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Business Support at Your Doorstep

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/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents ; 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

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

Brokerage event on "Sports Technologies", 3-4 July 2014, Yorkshire, UK

To Celebrate the Grand Depart of the Tour de France in 20214 the Enterprise Europe Network in Yorkshire is organising a brokerage event on "Sport Technologies". The brokerage event will focus on sports technologies, in particular:

- sport equipment
- advanced materials
- ICT solutions
- health condition & performance testing & monitoring
- assistive and rehabilitation technologies
- simulation technologies
- food and drink
- clothing and footwear

The main goal of the event is to bring together innovative organizations from countries around the globe seeking to collaborate for mutual commercial benefit. Activity will focus on one-to-one 30-minute pre-scheduled meetings.
The event will collect innovative technology offers/requests from all over EU, members of our 54 country network.
More… http://www.ipacv.ro/ro4een/#events_international.php ; http://www.eis-sheffield.co.uk/

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.

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More… http://www.logicaltown.eu/en/content/info-day-brussels

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.

The Infoday include an 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 & the Structural funds,** how they might be used for Public-Public-Partnerships.

More… Pre-Announcement] Infoday on ERA-NET Cofund under H2020 & Synergies between H2020 & Structural funds

Clusters

European Cluster Seminar, Multisource Financing for Clusters in the New Programming Period, Mutual Funds & Diversification - Competence autonomy – Measurability, 20-21 January 2014, Berlin, Germany

Successful cluster managers share their approaches to these key topics:
- Well-planned strategies making ideal use of the multitude of funding opportunities
- Practical advice on the complex financial management of clusters
- Effective methods that help orchestrating stakeholders' interests and growth strategies
- Measuring tools that prove the effectiveness of your cluster

This seminar is geared towards your specific questions; send in the cases you would like to discus, concrete advice.

More… Please find detailed brochure information here. For direct registration please use the online booking form

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 folowing website:

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

COSME: €2.3 billion to foster the competitiveness of SMEs over the next seven years

COSME aims to ease the access to credit problems that small businesses currently face. With a € 2.3 billion-budget over the period 2014-2020 the Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (COSME) will for instance provide a guarantee facility for loans to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) of up to € 150 000. From now until 2020, 330 000 EU firms are expected to benefit from this facility.

COSME will assist businesses and citizens in the following ways: 1) entrepreneurs will benefit from easier access to markets in the EU and beyond, 2) citizens who wish to become self-employed but currently face difficulties in setting up or developing their own business will receive tailored services and assistance, and 3) Member States' authorities will be better assisted in their efforts to elaborate and implement effective SME related policy reform.
More… http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index_en.htm ; COSME to spur access to credit for small enterprises

Intellectual Property ; Standards

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

ERC joins the arXiv initiative
The European Research Council (ERC) informed that it has joined the international initiative of more than 170 institutions that financially supports arXiv, one of the major scientific repositories for electronic preprints in the fields of physics and mathematics. By joining the arXiv initiative the ERC expresses its support for the open access movement which stands for free access of scientific research papers for scientists and the public.
The ERC is the 1st EU research funding organization that has joined the international partnership supporting arXiv. Managed by Cornell University, New York (USA), arXiv offers scientists the possibilities to share their research papers online in form of preprint before publishing them, to archive their final accepted version or their published articles.
More… http://arxiv.org/ ; ERC policy: http://erc.europa.eu/documents/open-access-policy-researchersfunded-erc

European raw materials policy: Call for commitments of the EIP Raw Materials
The „European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials" has published its „Strategic Implementation Plan" (SIP) on measures to ensure a sustainable supply of raw materials in Europe. In the focus of the EIP are non-energy and non-agricultural raw materials which also play a central role in the Societal Challenge 5 „Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials" in Horizon 2020. The SIP includes actions like research and development, exchange of best practices, revision of selected legislations, licensing, standardisation and policy dialogues.
The European Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry has launched an open call for „commitments" focused on actors in the private, public and non-governmental sectors including academia. The submitted "commitments" have to be aligned with one or several "action areas", which are described in detail in part II of the SIP. A conference on December 5 in Brussels will provide the opportunity to present the commitments and find additional partners.
More… EIP call for „commitments" ; Information on the „Action Areas" ; Conference on the EIP on Raw Materials

Horizon 2020 draft work programmes 2014-2015
The papers are being made public just before the adoption process of the work programmes to provide potential participants with the currently expected main lines of the work programmes 2014-2015. They are working documents not yet endorsed by the EC & their contents does not in any way prejudge the final decision of the Commission.
All sections are shown on the website http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-documents
The remainder of the draft work programmes will be added as soon as they become available.

