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

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

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

### Useful links

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

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



Enterprise Europe Network carries out a variety of events to promote their activities to companies and organisations at regional, national or European level. The events provide you the opportunity to meet potential cooperation partners during pre-arranged face-to-face meetings, to present your business or technology offers.

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

## Resource event now combined with Ecobuild: 2 Matchmaking events in the same place, 4-6 March 2014, London

We have already received interest from more than 20 countries interested in bringing businesses, construction companies, architects along. Participants will have the opportunity to meet potential business partners from all over Europe during pre-arranged 30 minute meetings and create real business development opportunities with exhibitors but also visitors. A similar B2B will be organised during **Resource on 6 March, 2014**. Key themes:

- Waste cycle/management
- Energy Recovery
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable mobility
- Waste to energy
- Recycling
- Energy efficiency in buildings
- Bioenergy

**More...** [www.b2match.eu/ecobuild2013](http://www.b2match.eu/ecobuild2013) ; [www.b2match.eu/resource2014](http://www.b2match.eu/resource2014)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Waste Management & Recycling Exhibition, 5-7 March 2014, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Keeping pace with the market trends & demand 'Save the Planet' Exhibition encourages the waste & recycling technology transfer to South-East Europe. It will provide participants with a quick market entry and opportunity to meet face-to-face state and municipal representatives e.g. government officials, mayors, ecologists; branch associations; investors, entrepreneurs; executives from the sectors: waste management, recycling, ecology, related industry branches.

**Parallel Events:** [SEE Solar](#) [SEE Solar](#) [LiftBalkans](#) [American Healthcare](#) [Regalo](#)

**More...** <http://viaexpo.com/en/pages/waste-management-recycling-exhibition> ; [international2@viaexpo.com](mailto:international2@viaexpo.com)

## Brokerage event on environmental technologies – Go green to environment, 7 March 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Industrial Association – Union of the Bulgarian Business [www.ierc.bia-bg.com](http://www.ierc.bia-bg.com), in cooperation with [Enterprise Europe Network](#) and Via Expo [www.viaexpo.com](http://www.viaexpo.com) invites you to participate in the traditional brokerage event with pre-arranged face2face meetings in the field of water, water treatment, waste management and recycling, energy efficiency

and renewable sources “[Go Green to Environment](#)” at Inter Expo Center [www.iec.bg](http://www.iec.bg). The B2B event will provide participants with a quick market entry opportunity, they will meet face-to-face new partners, customers, searching for innovative products & services needed to achieve their waste minimization, recycling goals. The event will be held during several supported specialized events in the period 5-7 of March 2014: Exhibition & Conference on Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy: [www.eeandresviaexpo.com/en/exhibition/](http://www.eeandresviaexpo.com/en/exhibition/) Waste Management & Recycling Conference & Exhibition: [www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/exhibition/](http://www.eco.viaexpo.com/en/exhibition/); South-East European Solar PV & Thermal Exhibition: <http://www.eeandres.viaexpo.com/en/seesolar>. **More...** <http://www.b2match.eu/g2e2014> ; [ierc2@bia-bg.com](mailto:ierc2@bia-bg.com)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> 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 during the international GAST fair in Split, Croatia, 5-9 March. 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](mailto:nbusic@hgk.hr)

#### **CrossTour 2014 B2B Brokerage Event in the field of tourism and creative industry, 24 April 2014, Ruse, Bulgaria**

The matchmaking event offers the tourism and creative industry stakeholders the chance to meet potential partners in pre-arranged face-to-face meetings in order to establish business co-operation. **CrossTour 2014** will focus on promoting the Danube region of North Bulgaria and joint tourism offers with neighbouring Romania. Interested buyers will be offered special accommodation terms and a custom-made FAM trip in the region. **Why do you have to participate?**

- To develop business relationships; - To exchange experience; - To establish joint tourism activities and offers.

**More...** <http://danubetournet.eu/crosstour2014/> ; [e.yordanova@smebg.net](mailto:e.yordanova@smebg.net) ; [enterprise-europe-network@smebg.net](mailto:enterprise-europe-network@smebg.net)

#### **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.

**More...** [http://www.ipacv.ro/ro4een/#events\\_international.php](http://www.ipacv.ro/ro4een/#events_international.php) ; <http://www.eis-sheffield.co.uk/>

#### **Brokerage event and thematic cluster / company visits in 5 flourishing sectors in Wallonia, 18-19 February 2014**

In the frame of the visit of the European commissioner and Vice-Prime Minister Antonio Tajani in Wallonia, Belgium, on **February 18-19, 2014**, the Walloon branch of the Enterprise Europe Network is organising a brokerage event session and thematic company visits in 5 flourishing sectors in Wallonia. SMEs will have the opportunity to participate to brokerage event on **18 February** in the afternoon, focusing on the 5 key sectors for Wallonia:

- Transport and Logistics
- Space and Aeronautics
- Biotech/pharmaceuticals/life sciences
- Mechanical engineering industries
- Cultural and Creative industries.

