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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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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>

Technobel and World of Furniture, 1-5 April 2014, Inter Expo Center, Sofia, Bulgaria

The Bulgarian Branch Chamber Of Woodworking and Furniture Industry in partnership with Inter Expo Center, organizes annually international exhibitions for the branch – Technobel and World of Furniture, which are the only exhibitions for the sector of Woodworking and Furniture Industry in Bulgaria. Hotel furniture, office & home furniture, modern technologies & techniques for wood processing & furniture production as well as new trend in the materials & equipment for the furniture factories will be presented during the exhibition.

More... <http://technobel.bg/> ; <http://furnitureexpo.bg/> ; +359 2 9634299 or office@timberchamber.com

18th International Summit & Exhibition for Water Technologies, Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Recycling, Green Transportation & Green Building, CleanTech, 18-19 February 2014, Tel Aviv

More... http://cleantech.mashovgroup.net/en/?qoback=gde_1287967_member_5816589726177595395#!

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 2014 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/>

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
- 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

Romanian Cluster Association - Clustero

Experience has proved that the three natural partners of the "Triple helix" model not only do not cooperate, but they also do not know each other and do not get to discuss with one another. There is a need for adapting the model into a "Four clover" model, the fourth actor being the catalyst organizations – consulting firms, specialized in the technological transfer & innovation field, technological transfer centers, etc. Since 2008, the Ministry of Economy, Commerce & Business Environment, carried out a wide effort meant to identify the existing, emerging clusters in Romania.

More... <http://www.clustero.eu/en/asociatia-clusterelor-din-romania>

Bulgarian Association of Business Clusters

Association of business clusters aims to unite the efforts of Bulgarian clusters for their dynamic development in accordance with European standards for the formation and establishment of Bulgarian national standards and traditions in clusters policy.

More... <http://abclusters.org/en/about/>

EUROGIA2020, the EUREKA low-carbon energy technology cluster, launched its second call

EUROGIA2020, announced its latest call (CALL 02) for the submission of transnational low-carbon energy related R&D projects. The call is open to all innovative project ideas that will reduce the carbon footprint of energy production and use potentially qualify for EUROGIA2020 label. The process is one of continuous submission with 4 cut-off dates per year. The next cut-off date is **February 14, 2014** by close of business. Application conditions, details of the submission process can be found on www.eurogia.com or contacting the EUROGIA2020 Secretariat, contact@eurogia.com, + 32 2 502 1814.

More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/home/-/journal_content/56/10137/2967644

The Eurostars Programme

[The Eurostars Programme](#) is a joint programme between EUREKA & the EC and the 1st EU funding, support programme to be specifically dedicated to research-performing SMEs. Eurostars stimulates them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. The Eurostars Programme is dedicated to the R&D performing SMEs, and co-funded by the EC & 33 EUREKA member countries.

Eurostars aims to stimulate these SMEs to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. It is fine-tuned to focus on the needs of SMEs, and specifically targets the development of new products, processes and services and the access to transnational and international markets.

More... <http://www.eurekanetwork.org/activities/eurostars>

SMEs

COSME - the Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

The EC welcomed the adoption on 21 November of the programme COSME by the European Parliament. With a € 2.3 billion-budget over the period 2014-2020 the COSME Programme aims at strengthening the competitiveness, sustainability of the EU's enterprises, at encouraging an entrepreneurial culture, promoting the creation, growth of SMEs. These objectives will be met by improving:

- Access to finance for SMEs,
- Access to markets, inside the Union but also at global level.

The Access to markets strand consists of concrete business support services to be provided notably by the Enterprise Europe Network. These will focus on the internationalisation of SMEs, facilitating business expansion and cross-border partnerships. IPR Helpdesks are also available in Europe, China, the ASEAN and Mercosur regions.

- Framework conditions for businesses, and
- Entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial culture.

More... [More information on COSME website](#) ; [Press release about COSME](#) ; [Memo about COSME](#)

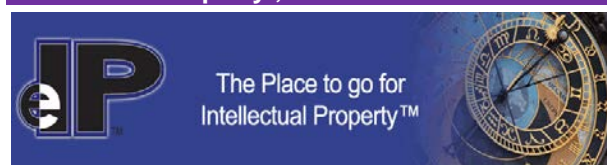
Horizon 2020, including the SME Instrument

The EC welcomed the European Parliament's adoption of Horizon 2020, the next EU research & innovation programme. With a budget of nearly EUR 80 billion euro over seven years from 2014 to 2020), Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU research programme yet, one of the biggest publicly funded worldwide. Built on three pillars, Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership & Societal Challenges, it will fund activities, from frontier science to close-to-market innovation.

