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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/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents ; http://een.ec.europa.eu/about/about#sthash.uJG3x6OI.dpuf

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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

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EU Brokerage Event for the first Horizon2020 ENERGY calls, 6 December 2013, Bruxelles

The Brokerage Event for the first Horizon2020 ENERGY calls will be organized by C-ENERGY+ (http://www.c-energyplus.eu/) in conjunction with the H2020 Energy Infoday 2013 of the EC (5th December) in Brussels! The event will target a wide spectrum of companies, universities, researchers from EU & beyond, will foster the creation of consortia...
More… http://www.ideal-ist.eu/event/eu-brokerage-event-first-horizon2020-energy-calls

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Networking Session with ICT Professional Associations at ICT 2013, 7 November 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania

Overall objective of the session: to bring together members of key ICT professional associations, the Ideal-ist network to define a common strategy for collaboration in Horizon 2020. Expected outcomes: • Networking of key people in the associations to establish collaborations. • Better understanding between the professional...
More… http://www.ideal-ist.eu/event/networking-session-ict-professional-associations-ict-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

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. The aim of the Information Day 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… http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/events/infoday2013/ ; Information Day website ; info - 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. With this event we want to inform ERA-NET participants and the broader stakeholder community about the future ERA-NET Cofund actions, as early as possible to ensure that the ERA-NETs under Horizon 2020 continue successfully with their activities.

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

EC Information Day for first calls for Societal Challenge 2 & LEIT Biotechnology in H2020, 17 Jan 2014, Bruxelles

The EC will organize an information day on the first calls for proposals of Societal Challenge 2 "Food security, sustainable agriculture, forestry, marine, maritime, inland water research & the bioeconomy", on the call "Leadership in enabling & industrial technologies LEIT – Biotechnology" in the new framework program H2020. Registration is open until 13 January; it is advisable to register as soon as possible.

More… Information Day website (information, registration)

Ecobuild 2014, 4-6 March 2014, London

Ecobuild 2014, the world's leading event for sustainable design, construction, energy and the built environment, a great forum for meeting new customers, existing customers and manufacturers.

- 1000s of sustainable construction products for new build, refurbishment, residential, commercial, industrial projects
- Three main show sections - Sustainable Design & Construction, Energy & Future Cities – making it easier for you to find the products and services you are interested in
- Six new content zones - Building Performance & BIM, Refurbishment & Retrofit, Green Energy, Design, Water, Waste & Materials & Future Cities that will host our unrivalled seminar programme and drop-in advice clinics
- Two conference arenas bringing over 600 industry leaders, ministers, global academics to the heart of the exhibition
- Dozens of features & attractions including Solar City, Practical Installer, Biodiversity Pavilion, live product demo

More… http://www.ecobuild.co.uk/ ; Register for Free Entry

Clusters

Emerging industries: Report on the methodology for their classification and on the most active, significant and relevant new emerging industrial sectors

The objective of this study and the first task to be performed as part of the third phase of the European Cluster Observatory (ECO III) is to identify, determine the characteristics of and develop a classification system for "emerging industries". These are industrial sectors, typically based on new products, services, technologies or ideas, which are in early stage development and are characterised by high-growth rates and market potential. The specific aims are to:

- Provide a sound and robust methodological underpinning for the identification, definition, composition and delimitation of those economic sectors that will be considered as "emerging industries";
- Propose a robust and consistent classification systemfor a limited number of key emerging industries.

More… http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/pdf/emerging-industries-report_en.pdf

New EURIPIDES² expression of interest webcast

Due to the success of the previous two webcasts by EURIPIDES², a third "virtual" expression of interest session / webcast has now been scheduled for Tuesday 3 December from 12:00 am to 1:00 pm (CET). The deadline for those who are interested in taking part in the webcast is 13 November 2013.
More...http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=2563644&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

European Cluster Collaborative Platform
A launch event of the **European Strategic Cluster Partnerships** was organised by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform on 2013 in Linz in the framework of the 2013 Cluster Academy programme of Clusterland Upper Austria. Cluster organisations from across Europe (ie. CIP participating countries) were invited to form such partnerships through a call for the expression of interest that was published on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) in March 2013.
More… http://clustercollaboration.eu/