Company visits will be co-organised with the relevant clusters on **19 February** in the morning on each identified key sectors. The Mission for Growth event will start on February 18, in the morning with a conference, debates, enhanced by the presence of the Prime Minister of Belgium and the Minister for the Economy of the Walloon Government.

**More...** Registration and additional information on the matchmaking platform: <http://www.b2match.eu/m4g-wallonia>

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Future Match at CeBIT, 10-14 March 2014, Hanover, Germany**

Future Match 2014 at the information and communication technology fair [CeBIT](#) (hall 9, booth C40) in Hannover, Germany is the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the international brokerage event organised by the [Enterprise Europe Network](#), the largest business support network in Europe. Since 1999 Future Match has enabled exhibitors and visitors at the fair to find partners for international cooperation, e.g.: sales, licence agreements, joint ventures, subcontracting, technology transfer or research & development projects. Over 370 companies & research organisations from 33 countries participated in Future Match 2013 and booked over 1.250 bilateral meetings. At the following website you can filter the exhibitors by different parameters like country: <http://www.cebit.de/en/exhibition/exhibitors-products/index.xhtml>

**More...** [http://www.b2match.eu/futurematch2014?goback=\\_gde\\_1146577\\_member\\_5829500077541978116#](http://www.b2match.eu/futurematch2014?goback=_gde_1146577_member_5829500077541978116#); Flyer [download](#)

## **Clusters**

#### **Conference: New cluster policies for Central Europe and beyond, 17 February 2014, Brussels**

The event aims at discussing new cluster concepts for cluster policy in EU. In the light of the upcoming challenges at EU level including demographic change, climate change etc. clusters will have to adapt their way of traditional clustering in order to be able to come up with solutions required by the new markets. Clusters are an important innovation factor for regions. If clusters are willing to exploit new emerging industries also the competitiveness of regions will be raised.

The event take place in Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU rue Belliard 60–62 B-1040 Brussels

**More...** <http://www.steinbeis-europa.de/event.new-cluster-policies.html>

### **Euripides<sup>2</sup>, the EUREKA Cluster, Spring Call. Deadline: Project Outline 4 March, Full Project Proposal 15 May**

EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup>, the EUREKA Cluster for heterogeneous electronic products integration, advanced smart sensors, power electronics & embedded & implanted systems is publishing its Spring 2014 Call Calendar for proposals.

EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> launches 2 calls per year, in a 2 step approach, in order to maximize the chances for success, avoiding unnecessary, time consuming efforts to set up projects. Partners are funded directly by their respective governments, according to national procedures.

**More...** [Euripides-Eureka/spring-call-2014-is-open](http://www.euripides-eureka.eu/calls) ; Register online [www.euripides-eureka.eu/calls](http://www.euripides-eureka.eu/calls)

### **Resource with Eco-innovation cluster, 4-6 March 2014, London**

A resource constrained world demands new thinking, new business models. Representatives from extraction, design, recycling, manufacturing, retail, resource recovery must come together to capitalise on the commercial opportunities of a circular economy. **Resource** is the first major conference and exhibition for organisations looking to develop strong resource strategy, resilient resource security, providing opportunities to collaborate, partner, network, learn.

**More...** <http://www.resource-event.com/>

## **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 EU, 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**

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 €3.65 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](#)

### **Eureka - Putting testing methods to trial**

A transnational cross-industry project on corrosion testing, backed by the EUREKA initiative for EU innovation, brings together several large cap , renowned research institutes. In September 2013, Ford [recalled 370,000 vehicles](#) after a defect in their steering columns, a severe form of corrosion, was identified. To avoid such scenarios, manufacturers perform a battery of tests on materials/ components.

The aim of **EUREKA**-backed international research project was to improve on existing test procedures, with a focus on corrosion and ageing. Testing has taken over recent years a new dimension in many sectors of the economy.

**More...** [http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showsuccessstory?p\\_r\\_p\\_564233524\\_articleId=3405223&p\\_r\\_p\\_564233524\\_groupId=10137](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/showsuccessstory?p_r_p_564233524_articleId=3405223&p_r_p_564233524_groupId=10137)

## **Intellectual Property ; Standards**



### **WIPO starts discussing libraries and archives in earnest**

The [26th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights \(SCCR\)](#) began discussing topics in the [Committee's working paper on libraries and archives](#) in earnest, during two days devoted to libraries, archives. The Committee began examining the

first 4 topics: Preservation, Reproduction & Safeguarding Copies, Legal Deposit & Library Lending. While progress was made on discussion of the issues, there was division on the need for a treaty for libraries & archives, in particular from [the European Union and its Member States](#).