SMEs are encouraged to participate across the whole Horizon 2020 programme. They can engage in collaborative projects as part of a consortium, or seek support through a new dedicated SME instrument for highly innovative smaller companies. The integrated approach and simplification efforts should lead to a minimum of 20%, or about €8.65 billion, of the total combined budgets of the specific objective 'Leadership in enabling & industrial technologies' (LEITs), the 'Societal Challenges' going to SMEs. The SME instrument will be crucial in achieving this target. Over the course of Horizon 2020, at least €3 billion will be allocated to the SME instrument.

More... [Press release-Horizon 2020](#) ; [Memo & factsheet-Horizon 2020](#) ; [More information- Horizon 2020 website](#)

Intellectual Property ; Standards



New European Patent Register release

New features include the option to download Zip archives of PDF files in the "All documents" section, RSS feeds for search results and the "All documents" section, and the possibility to export your search results in XML or CSV format.

More... [Read more!](#)

Praktika Intern: internship and training programme for patent professionals. Deadline: 31 January 2014

The *Praktika Intern* programme gives patent professionals a chance to look at their daily work from an EPO viewpoint. Depending on their knowledge levels and professional experience, participants can attend a two-week training course (Module 1) or work with an examiner (Module 2) or a member of a technical board of appeal (Module 3).

More... [Read more](#)

Webinar - How to maximise your profits with IP, 8 January 2014

The UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) is organising free webinars on the importance of intellectual property for business and how companies can benefit from it. In particular, there will be a special focus on the basics of licensing and how to make intellectual property bring more revenue to your company. Each month we will give you an overview of maximising your profits with IP. The event will focus on the [basics of licensing](#), and how to make your IP bring [more money to your business](#). We will also give tips on how to protect your IP, as well as warn you of some of the pitfalls.

More... <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/whyuse/events/events-calendar/events-ipo-webinar.htm>

WIPO GREEN - Marketplace for environmentally friendly technologies

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) launched a new marketplace for environmentally friendly technologies: the [WIPO GREEN](#). According to WIPO, this free-of-charge database:

- offers green technology providers greater visibility for their products, services and IP assets.
- advertises technological needs, specific technologies & IP assets, funding, training & professional services.
- lists innovative green technologies, IP assets and experts; connect green technology providers and seekers.

- hosts a freely accessible online roster of green technology consultants & service providers, who offer expertise.
- acts as a gateway to useful IP services, such as WIPO's Arbitration and Mediation Center.
- enables members to meet a wide range of stakeholders, providing opportunities for collaboration, partnership.

More... <http://www.wipo.int/> ; http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2013/article_0025.html

Research

Latest Horizon 2020 work programmes on Industrial Leadership released

The latest work programmes regarding Horizon 2020's pillar Industrial Leadership, which the Eurostars programme will also be part of, has been released on the European Commission's website.

[Eurostars](#) is a joint programme between EUREKA and the European Union, specifically dedicated to innovative SMEs. The 1st call for Eurostars under Horizon 2020 will open in 2014, and many improvements to the programme will be implemented. The first call deadline, already published, will be March 13, 2014. As a complement to other tools addressing SMEs within Horizon 2020, Eurostars will play the crucial role of putting knowledge into the market place.

More... [Horizon 2020 work programme on innovation in SMEs](#). See [Horizon 2020 WP 2014-2015](#)

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

Making Industry – University Partnership work - Lessons from successful collaborations

Universities and industry have been collaborating for over a century, but the rise of a global knowledge economy has intensified the need for strategic partnerships that go beyond the traditional funding of discrete research projects. World-class research universities are at the forefront of pioneering such partnerships. They are designed to run longer, invest more, look farther ahead and hone the competitiveness of companies, universities & regions. In short, they transform the role of the research university for the 21st century, anchoring it as a vital centre of competence to help tackle social challenges and drive economic growth.