Innovation Acceleration – Services Innovation in the EU – Final report
Throughout 2006-2012, Europe INNOVA has been the laboratory for the development, testing, promotion of new tools, instruments in support of innovation, with a view to helping innovative enterprises to innovate faster, better. It has served as a pan-EU platform for innovation professionals, enabling them to discuss, develop, test, exchange 'better practices' in support of innovative SMEs, to contribute to a better understanding of the innovation patterns in different sectors.
More… http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/support/europe-innova/index_en.htm

The Smart Guide to Service Innovation
The guidebook has been produced by the Clusters and Support for SMEs unit of the EC's Enterprise & Industry DG in consultation with the Smart and Sustainable Growth unit of the DG for Regional Policy. It is based on the information gathered in a number of projects and studies executed in this field. Although the work has been carried out under the guidance of EC officials, the views expressed in this document do not necessarily represent the opinion of the EC.
More… http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/regional-sme-policies/documents/no.4_service_innovation_en.pdf

SMEs

JEREMIE - The Joint European Resources for Micro to Medium Enterprises initiative
JEREMIE Initiative provides the framework for a series of coherent financial actions to improve the financial environment for small businesses (medium, small and micro enterprises, known as SMEs) at national, regional and local level. Increasing small businesses' access to finance and risk capital enables economic growth and competitiveness. **JEREMIE**'s resources are derived from **EU Structural Funds**. SMEs interested in obtaining finance will be able to identify and contact financial intermediaries in their countries based on information provided on the EIF website, which will be provided as and when the **JEREMIE initiative** becomes active in Member States and Regions.
More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/jeremie_en.cfm

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

Growth prospects for SMEs are encouraging
The European Commission published the 2012/2013 Annual Report on European SMEs. 2013 is expected to be the first year since 2008 with a combined increase in aggregated employment and value-added of EU's SMEs.
These promising projections are backed up by other positive signals. Over the last three years, an increasing number of Member States have seen their small business sectors returning to an expansion of employment and value-added, or at least a petering out of the decline.
More… http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-13-1156_en.htm

Proposal to raise ceiling to €10000 for small claims will help SMEs
The EU has a procedure to resolve small civil and commercial disputes in a hassle-free way: the European Small Claims Procedure, which the Commission is making even simpler, cheaper, more relevant for consumers and businesses.
With the new proposal the Commission is facilitating effective access to justice for consumers and businesses, so they have the confidence to better exploit the Single Market. As such it delivers on one of 12 concrete actions outlined earlier this year in the second EU Citizenship Report aimed at helping citizens make better use of their rights when for example shopping across borders. The need for action was also flagged in the European Consumer Agenda (IP/12/491).
More… http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7092&lang=en&tpa_id=0&displayType=news&nl_id=1033

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#!

Better protection for trade secrets in the EU

The EU has proposed new rules to protect businesses when confidential information is stolen or misused. The rules aim to encourage innovation and collaboration. Trade secrets – confidential business information such as Google's search algorithm or the recipe for a particular perfume – could be given better protection under new rules proposed by the EC. The rules will benefit companies that suffer when commercially valuable information is stolen or misused.
The proposals aim to make it easier for national courts to deal with such cases and for victims to receive damages. They also establish an EU-wide definition of 'trade secrets'.
More… http://ec.europa.eu/news/business/131128_en.htm

Applying for a patent - Filing of sequence listings

The notice describing the procedure for filing sequence listings under the EPC and the PCT has been updated to reflect recent changes made inter alia as a result of decisions of the EPO's boards of appeal.
More… Read more

Search Matters 2014, 3-4 April 2014, The Hague, the Netherlands

About 40 EPO examiners from a wide range of technical fields will be describing their search strategies, techniques at 26 workshops. An opportunity for patent search professionals to learn some tips, tricks from experienced EPO examiners
More… Read more

Research

Biobanking infrastructure to support research in the field of medicine

Members of the EU are world leaders in the development of biobanking infrastructure to support research, making huge investments each year to support such initiatives.
The role of biobanks is to collect biological samples and data for medical-scientifc research and diagnostic purposes and organise these in a systematic way for use by others. The overarching vision within EU is to link biobanks together as part of a pan-European infrastructure to support medical research and health care.
Biobanking has the potential to lead to innovation in medical research, drug development and health care delivery.
Biobank Graz houses one of the largest collections of diseased & normal human samples in EU develops into a biological resource centre designed to support the needs of scientific approaches fostering medical research & personalised medicine. Their innovative story is told here.
More… http://www.meduni-graz.at/en/biobank