The [Conclusions](#), that were finalized close to midnight on the final day, recognized the role of libraries and archives as institutions providing support, and helping to develop education and culture by offering well-organized access to works.

**More...** <http://www.eifl.net/news/wipo-starts-discussing-libraries-and-archives>

### **Law & practice - National law relating to the EPC**

With its "National law relating to the EPC" booklet, the EPO aims to provide European patent applicants and proprietors, and all others concerned with the European patent system, with a concise guide to the most important provisions and requirements of the relevant national law in the EPC contracting states.

**More...** <http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/national-law.html>

## **Learning & Events - Closing date approaching for Praktika Intern 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). The closing date for applications is 31 January 2014.

**More...** <http://www.epo.org/about-us/jobs/vacancies/internships/patent-professionals.html>

## Research

### H2020: A Complete Guide – All we need to know to participate in H2020

A complete guide developed by RTDI about the new Horizon 2020. All you need to know, understand to participate in H2020. 150 full color pages about the new program, its topics, financial instruments, essential tips, sources of information. Horizon 2020 is significantly different from its predecessors, especially in the key aspects that determine the successful participation in it or, in other words, the aspect that enhance the probability of getting your project selected, funded. This guide aims to help you understand those changes and rules, and to identify thematic priorities relevant to your organization and to developing your participation strategy in H2020.

**More...** <http://rtdi.eu/en/component/zoo/item/gu%C3%ADa-financiaci%C3%B3n-europea-i-d-i-2013-copy-copy.html?Itemid=251#!>

## Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

### eParticipation – top down, bottom up or both?

In a recent article, some experts voiced criticism over resource-intensive eParticipation projects organized by established institutions “top down” and advocated a low key grass roots approach “bottom up”. This study want to look into this issue by comparing the results of a number of eParticipation projects managed by Cbased where documents were discussed and voted on the paragraph level by different types of communities.

**More...** <https://www.discuto.io/blog-entry/eparticipation-top-down-bottom-or-both#!>

### H2020 Proposal Building tools - RTDI Idea Canvas

The Idea Canvas is a **visual chart created by RTDI for building and validating new project ideas**. It allows comparing and assessing easily the coherence amongst all elements of an idea for an R&D or Innovation Project, particularly between the need for the project and the solution proposed.

**More...** [RTDI-Idea-canvas!](#)

### The ECO Design tool makes the creative potential of Ecology applicable

Links between the individual cards can be an individual network of content created that responds to the design process and the proportionality of environmental considerations in product life cycle shows. Thus, the ECO Design Tool provides a basis for decision making in the design process.

**More...** <http://www.ecodesigntool.com/#!>

### Put Yourself on the Road to Success With These 5 Principles

Depending on whom you ask, success means different things. If you were to ask me, I'd say it means having a career that revolves around my real life. If you were to ask my cat, she'd say it involves finding a way to catch, destroy her own tail. The first step in achieving success is often deciding what it means to you. Chances are your answer is similar to mine. But whatever your version of success, people who want to be successful should mimic the behaviors of the great ones who came before them.

**More...** <http://www.entrepreneur.com/article/230811?newsletter=true>

## Partner Search

### Partner Search for Mobility Projects

**Braga Mobility Open** is a Portuguese organization, with head office located in the city center of Braga, North of Portugal. Our goal is provide appropriate internships for the participants and also provide them all the logistic and professional conditions for the success of your mobility. Our staff has many years of experience in this field.

We would like to invite you, your organization in order to participate in **EU Mobility projects** either under **Erasmus Plus & Erasmus Placement**. We are available to receive in **Braga**, students, teachers, experts of every sector, to make the Work Placements, study visits, meetings, work visits, study visits, round table discussions and languages courses.

**Contact:** Fatma Nur Acar, Braga Mobility Open, [bragamobopen@gmail.com](mailto:bragamobopen@gmail.com) ; [www.bragamobilityopen.com](http://www.bragamobilityopen.com)

### Partner Search from Slovenia, in the field of Health, H2020 call PHC7- 2014 in SFS 14 -2014

National Institute of Biology (NIB), Ljubljana, Slovenia, is interested to enter into partnership consortium for the H 2020 Call : PHC7- 2014 in SFS 14 -2014: Improving the control of infectious epidemics and foodborne outbreaks through rapid identification of pathogens in 8. SC1: Health, deadline is 15 April, .2014. The Call is on the link

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2250-phc-07-2014.html>.

NIB is interested in collaborating with partners in the following areas. :

- development of rapid, high throughput molecular methods for identification of pathogens including new approaches of microbe concentration
- harmonization of detection methods including minimum performance requirements
- molecular quantification approaches; microbiom studies

The field of expertise of SBRA member NIB is presented extensively at the address [www.nib.si](http://www.nib.si).