More... [Science & business!](#)

The new Eurostars website has been launched

The new website incorporates a more accessible layout with a new online application system to apply for the next call in 2014. The enhanced accessibility is focused on improving the online experience for SMEs so that they may find the right information they need. New trends and statistics of the programme in addition to a wealth of new information is provided through Eurostar's new site. **The deadline for the next call** is on it, check it out!

More... <http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>

ICT Innovation Vouchers Scheme for Regions

ICT Innovation Vouchers aim to help micro-enterprises & SMEs in the EU to use digital technologies to increase their competitiveness, enhance their growth prospects. ICT Innovation voucher schemes offer vouchers valued up to €10,000. Regional authorities will implement the scheme. The scheme, is in a pilot phase, during which the regions can receive assistance in the form of guidance and training. This opportunity is due to roll out across EU in 2014. ICT Innovation voucher schemes will be funded through the EU structural and investment funds (ESI).

[Video](#) presentation. [Guide](#) for regional authorities to develop the scheme. Basic questions [brochure](#)

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict-innovation-vouchers-scheme-regions#!>

European Centre for Women and Technology

ECWT recognises the need for more female entrepreneurs. In a showcase of the Centre's work, we talk to Director, Eva Fabry about how women fare in ICT, and find out about the great successes already gleaned from its Gender Action Plan

More... [Read More](#)

Partner Search

Looking for companies to join a consortium for the new “FWC Commission” early 2014

We are looking for companies to join a consortium for the new “FWC Commission” early 2014. Lot 1: studies, 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 of the private sector; 9) food security; 10) rural development; 11) environment/climate/natural resources/energy; 12) development policies.

Contact: Ines Ameur, Project Manager chez TTCO Top Contributor, France, ines.ameur@tco.fr

Partner Search for a project that is going to focus on photographing the intangible cultural heritage

Our project is going to focus on photographing the intangible cultural heritage: that is to say we will try to construct bridges among cultures through photography. The target group: students from 12 to 16 years.

Contact: Marandici Tatiana President at Asociatia Pro Educatie si Formare Top Contributor, marandici@yahoo.com

Gender considerations will be an explicit criteria for success in H2020

Article 15 explicitly refer to the inclusion of gender considerations, the dimension as a criteria for success in H2020. Portia, UK, designs and implements effective strategies for gender equality in science, engineering and technology. They have over 10 years experience working in this area. They can act as partners/experts or consult during proposal preparation to ensure projects fulfill this criteria. The experience includes: co-ordinator of FP7 SiS project genSET - gender in science; current partner of FP7 SiS project GenPORT - sharing knowledge, inspiring collaborative action on gender, science; co-convenor responsible for program concept, policy development of the Gender Summits – Quality

Research & Innovation through Equality.

More... www.portiaweb.org.uk

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 and 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 and ferrous materials, Welding of complex structures with 200.000 kg maximum weight, bending plates and 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.

Biotechpharma is looking for possible partners in the fields of: biopharmaceuticals and life sciences

Biotechpharma is looking for possible partners in the fields of: biopharmaceuticals and life sciences for the upcoming "Horizon 2020". Biotechpharma is a contract development and manufacturing organization which expertise lies in drug development and cGMP compliant manufacturing. Biotechpharma has expertise in early and late stage development for biopharmaceuticals and has capacities to provide material for pre-clinical and Phase I-III clinical trials.

Contact: Edvinas Vosylius, edvinas.vosylius@biotechpharma.lt

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Horizon 2020 – First calls for proposals

Horizon 2020 cross-cutting issues have been mainstreamed in each of the different parts of the WP, ensuring a more integrated approach (innovation, excellence, participation, ICT, social sciences, humanities, gender, international cooperation, climate action, sustainable development). A number of areas have been identified for special focus in the first H 2020 WP. Each of these is embedded in the relevant parts of the WP, covered by a specific call. The 12 focus areas represent around 15% of the total number of calls covered by the WP, amount for a total 2014 budget of €2 billion.