Horizon analyses the coming revolution in cancer treatment

Cancer treatment could radically change over the next decade as doctors benefit from new technologies that allow them to respond to mutations in tumour cells in real time. By testing tumour DNA or tumour cells circulating in the blood of cancer patients, doctors will be able to continually adapt the treatments they are prescribing. It is part of a coming revolution in personalised cancer treatment, care analysed.
More… http://horizon-magazine.eu/article/fighting-cancer_en.html

Participant Portal in Horizon 2020: European Commission publishes preview

The new release of the Participant Portal ("Version 4.0") ist to be published together with the first Horizon 2020 calls for proposals on December 11, 2013. The portal will provide information regarding all calls in Horizon 2020 and will be used to manage all stages of research and innovation projects. The new version will also offer context-related help sections and a new search function which identifies open calls for a specific field.
The EC has published a preview of the new Participant Portal which allows for a first insight in the new website structure.
More… Preview Participant Portal Version 4.0

Launch of the EU-Russia Year of Science 2014

The 'EU-Russia Year of Science 2014' was officially launched at an event in Moscow on November 25. Its purpose is to celebrate, promote the vibrant and multifaceted scientific and technological cooperation between the two partners. In the course of twelve months, a rich programme of events, initiatives across Russia, the EU will highlight joint achievements, successes, and the strong potential for future cooperation in research, innovation and higher education. Involving scientists, research organisations, innovators, enterprises and the wider public, the EU-Russia Year of Science will build on the longstanding and fruitful cooperation between the EU and Russia in this area.
More… MEMO: Launch of the EU-Russia Year of Science 2014

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

The European Commission launches new Innovation Indicator

The European Commission recently launched the **"Indicator of Innovation Output"** to quantify the extent to which ideas for new products and services from innovative sectors, carry an economic added value and are able to reach the market, providing better jobs and making EU more competitive.

The novelty of the proposed indicator is that it focuses on innovation output by taking four main components into consideration: technological innovation; employment in knowledge-intensive activities; competitiveness of knowledge-intensive goods and services and employment in fast-growing firms of innovative sectors. According to the new indicator EU is performing well in comparison with non-EU countries, with Switzerland taking the lead on innovation output.

More… Press-release_IP-13-831 ; Measuring innovation output in Europe: towards a new indicator ; Innovation Union Scoreboard: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/facts-figures-analysis/innovation-scoreboard/

EUREKA and EEN foresee strengthening of ties as EEN gets major overhaul

The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), a partner to EUREKA's network of national innovation offices by a memorandum of understanding, is planning to introduce major changes to its advising and support services. Enterprise Europe Network is the largest information and consultancy network in Europe. Its aim is to help small business to make the most of the European marketplace, which makes it a natural partner to EUREKA, an organisation focusing on the funding and support of transnational R&D across Europe.

More… http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showarticle?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=2682153&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137

Recent data presented by the EC confirm the need to better takle the innovation and R&D gap across the Union

- In 2009 out of 266 regions in Europe only 35 had an R&D intensity > 3%
- These 35 regions accounted for 45% of all R&D European expenditure.
- 10 of them were located in Nordic member states totalising 9,3% of the total investment.

More… http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/publications/regional_yearbook

Draft 'Innovation in SMEs' & 'Access to Risk Finance' WPs

Under 'Access to Risk Finance', Horizon 2020 will help companies, other types of organisation engaged in research & innovation to gain easier access, via financial instruments, to loans, guarantees, counter-guarantees, equity finance. The draft WPs will be available up to the date of adoption of the full package of Horizon 2020 work programmes.

More… http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/work-programmes/access_to_risk_finance_draft_work_programme.pdf

Draft Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015 in the area Innovation in SMEs

Horizon 2020 'Innovation in SMEs' is a bridge between the core of the framework programme, the provision of support to research, development and innovation projects, and the creation of a favourable ecosystem for SME innovation & growth. 'Innovation in SMEs' therefore includes the SME instrument, for which budget is allocated in the Societal Challenges & Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies, the support to the EUREKA/Eurostars initiative that provides funding for transnational collaborative projects of research-intensive SMEs, actions that aim at developing, providing better innovation support services to SMEs.