- Future and Emerging Technologies
- Space
- Access to risk finance
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Science with and for society
- Information and communication technologies
- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- European research infrastructures (including e-Infrastructures)
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency & raw materials
- Work Programme - European Research Council

More… http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-documents

Horizon 2020 - the European Framework Programme for research and innovation - Questions & Answers
Horizon 2020 is the European Framework Programme for research and innovation. It is subsequent to FP7 and covers the period 2014-2020. Horizon 2020 supports research and innovation projects and programmes in ground breaking basic research, strategic and applied research, demonstration projects and close-to-market activities. Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation-Union, a Europe-2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. In principle Horizon 2020 combines all research and innovation funding previously provided through the Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development, the innovation related activities of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). The total budget of Horizon 2020 will be 70.2 billion EUR for the period 2014-2020.
More… Horizon2020-Q&A ; Europa.Horizon2020/Q&A ; Horizon2020-SMEs-Q&A ; Research/Horizon2020

Horizon 2020 – How do I find and get in contact with partners for my project?

If you are not already part of an international network within your field of expertise or are looking for project partners outside your network we recommend that you get in contact with your regional EU-office http://dacob.eu/about-dacob who can facilitate searches for partners via their networks, advice/relevant conferences, call opportunities, the EU networks in your field.

If you are an enterprise looking for project partners or a research institution looking for business partners for your project, you can contact Enterprise-Europe-Network who has an extensive European partner database.

Make use of the "Partner Service" - https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/home under the Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS), where you have access to databases with a large number of partner profiles, open calls for proposals, partner requests and networks.

More… https://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/home

Horizon 2020 and its budget

The European Parliament agreed the EU's budget for 2014-2020, as well as the final seal on the Horizon 2020 legislative deal. The overall EU budget for 2014 – 2020 has been voted through, securing a budget of €79 billion for Horizon 2020 and meaning the first calls can be launched as promised on December 11.

More… New-Horizon-79-billion-for-R&D-as-Parliament-approves-EU-budget-for-2014-2020!

A guide to ICT-related activities in WP2014-15

As a generic technology, ICT is present in many of the H2020 areas. The guide is designed to help potential proposers find ICT-related topics across the different parts of H2020. In WP 2014-15, ICT-related topics are covered as follows:

- Advanced research to uncover radically new technological possibilities & ICT contributions to research & innovation are addressed in the 'Excellent science' part of the work programme, respectively under 'Future & Emerging Technologies' and 'European research infrastructures' ('eInfrastructures');
- Research and innovation activities on generic technologies either driven by industrial roadmaps or through a bottom up approach are addressed in the 'Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies' (LEIT) part of the work programme, under 'Information and communication technologies';
- Multi-disciplinary application-driven research and innovation leveraging ICT to tackle societal challenges are addressed in the different 'Societal challenges'.

More… A-guide-to-ict-related-activities-in-wp2014-15

H2020. Work Programme 2014-2015 for ICT published

Electronics, microsystems and embedded systems underpin innovation and value creation across the economy. The objective is to reinforce EU's stronghold positions in these areas, to capture opportunities arising in new growth markets driven by advances in relevant technologies. Topics under this area contribute also to the implementation of parts of the Strategic Research Agendas of Artemis-IA (www.artemis-ia.eu) and EPoSS (www.smart-systems-integration.org).

The first specific challenge addressed it to reinforce and expand Europe's leading industrial position in embedded systems and cyber-physical systems. The other two are driven by the vision that the heterogeneous integration of micro / nanotechnologies and materials into smart microsystems will deliver affordable high performance functionalities for a broad spectrum of use. Research and innovation in the various topics will also contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Research Agenda of the Public Private Partnership on Energy Efficient Buildings.

More… Digital-Agenda/H2020-ICT

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

Five Strategic Rules on Getting Maximum Effect from Minimum Means

We cannot be successful if we fail to understand the critical relationship between safety and power. Most people confuse the power the size of an effort. Large efforts seem more powerful even when they entail taking greater risks. This gets the formula for power exactly backwards. Properly understood, small moves are not only safer but more powerful.