- European Research Council (4 calls) €1 662 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427025>
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (6 calls) €800 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427023>
- Future & Emerging Technologies (FET) (4 calls) €200 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427033>
- EU R&D Infrastructures (incl e-Infrastructures) (4 calls) €277 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427033>
- Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials (5 calls) €500 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427012>
- Biotechnology and Production (5 calls) €500 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427000>
- Space (5 calls) €128 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427037>
- Health, Demographic Change & Wellbeing (2 calls) €600 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427021>
- Food Security, Agriculture & Forestry, Bioecon (3 calls) €300 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427000>
- Secure, Clean & Efficient Energy (4 calls) €600 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4435311>
- Climate, Environment, Resource (3 calls) €300 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427008>
- EU in a Changing World (5 calls) €112 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427026>
- Secure Societies (4 calls) €200 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427002>
- Spreading Excellence & Widening Participation (3 calls) €50 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427025>
- EU Location Framework, e-Government & Public Sector Innovation <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427038>
- EU Program for Education, Training, Youth & Sport <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4235201>
- Science with and for Society (4 calls) €45 million <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427026>
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in H2020 Projects <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427001>

Factsheets & standard presentation can be found here: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/node/119> .

Summary of first calls: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-13-1122_en.htm

More... <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

Details regarding the NCP Network in Romania & Horizon 2020: <http://www.research.edu.ro/ro/articol/3285/Orizont2020>

Innovation in SMEs (1 call) €10 million

More... <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427035>

Access to Risk Finance (2 calls + Financial instruments) €300 million

More... <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427003>

Eurostars SME Instrument (Several Calls) €51 million

More... <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427017>

Smart, Green & Integrated Transport (3 calls) €540 million

More... <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427028>

Innovation in Building & Construction & Smart Cities

More... <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427029>

Horizon 2020 – First calls for proposals - ICT

The call H2020-ICT-2014-1, "Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies" (LEIT, 658,5 M€)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-ict-2014-1.html>

The 2nd call - ICT-14-2014 "Advanced 5G Network Infrastructure for the Future Internet" (125 M€):

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-ict-2014-2.html>

Geo-ICT Sub-Programme of ICT <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?about=&gid=4427019>

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

Area	Title	Deadline	Themes	More
COOPERATION IMI-JU-10-2013		2014-01-28	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
COOPERATION FCH-JU-2013-2		2014-02-27	Joint Technology Initiatives	link
CAPACITIES FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD		2014-04-15	FP7 Capacities	link

Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness

Area	Title	Deadline	More
Research	Eureka : Euripides call for expert	2013-12-31	link
Education	EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region in the academic year 2008/2009	2020-10-31	link

Creative Europe is now open

Creative Europe replaces the MEDIA, MEDIA Mundus and Culture programmes. The first Calls for Proposals under Creative Europe are now open.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm

Join the database of independent experts for European research and innovation - Horizon 2020 programme

The EC appoints independent experts to assist with research and innovation assignments including the evaluation of proposals, monitoring of projects, and evaluation of programmes, and design of policy. Assignments mainly concern research and innovation, falling within the Horizon 2020 programme designed to address the challenges EU is facing through funding excellent science, technology, innovation. Take a look at the most recently [funded projects](#).

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>

Euratom Fission 2014-2015. Deadline: 17 September 2014

Euratom Fission 2014-2015 are organised in five main sections:

- Support safe operation of nuclear systems
- Contribute to the development of solutions for the management of ultimate radioactive waste
- Foster Radiation Protection
- Cross-cutting aspects for nuclear fission and radiation protection
- Support the development of nuclear competences at Union level and socio-economic aspects.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/nfrp-2014-2015.html>

Horizon 2020: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

FP7-CDRP-2013-EUR-CD – Career Development. Deadline: 15 April 2014

This call aims to complement the efforts made so far in support of the career development of researchers in an academic environment. Starting from the knowledge, behaviour and characteristics of an individual researcher, career development advice, coaching, training could further enable a researcher to aspire to excellence, whether inside/outside academia.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/fp7/calls/fp7-cdrp-2013-eur-cd.html>

Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking Call for Proposals 2013 Part II. Deadline: 27 February 2014

The Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) is a public private partnership supporting research, development, demonstration activities in fuel cell & hydrogen energy technologies in EU. Its aim is to accelerate the market introduction of the technologies, realising their potential as an instrument in achieving a carbon-lean energy system.