In addition the analysis of current SME innovation activities, their future development are themes covered by innovation in SMEs. Similar activities to these were so far funded by the 'Entrepreneurship & Innovation Programme' as part of CIP.

More… http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/work-programmes/innovation_in_sme_draft_work_programme.pdf

Success Story – Private Equity Returns to Italy and Spain

Spain & Italy, two countries the private-equity industry had forgotten, could soon become a deal playground for EU & U.S. buyout firms. At least 15 private-equity groups focused on the countries are looking to raise funds with a combined value of more than €4 billion ($5.4 billion), according to several people familiar with the matter and Preqin, a data provider.

That is way more than the €1 billion raised since the start of 2010.

More… Private-Equity-!

Technology Enablers for Better eGovernance

Governments across the globe are witnessing a surge in demand by citizens for better initiatives, faster services. At the same time, given the competitiveness, volatility of the global economy they are forced to diminish costs. To deliver, Governments are leveraging the use of technology.

The adoption of mobile technology, social media; cloud computing, analytics, big data has empowered Governments at all levels (Federal, State or Local) to roll out initiatives which are fast, better, cost effective. Creating an intelligent mix of these technological advancements, governments have been able to harness greater citizen satisfaction.

This article briefly highlights how technology has become an important enabler for Government agencies.

More… http://blog.newgensoft.com/government-technology-enablers-article

Partner Search

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

Looking for potential partners in business, from Romania
S.C. ILIE BEJAT S.R.L. - Retailer for automation equipment and software, PLC programmer and technical translator from English into Romanian,we are looking for collaborators and partners. We are open to suggestions on how collaboration is possible: association, participation in other ways acted.
Contact: Ilie BEJAT, phone: 0040 740 684107, E-mail: office@iliebejat.com, www.iliebejat.com

Looking for compagnies to join our consortium for the new "FWC Commission" early 2014
We are looking for compagnies to join our consortium for the new "FWC Commission" early 2014. Lot 1: studies and technical assistance in all sectors. 1) social development/employment/eradication of poverty; 2) education; 3) health; 4) civil society; 5) human rights; 6) governance/state reform/security; 7) migration; 8) trade/development the private sector; 9) food security; 10) rural development; 11) environment/climate/natural resources/energy; 12) development policies.
Contact: Ines Ameur, ines.ameur@ttco.fr

Seeking project partners in cities, social innovation and social entrepreneurship
We are seeking project partners (HORIZON 2020, INTERREG V, etc) in the following fields:
- City management, urban revitalisation and renewal. - Partnership-based approaches to managing city centres
- Place branding, marketing and sustainable tourism. - Management of the evening and night time economy
- Digital approaches to town centre revitalisation (incl. Smart Cities). - Social innovation
- City centre competitiveness and resilience. - Social and business entrepreneurship
- Events and festivals as test beds for innovation, branding and community involvement
Contact: Andres Coca-Stefaniak, andrescoca@aol.com

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

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/

European Innovation Partnership on Water (EIP Water) 2nd call for "Action Groups"
The "European Innovation Partnership on Water" (EIP Water) has published a 2nd call for the formation of thematic "Action Groups" in five priority topics:
- Natural Waters
- Sustainability
- Water Policy and Administration
- Water Services and Water Use
- Water Technology

The new "Action Groups" should work on technical and non-technical innovations in the five priority topics. Currently there are nine actions groups active in the EIP Water that are supposed to promote innovative solutions for societal challenges. To reach these goals, resources, expertise of private & public actors on EU-, national, regional level should be mobilised.
More... About the EIP Water ; Call information

Horizon 2020: European Commission is looking for independent experts
The EC has published a call for expressions of interest to appoint independent experts to assist with research & innovation assignments including the evaluation of proposals, the review of projects, the monitoring of programmes or policies. One call is addressed to individual experts, the other call is addressed to organizations, research agencies & institutions, universities, standardisation & civil society organisations, enterprises to propose names of potential experts.
More... Participant Portal expert registration

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). Deadline for EoI: 28 January 2014

With a topic on Immunological assay standardisation & development for use in assessments of correlates of protection for influenza vaccines. 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.