We cannot confuse a small, concentrated action with a weak, half-hearted one. The problem is that many of us do not know how to concentrate our actions to create power and minimize risk simultaneously.

More… http://scienceofstrategy.org/main/content/article-pdf-55-focused-power#!

Self-assessment tool for Higher Education Institutions

HEInnovate is a self-assessment tool for Entrepreneurial Higher Education Institutions. It is an initiative of the EC, DG Education & Culture and the OECD LEED forum, and supported by a panel of six independent experts.

The website has been designed and is managed by Technopolis Ltd under a Framework Contract agreement with the EC, DG Education & Culture. It is intended for Higher Education Institutions who are interested in assessing themselves against a number of statements of self-reflection related to the entrepreneurial nature of their higher education environment. It covers seven areas of self reflection:

- Leadership and Governance
- Organisational Capacity, People & Incentives
- Entrepreneurship development in teaching and learning
- Pathways for entrepreneurs
- University - business/external relationships for knowledge exchange
- The Entrepreneurial University - internationalised institution
- Measuring the impact of the Entrepreneurial University

More… Self-Assessment-Tool-for-higher-education-institutions!

Algorithm predicting the fate of innovations

This prediction algorithm can tell if your start-up will fail. Built on some of Clayton Christensen's work at Harvard, this algorithm focuses on externalities--market, customers, competitors--to predict how new companies will fare.

Today's investors wish they could accurately predict the success of start-ups. Now one company thinks it has built an algorithm that can make that wish a reality. Instead of guessing, consulting, or offering advice based on years of experience, Growth Science is trying to take the disruption theory to a whole new level. Business model simulation as a service doesn't have a recognizable acronym--like SaaS--because it isn't a thing, no one else does it according to Growth Science, except them.

More… http://www.fastcolabs.com/3021903/this-prediction-algorithm-can-tell-if-your-startup-will-fail#!

Lithuanian solution on E-government - State Information Resources Interoperability Platform

It has been successfully launched in 2008. Since then constantly improving, versatile SIRIP platform allows for quick creation of e-services and ensures mutual accessibility between the public sector and all recipients of public services.

More… https://www.dropbox.com/s/miym5pojqpchvqu/SIRIP.mov

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

Genomica: Partner Search for a distributed research infrastructure that provides microorganisms services

MIRRI builds a Pan-European distributed research infrastructure that provides microorganisms services facilitating access to high quality microorganisms, their derivatives and associated data for research, development and application. It connects resource holders with researchers, policy makers to deliver the resources, services more effectively/efficiently to meet the needs of innovation in biotechnology.

Letters of Interest are waited from representatives of Governments, Associations and Regulatory Bodies, Research Institutions, Bioindustry, Scientific & Industrial Organisations, EU-Research Infrastructures supporting the project. These representatives are invited to participate in and contribute to the project.

More… http://www.mirri.org/about-mirri/the-rationale-for-mirri.html

Genomica Distributed European Infrastructure search partners in the field of Translationales Medicine

The EU Competitiveness Council mandated the EU Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures-ESFRI to develop a EU Strategic Roadmap for Research Infrastructures. A number of Biological & Medical Science (BMS) infrastructures were identified, among others EATRIS. The synchronised planning & implementation of these infrastructures create enormous potential to structure/stimulate the EU Research Area in biomedical research. Product platforms:

- ATMP and Biologics
- Biomarkers
- Imaging and Tracing
- Small Molecules
- Vaccines

More… info@eatris.eu ; http://www.eatris.eu/sitepages/contact.aspx

Call for Interst HORIZON - Youth as a driver of change

The further development of the project is depending on the concrete Call texts expected to be published in Dec. 2013. The call for interest is exclusively addressing organisations matching the project's specific partner needs.

Our interest is to design a high quality research project, including possible follow-up initiatives, offering innovative research collaboration with different groups of young people in very different situations, representing different EU regions. The idea is to innovate not only the "content" of the research, but also the form and structure of the research to put participating youth teams at the center of the very research process, offering them the role of drivers in the project in the same way as they are expected to be drivers of the future eco-social changes.