More... Participant Portal help desk <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/contactus>

IPR help desk- <http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>

FCH JU reference documents are available at the website: <http://www.fch-ju.eu/content/how-participate-fch-ju-projects>

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
- Water Policy and Administration
- Water Services and Water Use

- Sustainability

- 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](#)

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

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). Deadline for EoI 8 April 2014

The Joint Undertaking Innovative Medicine Initiative / JU IMI has published outline-topics for the forthcoming 11th Call. The period for submitting Expression of Interest starts on 11 December 2013, deadline for submission of EoI (Expression of Interest) is 8 April 2014. 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> ; [IMI 11th Call 2013 - Stage 1](#) ; [IMI Access](#) ; [IMI Partnering](#)

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>

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!](#)

Funding Opportunities Linked to H2020 and FP7

1. ERA-NET actions

ERA-NET actions aim at coordinating national and regional research programmes by developing joint activities or supporting joint calls for proposals.

Calls for proposals for ERA-NET actions and ERA-NET Plus actions are [published on the Participant Portal](#).

NETWATCH - the platform that gives further information about ERA-NETS & transnational R&D programme collaboration
[H2020 online manual](#)

2. Article 185 Initiatives

Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) enables the EU to participate in research programmes undertaken jointly by several Member States. Calls for proposals for the initiatives are available on each initiative website:

- [AAL](#) – r&d programme Ambient Assisted Living - better living conditions for older people through ICT solutions
- [BONUS](#) - programme in the field of Baltic Sea research
- [EMRP](#) - programme in the field of Metrology (the science of measurement)
- [EUROSTARS](#) - programme for SMEs performing market-oriented research

Article 185 TFEU in the Sixth Framework Programme

[European and Developing Countries Clinical trials Partnership \(EDCTP\)](#)

3. Joint Technology Initiatives (JTI)

JTIs are public-private partnerships involving industry, research community and public authorities to pursue common ambitious research objectives.

Calls for proposals of the JTIs are available on the FP7 Calls page under the Cooperation programme, except for the SESAR and Fusion for Energy Joint Undertakings. Further details are provided on the JTI websites:

- [Innovative Medicines Initiative \(IMI\)](#)
- [Embedded Computing Systems \(ARTEMIS\)](#)
- [Aeronautics and Air Transport \(Clean Sky\)](#)
- [Nanoelectronics Technologies 2020 \(ENIAC\)](#)
- [Fuel Cells and Hydrogen \(FCH\)](#)
- [Single European Sky ATM Research \(SESAR\)](#)
- [Fusion for Energy \(F4E\)](#)

4. Co-funded Calls of the FP7 People Programme

COFUND is a Marie Curie Action under the FP7 People Programme that co-funds regional, national, and international fellowship programmes for research training and career development.

Applicants for COFUND should be public or private bodies responsible for managing such programmes.

5. Competitive Calls in FP7 projects

In FP7 Collaborative projects and networks of excellence may reserve a portion of their budgets for specific tasks to be carried out by a beneficiary (or beneficiaries) joining the consortium at a later stage of a project. Such new beneficiaries are selected from proposals submitted in response to a "competitive call".

Competitive calls are published on the websites of the consortia and can also be published on the Participant Portal.

[European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\)](#)

EIT aims at reinforcing the EU innovation capacity providing support for knowledge transfer and networking. It puts innovation into practice through its operational Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), highly integrated and excellence driven partnerships that bring together the fields of education, technology, research, and business. EIT assigned its three first KICs in December 2009:

- [Climate KIC \(Climate Change\)](#)
- [EIT ICT Labs \(Information and Communication Technologies\)](#)
- [KIC InnoEnergy \(Sustainable Energy\)](#)

The [EIT Strategy 2014-2020](#) plans creating six new KICs.

[Intergovernmental Opportunities](#)

EUREKA aims at raising the productivity and competitiveness of businesses through technology. It supports SMEs, companies and technology related organisations through various clusters, networks and individual projects. EUREKA has a network of National Contact Points (NCPs) that help setting up new projects and finding partners.

COST

COST funds European networks of researchers across all science fields to coordinate nationally funded research. COST does not fund research itself, but provides support for networking activities. There is a continuous [Open Call](#).

[Structural Funds](#)

Structural Funds help all EU regions build research and innovation capacities including infrastructures, entrepreneurship, ICT development and human capital actions. To apply for the funding, you will need to contact the relevant Managing Authority in your country or find out on their websites about their calls for proposals and funding conditions.