11th Call for proposals Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI) – Outline-topics. Call published

The Joint Undertaking Innovative Medicine Initiative / JU IMI has published outline-topics for the forthcoming 11th Call.

The official call is expected in December 2013. Priorities of this 11th call are:

- Applied public-private research enabling osteoarthritis clinical headway (APPROACH)
- European platform for proof of concept for prevention in Alzheimer's Disease (EPOC-AD)
- Blood-based biomarker assays for personalized tumour therapy: value of latest circulating biomarkers
- Zoonoses anticipation and preparedness initiative (ZAPI)
- Generation of research tools to translate genomic discoveries into drug discovery projects

Under the theme "New Drugs for Bad Bugs (ND4BB)"

- ND4BB Topic 6: Epidemiology research and development of novel systemic antibacterial molecules against healthcare-associated infections due to gram-negative pathogens
- ND4BB Topic 7: Development of novel inhaled antibiotic regimens in patients with cystic fibrosis (CF) and patients with non-CF bronchiectasis (BE)

More... http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/11th-call-2013-8

9th EuroTransBio Call for Proposal. Deadline: 31 January 2014

ETB is organizing annual joint calls for innovative near to the market R&D&I projects in all fields of modern biotechnology (health, agro/food, industrial biotech, environment, marine/aquatic solutions). Consortia have to be coordinated by an SME, include at least 2 enterprises from two different countries participating in ETB and may include additional partners from research organizations.

More... https://www.eurotransbio.eu/index.php?index=12

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

FI-CONTENT 2: Open Call for additional beneficiaries. Deadline: 8 January 2014

FI content expects respondents to the Open Call to propose solutions that build on and complement at least one of the three platforms being developed and deployed in test locations by the project partners. The proposals should either describe new experimentations (for instance by extending the test population toward new socio-cultural groups – e.g.: children, elderly people) or add significant improvements to existing experimentations (for instance by improving the user experience or providing advanced scenarios for targeting and customizing advertisement). Provision of new functions or features could be achieved by developing, integrating new technology modules, by interconnecting one or several of the FI content platforms with other systems. **Total EC funding available** for new partners**:** up to 1.35 Million Euro.

More... FIcontent-open-call!

Policy

Regional Innovation Monitoring - Annual & Thematic & Regional innovation reports

The annual EU regional innovation report provides a unique analytical overview of current trends in regional innovation policy. It gives insight into how to design policy intervention in specific regional contexts as well as presenting tools and practical methods for comparing regional innovation policies.

Thematic papers discuss different cross-cutting topics based on the information available made by the regional correspondents. The topics of the individual papers are determined in agreement with the EC and on consultation with regional stakeholders.

Regional innovation reports provide a description and analysis of contemporary developments on regional innovation policy. For a selected number of regions, the regional innovation reports take into account the specific context and general trends to highlight innovation policy trends and priorities.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/policy/regional-innovation/monitor/index.cfm?q=p.report

- 2012 - Annual Report "Credible Actions Key to Regions' Future Innovation Performance"
- 2011 - Annual Report "Governance, policies, and perspectives in European regions"
- Thematic paper 6: Innovation Policy in Metropolitan Areas - addressing societal challenges in functional regions
- Thematic paper 5: Identifying Potential and Niches of Innovation – A Policy Intelligence Toolbox
- Thematic paper 4: The Role of Universities for Regional Innovation Strategies
- Thematic Paper 3: Demand-side innovation policies at regional level
- Thematic Paper 2: Policies and Processes of Smart Specialisation: Realising New Opportunities
- Thematic Paper 1: Conceptual layout of the Regional Innovation Monitor
- Regional-Innovation-Reports/Monitor/

EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard 2013

The EC announced its new EU Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard including the world's leading investors in the field of R&D. The Scoreboard is based on a sample of 2,000 companies, the world's top investors in Research and Development (R&D) 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

Eurostat regional yearbook 2013

Statistical information is an important tool for understanding, quantifying the impact of political decisions in a specific territory or region. The Eurostat regional yearbook 2013 gives a detailed picture relating to a broad range of statistical topics across the regions of the Member States of the EU, the regions of EFTA, candidate countries. The regional indicators are presented for the following 11 subjects: economy, population, health, education, labour market, structural business statistics, tourism, the information society, agriculture, transport, & science, technology & innovation.

