples of the first calls for proposals under Horizon 2020.

More... [Training-courses/horizon-2020-for-smes!](#)



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