- [Operational programmes and financial allocations](#)
- [European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\) - Managing authorities](#)
- [European Social Fund \(ESF\) - Managing authorities](#)
- [Regional Policy:](#)
 - [50 different cross-border & 13 transnational cooperation programmes](#) under "territorial cooperation objectives"
 - [INTERREG IV C](#)
 - [URBACT](#)
 - [JEREMIE](#)

- [Rural Development Policy and Funding \(CAP\)](#)

Policy

European Commission publishes Innovation Union Competitiveness report 2013

The EC has published its 2nd Innovation Union Competitiveness report which provides a comprehensive analysis of recent trends, long-term evolution in research & innovation performance in EU Member States & Associated Countries. The report is based on Eurostat data generated before September 2013. According to the report, Europe is still the world's most important region when it comes to knowledge production and remains highly attractive for R&D investments. The EU lacks a strategic approach, needs better coordination of its R&D activities to reduce the current fragmentation.

More... [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013](#) ; [Country-Profiles \(2013 version\)](#)

The annual EU regional innovation report

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.

- [2012 - Annual Report Credible Actions Key to Regions' Future Innovation Performance](#)
- [2011 - Annual Report Governance, policies, and perspectives in European regions](#)
- [2010 - Annual Report Innovation Patterns & Policy in EU Regions - Trends, Challenges & Perspectives.](#)

EU's Financial Report 2012

The 2012 Financial Report by the EC shows that 94% of the total EUR 135.6 billion of the EU 2012 budget was dedicated to beneficiaries across EU such as researchers, students, small and medium enterprises, towns, regions, NGOs.

The EU budget increased funding in areas stimulating growth, creating employment, investing in research & education:

- With EUR 9.6 billion the [Cohesion Fund](#) contributed to the building of 1,274 km of roads and 950 km of railways.
- 17,374 EU [research](#) funding requests were received & EUR 7.8 billion distributed through the FP7 on Research.
- EUR 1.2 billion was invested in [long-life learning](#).

The report also shows that the EU remains a world leader in [humanitarian aid](#) providing assistance to more than 122 million people in over 90 countries beyond EU borders.

More... [Budget/FinancialReport/index](#) ; [Announcement EU's Financial Report 2012](#) ; [Financial-Report-2012](#)

EBRD: Transition Report 2013

Emerging countries are in danger of forever trailing the living standards of more advanced market economies. The EBRD argues in [Transition Report 2013](#) that they can still break through obstacles that stand in the way of greater prosperity. The reform process has been stalling since before the onset of the global crisis, this lack of reform has weighed on the investment climate, economic growth, correlation [insufficient economic, political reform, lack of economic progress](#).

More... <http://tr.ebrd.com/tr13/en/>

Energy

Horizon 2020 – First calls for proposals - Energy

The WP: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/reference_docs.html#h2020-work-programmes-2014-15

Information on the calls for proposals: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

4th European Biomass to Power & Bioenergy Commodity Trading, 1-2 April, Copenhagen, Denmark

This is a great opportunity to hear from leading professionals & maximise your contact base across bioenergy industries. Whilst at the Bioenergy Commodity Trading 2014 you will be able to switch between conferences, attend sessions. This is a great opportunity to maximise your contact base across industries, hear from leading professionals within the biomass to power industry. Site Visit: to DONG Energy's Avedore Power Station, on 31st March 2014 free of charge.

More... http://www.wplgroup.com/acil_crosslink/register.asp?intSitePagelId=9187

9th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water & Environment Systems, SDEWES, 20-27 September 2014, Venice, Italy – Istanbul, Turkey

The 9th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems - SDEWES Conference, to be held at the sea between Venice and Istanbul in 2014, is dedicated to the improvement and dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies and technologies for increasing the sustainability of development by de-coupling growth from natural resources and replacing them with knowledge based economy.

More... <http://www.mediterranean2014.sdewes.org/index.php>

Going Green – Care Innovation 2014: Towards a Resource Efficient Economy, 17-20 November, Austria

The biennial conference, which travels between Europe, North America, Japan, will attract more than 400 experts from all over the world. This Symposium is the only platform for presenting the up-to-date progress on sustainable development of eco-efficient electr(on)ic & automotive products. The conference provide a platform to discuss the latest progress on:

- Resource Efficiency
- Corporate Social Responsibility & Management
- Energy-efficiency & Climate Change
- Beyond Legal Compliance & Global Harmonization
- Sustainable Products & Services & Leading Edge Technologies

More... <http://www.care-electronics.net/CI2014/>

7th International Conference on PV-Hybrids & Mini-Grids/Clean Energy Hybrid Mini-grids in Remote Areas Workshop, 10-11 April 2014, Stadthalle Bad Hersfeld, Germany

The Conference is one of the rare opportunities for end-users, industry, experts and academia to meet and discuss the latest developments, experiences and results, present the performance of the state of the art of the technology or business models and to share the insights gained by worldwide installations.