Contact: Jan Gejel, Catalonia in Europe, jan.gejel@skolekom.dk

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

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

Identifier	Title	Budget	Deadline	Partnership Requests
FP7-2013-ICT-FI	"Future Internet"-2013	130 000 000 Euro	2013-12-10	34
FP7-Infrastructures-2013-2	Call N° 12 - FP7-Infrastructures-2013-2	2 500 000 Euro	2013-12-03	0
FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD	CAREER DEVELOPMENT	960 000 Euro	2014-04-15	0
IMI-JU-10-2013	IMI 10th Call 2013	12 200 000 Euro	2014-01-28	0

Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness

Area,	Title	Deadline	More
Research	Eureka : Euripides call for expert	2013-12-31	link

Pilot Call Pre-Announcement published by Water JPI. Deadline: 19 December 2013

12 organizations of 11 countries participating in the WATER JPI have decided to fund transnational projects on the theme "Emerging water contaminants - anthopogenic pollutants & pathogens". This Pilot Call for proposals aims to enable multi-national, collaborative research, development, innovation projects addressing the topic "Emerging water contaminants – anthropogenic pollutants & pathogens". The overarching aim of this Pilot Call of the Water JPI is to identify new ways to efficiently assess, prevent, control, remove emerging pollutants/pathogens, prevent human health risks, secure ecological functions of water ecosystems now and in the future.

Applicants (Project Coordinators & Partners) must contact their NCPs for information about national regulations before preparing, submitting a proposal. Registration to the online system http://www.aka.fi/en-gb/A/For-researchers/Online-service/
More... Pilot Call http://www.waterjpi.eu/images/WaterJPI/Pre-announcement.pdf ; JPI Water http://www.waterjpi.eu/

Call for proposals operating grants 2014-2017 - Europe for Citizens Programme (2014-2020)

The call for proposals for Structural support for EU public policy research organisations, for civil society organisations at EU level - COMM-C2/01-2013. The aim is to select organisations with EU outreach which, through their permanent, usual and regular activities, make a tangible contribution to the objectives of the 'Europe for Citizens' programme.

It concerns structural support, referred to as operating grants, to bodies pursuing an aim of general EU interest, to raise awareness on EU remembrance (strand 1) or to encourage democratic and civic participation (strand 2). Support is granted to organisations in the form of Framework Partnerships for 2014-2017 awarded further to this call for proposals.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/news-events/news/06112013_callforproposals_en.htm

Innovative libraries preparing children and youth for the future. Deadline: 31 January 2014.

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) invites public and community libraries in these countries to apply for grants to develop new services that use information and communication technologies in new and creative ways to serve the needs of children and youth. You can apply for a grant of up to US$20,000.
Who can apply? Public and community libraries in developing and transition economy countries. Click the link for a full list of eligible countries [PDF]. The project you are applying for must –

- Take an innovative approach to meeting the needs of children and youth, **and**
- Use digital technology in new and creative ways, **and**
- Work in partnership with government departments, agencies, civil society organizations, technology innovators.

More... http://www.eifl.net/call-proposals

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

Current funding programmes run by the EC in the area of education, training, youth and sport, such as the Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action, other international programmes, will cease at the end of 2013. A new programme, called Erasmus+, has been proposed to replace these programmes, and will begin on 1 January 2014.

The Erasmus+ programme is intended to support activities in education, training, youth and sport in all sectors of lifelong learning (Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools, youth activities etc).
More... www.erasmusplus.org.uk

European Innovation Partnership (EIP) - Raw Materials. Deadline: 31 january 2013

In order to be successful, the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) needs to involve a very large number of partners across the EU, the entire raw materials value chain that will carry out actions contributing to the objectives of the EIP.