Four special focus chapters are included in this edition: these look at European cities, the definition of city & metro regions, income and living conditions according to the degree of urbanisation, and rural development.

More… http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-HA-13-001/EN/KS-HA-13-001-EN.PDF

Energy

Renewable Energy World Asia 2014, 10-12 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

We invite you to submit an abstract and share your knowledge, experience and ideas with technical and strategic decision-makers. The Advisory Committee of Renewable Energy World Asia will be accepting paper abstracts for the 2014 conference up until the **deadline of 6 December**. This leading conference is a great opportunity to network with leading organizations and high level influencers and for you to represent your company at the most prestigious event in the power generation industry.

More... http://www.renewableenergyworld-asia.com/index.html?ID=38400

EU Sustainable Energy Week 2014, 23-27 June, Brussels and across Europe

The EUSEW 2014 has already kicked off with the opening of the Sustainable Energy Europe & ManagEnergy awards. Visit the Awards competition page to find out how to take part. In the coming weeks & months, the EUSEW website will be

updated with useful information for both events' organisers (Energy Days) & participants to plan their involvement in the forthcoming EUSEW. Watch this space for further announcements!
More... www.eusew.eu

8ᵗʰ Annual Global Summit on Water, Waste Water & Energy WEX, 25-27 February 2014, Madrid, Spain

A Perfect summit for technology providers & utilities. This unique networking forum continues to grow in popularity from year to year. Joining us in 2014, will give you the chance to learn from the world's leading experts in water and energy and build your network through our pre-scheduled face to face business meeting programme.
Five separate conference streams include sessions of critical importance to water professionals including:

- Energy, Water and Sustainability
- Finance and Investment
- Regional Business Forums
- Intelligent Infrastructure, Asset management,
- Non-revenue Water Management
- Waste Water Treatment, Sludge & Energy from Waste

More... www.w-e-x.com ; sksingh@w-e-x.com, sksingh@expoconsult.co.in

Innovating Energy Access fo Remote Areas Symposium, UC Berkeley, 10-12 April 2014

With investors pouring $244 billion in 2012 into clean energy globally, it is shocking that energy poverty continues to plague nearly half the world's population). Furthermore, by now it seems clear that we urgently need low carbon development scenarios for developing countries that do not undermine their development goals in order to prevent dangerous anthropogenic climate change
More... http://www.microenergysystems.tu-berlin.de/conference/ ; Call-for-papper-Berkeley_Apr_10_12_2014

Smart Grid Policy Handbook 2013: Major Government Policies, Regulations & Incentives

The report provides in-depth analysis of smart grid policies across major countries in North & South America, namely the US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil. Details are provided for key policy instruments adopted by the US & selected state governments which have led to smart grid developments, such as investment in smart meters, demand response programs, EV adoption. In the European region, details of key smart grid policies are provided for the following major European countries: the UK, Germany, France, Spain. The chapter also covers the major policies and incentives established by the European Union. The Asia-Pacific region covers Japan, Australia, India, China, South Korea, Singapore. Saudi Arabia in the Middle East, South Africa from the African continent have also been covered, as they are major upcoming markets for smart grid investment.
More... Smart-Grid-Policy-Handbook-2013-Major-government-policies-regulations-and-incentives-market-report

The World Energy Council - publications during October 2013

- World-energy-resources-2013-survey World-energy/Complete_WER_2013_Survey,
- World-energy-perspective-cost-ofenergy-technologies , WEC_Cost-of-Technologies ,
- World-energy-trilemmatime-to-get-real-the-agenda-for-change,
- World-energy-scenarios-composing-energy-futures-to-2050

Top 5 myths about energy saving lighting

1. Energy saving light bulbs take a long time to light up. **Myth**. SMDs and LEDs reach full brightness instantly.
2. Turning a light on and off uses more energy than leaving it on. **Myth.** No it doesn't. Switching on an SMD or LED bulb only uses the same amount of power as leaving it on for a minute or two.
3. Energy saving bulbs produce low quality, harsh light. **Myth.** Modern SMD and LED bulbs lights are produced in many different colour variations.
4. Energy saving light bulbs aren't as bright as traditional bulbs. **Myth.** If you buy the *right* energy saving bulb such as SMD or LED it will be just as bright as the one you're replacing. See www.smdlighting.co.uk.
5. Energy saving lights flicker. **Myth.** Modern SMD and LED bulbs light up instantly with no flicker whatsoever.