Hybrid mini-grids are about to push themselves around the world as a cost effective and attractive alternative to grid extension and diesel mini-grids. For communities showing considerably higher power demand and access to sustainable finance, PV mini-grids are a good solution for overcoming the lack of access to electricity.

More... http://www.otti.eu/pdf/PV_Hybrids_and_Mini_Grids_ipv4314.pdf

Webinar: Best Practices in Substation Communication Infrastructure Design

Smart Grid solutions are only as good as the communication infrastructure they are built upon. New industry webinar highlights the best practices of substation communication developed from real-world utility implementations, presented in an intuitive format designed to allow participants to easily assess their practices against the best in the industry.

More... <http://video.webcasts.com/events/pmny001/viewer/index.jsp?eventid=47370&adid=ws>

10 Countries Best Placed for Energy Transition

Cities like to control their fate, but where the transition to green energy is involved, they remain heavily reliant on national infrastructure. So how do different nations match up? The World Economic Forum published the 2014 edition of its [Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report](#). This report, produced with Accenture, shows which countries are best placed to manage the transition toward a sustainable energy network. The forum ranked energy networks in 128 countries on 3 criteria: impact on economic growth, environmental sustainability, network access & security.

More... http://www.ubmfuturecities.com/author.asp?doc_id=526308&f_src=UBMFutureCities_theurbanizer

Events

4th International Conference on Food Studies, 20-21 October 2014, Prato, Italy

In a time of growing public interest in diet, health and nutritional research, the Food Studies conference aims to examine the agricultural, environmental, economic, cultural perspectives of food through an interdisciplinary lens. It will feature a range of presentations from broad theoretical, global policy explorations, to detailed studies of specific human-physiological, nutritional, social dynamics of food. The Conference address themes relating to the Food Studies.

More... <http://food-studies.com/the-conference>

LINK 2014 Learning Innovations and Quality Conference, 7-9 May, 2014, Crete, Greece

LINQ 2014 will continue the discussion began during the previous conferences in Rome and Brussels with the its motto: "Changing the Trajectory: Quality for Opening up Education". This year, LINQ is teaming up with EFQUEL to bring you LINQ 2014 in tandem with the 9th EFQUEL Innovation Forum. It invites all experts, practitioners and interested stakeholders in the fields of lifelong learning, education and training from EU, all other countries worldwide to present, share and discuss experiences, expertise and open questions.

More... [Discover the LINQ 2014 / EIF 2014 Call for Papers and Projects here.](#)

University-Industry Interaction Conference on Challenges & solutions for fostering entrepreneurial universities & collaborative innovation, 23-25 April 2014, Barcelona, Spain

With more than 300 participants, the conference will be the leading international discussion forum for academics, researchers, practitioners, business representatives on university-industry interaction, where theory & practice are equally emphasised in the programme, which consists out of keynote presentations, track sessions, workshops, sight visits. During the conference high emphasis is placed on networking opportunities, creative space, as well as skill development workshops (executive education), delivered by EADA Business School, one of EU's leading Business Schools.

More... <http://www.university-industry.com> ; [2014 University-Industry Interaction Conference](#)

Tenth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society, 6-7 February, Madrid, Spain

The complex synergies between technology, knowledge and society will be the focus of this meeting. Gender equality, globalization and ICT are some of the areas that will be addressed. Participants will be guided through an interactive two-day course with opportunities to present their research and network with experts from a range of disciplines.

More... <http://techandsoc.com/the-conference/>

8th International Symposium on Intelligent Distributed Computing - IDC 2014, 3-5 September 2014, Madrid, Spain

The International Symposium has a special interest in (but will not be limited to) novel architectures, systems, methods that facilitate distributed / parallel / multi-agent biocomputing for solving complex computational and real-life problems.