Actions by EU institutions alone will not be sufficient, nor will funding from the EU budget alone. This is why the EC is launching an open call for commitments by actors in the private, public, non-governmental sectors, academia. The aim is to mobilise the EU raw materials community thus significantly increasing the positive impacts of the EIP.
More... Call-EIP

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**.**

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

An online-partnering tool is available for researchers interested in the calls. The platform can be used to disuss 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

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

Policy

Crowdfunding in the EU - exploring the added value of potential EU action
Following the Workshop on Crowdfunding, the EC hss launched a consultation inviting stakeholders to share their views about crowdfunding: its potential benefits, risks, the design of an optimal policy framework to untap the potential of this new form of financing.
Commissioner for Internal Market & Services Michel Barnier said: "Crowdfunding, this alternative form of fundraising that is collective, participatory, interactive, is becoming increasingly important. It has the potential to bridge the financing gap many start-ups face, to stimulate entrepreneurship. Considering the development of crowdfunding, the diversity of regulatory, supervisory, fiscal, social frameworks for it across the EU, we need a single EU framework to support those who develop crowdfunding platforms, to reduce the risks to those who make use of such platforms to finance projects"
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-906_en.htm

Regional Innovation Policy – research report
Today, innovation is seen as a complex and important issue which affects the whole society and changes the daily life of communities, disrupting and creating new jobs, modifying industry structures, shifting profits from old to new businesses. In addition to this, in recent years, the focus on innovation has even more increased, especially because of the many factors which are impacting on the economic, social environment where innovation takes place, develops.
All these factors, such as the changes in the international division of labour or the ongoing long period of economic slowdown which started in 2008, are reshaping global interaction and markets, making an innovative environment the key driver to increase economic competitiveness, solve social challenges and support the transformation of society.
More... http://www.piar.it/report09today/serranotortorici.pdf#!

EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard 2013
The Scoreboard is based on a sample of 2,000 companies, the world's top investors in Research & Development representing more than 90% of the total expenditure on R&D by businesses worldwide. Leading world R&D investors have continued to increase their R&D investments by 6.2% in 2012, a figure above their net sales growth (4.2%).
The 527 EU companies increased R&D investment and net sales by the significant figures of 6.3 % and 4.3 % respectively. The 658 US companies reported a higher increase in R&D (8.2 %) but net sales grew only by 2.9 %, compared with a strong increase in 2011.
More... http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-1000_en.htm

SEE 2020 Strategy

The Regional Cooperation Council has put forward a wide-ranging consultation process to build consensus around a set of priority measures, actions to be developed. Working with the government, regional & international partners, RCC has developed a proposal of the SEE 2020 Strategy, finally adopted by the governments and endorsed by the Ministers of Economy at their meeting in Sarajevo on November 21. The policy objectives and measures envisaged by the Strategy should contribute to the creation of some 1 million new jobs during the 2010s.

More... http://www.rcc.int/pubs/0/20/south-east-europe-2020-strategy

Energy

World Future Energy Summit (WFES), January 20-22, 2014, Abu Dhabi

Take advantage of the online Business Matchmaking Program (BMP). The BMP is a new networking platform for business matchmaking, sourcing and trading. Phase 1 of the BMP allows you to:

- Respond to prospective buyers/distributors/partners' sourcing requests prior to the event.
- Promote your company profile/products online, in advance of the event, after you have conducted meetings.
- Be part of a community that shares the same interest – network and interface with companies before and during WFES and tap into other new companies on the BMP.

More... http://www.worldfutureenergysummit.com/

4th European Biomass to Power Conferences, 1-2 April 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark

The platform has evolved, grown to become one of the leading forums for discussions, networking amongst key biomass industry stakeholders, including leaders from upstream, midstream & downstream companies from across Europe.
Thanks in part to *DONG Energy* we are also pleased to confirm a site visit to thei Avedore Power Station. The total capacity of the power station's two units are 793MW electricity & 826MJ/s heat. Secure your space now >>
European Biomass to Power 2014 is co-located with Bioenergy Commodity Trading 2014. Click here for more information

More... http://www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-ebp4.asp

Is There Any Future For Coal?

Climate campaigners reserve a special scorn for coal-fired power generation. Coal has replaced nuclear as the form of energy that environmentalists most love to hate, writes a Reuters analysis.
"The world needs to turn its back on the fossil fuels of the past, like coal, which have helped to create today's climate, instead look to the clean, renewable energy sources of the future," the UK charity Christian Aid said. "If we are to avoid dangerous climate change we must leave most of the remaining coal reserves in the ground," the charity warned.