More... www.smdlighting.co.uk and a range of energy saving lighting can be purchased online at www.lampslighting.com

Events

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 is to gather results from academia & industry partners working in all sub-fields of multimedia: content design, development, authoring, evaluation, systems/tools oriented R&D, service architectures, protocols, standards for multimedia communications along with the related security issues, secure multimedia information sharing.
More... http://www.fedcsis.org/ ; burdescu@software.ucv.ro

2014 University-Industry Interaction Conference, 23-25 April 2014, Barcelona, Spain

The Conference organizers are happy to confirm a wide variety of conference partners, workshops and keynote speakers. The University Industry Innovation Network, the Catalan Association of Public Universities will host the Conference on "Challenges & solutions for fostering entrepreneurial universities & collaborative innovation".
With more than 300 participants, the conference are the leading international discussion forum for academics, researchers, practitioners, business representatives on university-industry interaction.
More... http://www.call.university-industry.com

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/

Green Growth, Green Jobs: *Integrating Employment & Environmental Policies Across EU*, 29 Jan 2014, Brussels
This international symposium provides an invaluable opportunity to examine the future of green growth in EU by focusing on its economic, social, financial aspects. The symposium explore how future skills-needs can be better anticipated to suit the market, how the green economy can be boosted by investing in green technologies, eco-innovation.
More… http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/EA29-PPE2.php ; please book online

Workshop: Clean bus procurement, 11-12 December 2013, Bremen, Germany
The workshop will focus on the procurement of clean buses under the Clean Vehicles Directive. It will look at the background, objectives of the CVD, how bus procurement is carried out in practice. The workshop present experiences from different cities in clean bus procurement, and discuss a variety of important topics which procurers face such as:
- Clean Bus Procurement – objectives of operators and authorities
- What are clean buses? – Comparison of technology options, diesel Euro V/VI, CNG, LNG, hydrogen, fuel-cell, hybrid
- Towards more electrification – how is this reflected in the CVD/Life Cycle Costing approach?

Study Visit **-** participants will see the Bremen concept of sustainable mobility in practice. It will showcase Bremen's public transport system, which combines an electric tram, conventional EEV diesel buses, diesel-electric buses.
More… http://www.clean-fleets.eu/training-and-events/workshop-bremen/

12th European Financial Services Conference, 20 February 2014, ING Auditorium, Brussels
This high-level conference is the premier event of its kind attracting some 400 senior bankers and financial policy-makers to discuss issues affecting both European and global financial markets.
More… http://www.eu-ems.com/summary.asp?event_id=191&page_id=1606

Seminar on Fast Track to Innovation under Horizon 2020, 16 December 2013, Brussels
Introduction Horizon 2020, the EU's new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, will provide new and extended funding opportunities for excellent researchers and innovators across Europe.
More… Seminar-on-fast-track-to-innovation!

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics
Micro-Optics, 09.12.2013 - 10.12.2013, Neuchâtel (CH),
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/

State Aid for Infrastructure Projects, 20-21 February 2014, Berlin, Germany
Gain indispensable knowledge for reliable infrastructure project management:
  Assess with safety whether State aid is involved – avoid expensive consequences
  Accurately define economic and non-economic purpose of infrastructures
  Distinguish correctly between owner, operator and user
  Special focus on critical areas: airlines/airports, sport and ports
  Determine if rules of Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI) can be applied
  Gain insight into the draft General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)
More… Please find detailed brochure information here. For registration please use the online booking form

Learn how to do business with the EU (Grants & Tenders)!, 4-5 December 2013, Bruxelles
This is an opportunity for participants to explore in-depth the labyrinth of the complex world of funding offered directly by the EC**.** Participants will learn about the extreme importance in knowing very well the technical & financial rules, as well as a set of required criteria, prior to apply for a specific program and secure funding from the EC.
The difference between EU grants and tenders (EU Procurement) is the main focus of this course and will be particularly highlighted through challenging practical exercises and two workshops**.** Course programme: Download here
More… Training-courses/introduction-to-eu-funding-grants-and-tenders!