More... <http://aida.ii.uam.es/IDC2014>

International Workshop - Intelligent Data Analysis with Applications in Information Retrieval & Machine Learning IDAIR, 7-9 July 2014, Chania Crete, Greece

Within the framework the 5th International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications. IDAIR welcomes submissions of original papers concerning all aspects of multimedia domain ranging from concept, theoretical

developments to advanced technologies, innovative applications. IDAIR invites original unpublished contributions that are not submitted concurrently to a journal or another conference. Papers acceptance, publication will be judged based on their relevance to the symposium theme, clarity of presentation, originality, accuracy of results, solutions.

More... <http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/> ; <http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/workshops-special-sessions/>

ICT support for Active and Healthy Ageing: Enablers for Success (E4S), 16 January 2014, Barcelona, Spain

The conference addresses stakeholders in AAL/AHA: technical experts, IT & device developers, service providers, care providers, end-users, policy makers. It provides an open & dynamic forum for exchange of news, ideas about the next steps in making ICT support for Active & Healthy Ageing a reality across EU.

More... <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/enablers-for-success-e4s-conference-registration-9111650191>

3rd International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedical Science, 18 June 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark

The goal of the conference is to promote R&D activities in bioinformatics, biomedical Science. It will bring together researchers, developers, engineers, students, practitioners, beyond for a lively scientific exchange on novel approaches to bioinformatics problems, biomedical engineering, related areas of theoretical, experimental or applied research.

More...<http://www.icbbs.org/index.html>

23rd Biennial European Association for Cancer Research Congress, 5-8 July 5-8 2014, Munich, Germany

This meeting will bring together scientists working in the multidisciplinary field of cancer research to discuss the latest developments in risks, causes and personalised treatment.

The gathering aims to promote a topical and relevant information exchange among researchers at all stages of their careers toward the goal of improving the scientific knowledge base of all types of cancer.

More...<http://www.ecco-org.eu/Events/EACR-23.aspx>

Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

More... <http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; **More FSRM courses** ; <http://www.eurotraining.net/>

HORIZON 2020 Webinar, 18 December 2013

The webinar is offered by [INCONTACT-One World](#) with the support of [DRAGON-STAR](#), [ESASTAP-PLUS](#), & [JEUPISTE](#) projects. It will include a brief presentation of Horizon 2020, the available tools for retrieving info, collaboration partners:

- **10:00-10:25:** Horizon 2020 and International Cooperation, Epaminondas Christofilopoulos, PRAXI/FORTH
- **10:25-10:50:** Finding Info and Partners, George Baroutas, PRAXI/FORTH
- **10:50-11:00:** Q&As

When: **09:00 - 10:00 AM**, Central European Time (GMT+01:00); 10:00-11:00 in Athens & Johannesburg ; 16:00-17:00 in Beijing & Perth ; 17:00-18:00 in Tokyo ; 04:00-05:00 in Santo Domingo

More... <http://help-forward.adobeconnect.com/h2020/>

EU R&I Proposal Development 2014-2020, 23-24 January 2014, Brussels, Belgium

The course, which draws on the lessons learned from FP7 proposals, projects, will provides you with an overview of the 2014-2020 funding programmes and a deep insight into Horizon 2020.

More... <http://www.eustrainingsite.com/184>

Exploitation Training for participants in EU Transport projects, 3-6 February 2014, Lyon, France

The events aim to support participants to better exploit their results and transform them into products and services for the markets. During the training academies participants will be trained by experts on exploitation strategies, standardization, intellectual property rights management, public or private funding for market exploitation, business partnership support, opportunities in Horizon 2020. It will also be an opportunity to get individual support to draft a business plan.

More... <http://www.transport-tips.eu/events/> ; www.transport-tips.eu

15th European Ph.D. School: Electrical Machines, Energy Control & Power Systems, 26-30 May 2014, Gaeta, Italy

- 1) **Opening session:** 2 special guest speeches;
- 2) **Recruitment & cooperation session:** representatives of leading businesses, industries will meet Ph.D. Students and recent graduates to discuss recruitment and future collaboration opportunities during a Company exhibition;
- 3) **PhDs research activity presentation:** different poster sessions focused on common research topics will allow PhDs to present to companies and other PhDs their activities;
- 4) **Frontal lessons:** 5 topics, 10 frontal lectures from high qualified representatives of academic & industry.

More... www.phd-school.org ; [Preliminary-Programme](#)



<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise-europe-network>

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