More... http://www.energynomics.ro/exista-viitor-pentru-carbune/?lang=en

Renewable energy report Romania edition October 2013

- Opportunities and projects renewable energy Romania
- Market intelligence: news on wind energy solar energy in Romania, other renewable energy projects in Romania
- Incubation activities of the chamber for your energy projects
- Projects management activities for your energy projects; Solar-and-renewable-energy-projects

More... http://www.investromania.be/re-energy/renewable-energy-report-romania-edition-october-2013

The Logical Town Association 2013 Annual conference, 6 December 2013, Lucca, Italy

The event are organized by the Municipality of Lucca, the IEE project ENCLOSE, ENergy efficiency in City LOgistics Services for small & mid-sized EU Historic Towns, www.enclose.eu. During the event, technical, regulatory aspects about the sustainable approach to city logistics will be discussed involving European stakeholders experienced in eco-friendly freight distribution, cutting edge technologies, operational schemes specific for mid & small sized historic towns.

More... http://www.logicaltown.eu/en/attivit%C3%A0/logicaltown_2013conference

Russia Power Conference and Exhibition, 4 - 6 March 2014, Expocentre, Moscow

Supported by the Russian Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, the Council of Power Producers, the event is the key conference & exhibition to explore business opportunities, meet new partners, the industry's most influential decision makers. The event features a thought-provoking two-track conference programme combined with a world class exhibition floor featuring the pre-eminent organizations from the global power sector.
The preliminary event guide contains useful information on registration, exhibiting, visas, sponsors, the conference programme and other ways in which you can participate at Russia Power. Also included is a pullout floor plan which includes the current exhibition layout and exhibitors. In the meantime, you can view or download this information.

More... www.russia-power.org exhibitrussia@pennwell.com

Events

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.
U 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

International Symposium on Multimedia – Applications and Processing, MMAP, 7-10 Sept. 2014, Warsaw, Poland

Within the framework Federated Computer Science & Information Conference. MMAP 2014 Symposium addresses several themes related to theory and practice within multimedia domain.

The key objective of the MMAP conference is to gather results from academia and industry partners working in all sub-fields of multimedia: content design, development, authoring and evaluation, systems/tools oriented research and development, service architectures, protocols, standards for multimedia communications - including middle-ware - along with the related security issues, secure multimedia information sharing.

More... http://www.fedcsis.org/ ; burdescu@software.ucv.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/

Invited Session on Learning Paradigms & Applications: Agent-based Approach, 18-20 June 2014, Chania, Greece

Organized within the framework of the 6th International Conference on Agent & Multi-Agent Systems: Technologies & Applications, KES-AMSTA-14. E-learning, software agents are orthogonal technologies, their integration is beneficial for designing better e-learning systems.

More… http://amsta-14.kesinternational.org/index.php ; http://amsta-14.kesinternational.org/cms/userfiles/is01.pdf

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

Ls métaux précieux, 11.12.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)
Astronomie de la montre, 13.12.2013, Neuchâtel (CH)
More… http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php ; More FSRM courses ; http://www.eurotraining.net/

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 WP. a set of draft examples of the first calls for proposals under H2020.

More… Training-courses/horizon-2020-for-smes!

HORIZON 2020 Training, Paris (starting 11 December 2013) and Bruxelles (starting 13 December 2013)

The EU's new Framework Programme for Research & Innovation, **Horizon 2020**, is just around the corner with the 1st calls to be launched next month. **LGI Consulting**, a EU innovation-driven consultancy with proven experience in project application, management, reporting, communication at EU level is proposing a set of training modules with the 1st course. Now is the time to register to Horizon 2020 Training Courses to get an early start, prepare for the years running up to 2020. The training courses that LGI offer will help you fully understand the new scheme, its participation, administrative rules, as well as the differences with the previous FP7 programme.

More… www.lgi-consulting.com ; More information & online registration & calendar ; training.h2020@lgi-consulting.com

Personal Software Processes SEI certified training, 9–13 December 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria

For better productivity of your personal software processes, management and reduction of defects and optimization of quality, **PSP Fundamentals** is one of the best trainings to attend and get an official certificate from the Software Engineering Institute at the Carnegie Mellon University, USA! Learn how to reach: Productivity improvements of 25% or more. Reduction in cost and schedule variance to less than +/- 10%. Testing costs and schedule reductions of up to 80%. Where: ESI CEE e-Competence center, Sofia. Last call: Thursday, 21st November, 2013

More… www.esicenter.bg ; hristina@esicenter.bg

Current vacancies in research and administration

More… www.kowi.de/vacancies