**Contact:** Boris Šavle, SBRA, Brussels, [boris.savle@sbra.be](mailto:boris.savle@sbra.be)

### **Looking for a H2020 WASTE-3-2014 consortium.**

We are looking for a coordinator of research consortium preparing a project proposal for the open call WASTE-3-2014: Recycling of raw material from products and buildings. We are interested in actively preparing and writing the project proposal for the call, where we would like to be involved as a Work Package leader.

We have active connections to SME in Finland, many of which have expressed their interest in participating in a H 2020 project. As for past projects, we have participated, for instance, in EU Baltic Sea Region Programmes investigation waste-to-energy production (REMOWE) and biological utilization of waste (ABOWE).

**Contact:** Samuel Hartikainen, University of Eastern Finland, Dep. of Environmental Science, [samuel.hartikainen@uef.fi](mailto:samuel.hartikainen@uef.fi)

### **Partnership Search from Portugal**

A Portuguese Institute with expertise in Air Quality monitoring and control. The website is <http://www.ua.pt/idad/>.

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### **Looking for partnerships from Norway**

Romanian partners look for partners from Norway aiming to apply at SEEA Grants. Four calls for proposals are open in two cultural heritage programmes in Romania. Both small and large projects are supported.

Three new programs was signed on 16 of January: Biodiversity & Eco-systems services, Reduce the Dangerous Substances and New Initiatives in Public Health, with a budget of 33 millions Euros.

**More...** <http://eeagrants.org/Partnerships> ; <http://www.norwaygrants.ro/en/news>

### **Erasmus+ partnerships. Deadline 17 March. We have 3 suggestions.**

1. Key Action 2 for school strategic partnerships. Working on assisting underprivileged students to catch up with the others 2 years project.
2. Key Action 2 for strategic partnerships adult education organizations: Improving public participation. 2 years project. NGO and other partners.
3. Key Action 2. strategic partnerships adult learning:improving public awareness on key issues of everyday life.

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## **Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards**

### **Enhancing SME innovation capacity by providing better innovation support. Deadline 12 March 2014**

**Topic:** Community building and competence development for SME Instrument coaching. INNOSUP-9-2014

**Objective:** to create the conditions for a comprehensive and consistent delivery of the coaching and mentoring service.

**Specific challenge:** H2020 aims to increase the impact of SME participation. In the case of the dedicated SME instrument this will be achieved through a coaching & mentoring service delivered during the company's participation.

The coaching & mentoring will be provided by a network of appropriately trained, experienced business practitioners. It will be delivered in cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network which will initiate, broker, monitor the coach-SME relationship as well as provide participating companies with access to the wider Network service offering.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2346-innosup-9-2014.html>

### **Erasmus+Call for proposal 2014. Deadline 17 March 2014**

Erasmus+ aims to increase the quality and relevance of qualifications and skills. It is open to students, teachers, apprentices, volunteers, youth leaders, people working in grassroots' sport. It will also provide funding for partnerships between educational institutions, youth organisations, enterprises, local/regional authorities, NGOs, support for reforms in Member States to modernise education and training and to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and employability.

**More...** <http://euroalert.net/en/calls.aspx?idc=2800>

### **Erasmus Mundus 2014 Call for proposals: EACEA/18/13**

**Erasmus Mundus** is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of EU higher education, to promote dialogue, understanding between people & cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources, the international cooperation capacity of higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the EU and these countries.

**More...** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/funding/2014/call\\_eacea\\_18\\_13\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2014/call_eacea_18_13_en.php)

### **Call for proposals for access to integrated multidisciplinary facilities for Materials and Biomaterials**

This call is for Researchers who are interested in using a completely new European Research Infrastructure for Nano-level Analysis and preparation of Materials & Biomaterials. CERIC-ERIC integrates the most competitive instrumental, technical, research resources of nine Countries, in a flexible and project-oriented way.

**More...** <http://www.ceric-eric.eu/index.php?n=CallZero.Homepage>

### **2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals for the bilateral fund - Promotion of diversity in culture & arts within EU cultural heritage**

On the 15th of January 2014 was launched the second call for proposals by the Bilateral Fund within the Programme PA17/RO13 - Promotion of diversity in culture and arts within European cultural heritage.

**More...** [Call Bilateral Relations - round 2.docx](#); [Annex 1 Application Form.doc](#) ; [EEA-Grants](#)

### **Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage - Call for proposals Small Grant Scheme**

The EEA Grants provide funding to 16 EU countries in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe. An amount of EUR1.79 billion has been set aside under the EEA and Norway Grants for the programming period 2009-2014.

The overall objectives of the Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities within the EEA and to strengthen the bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State.

**More...** [Call small grant scheme PA16RO12.docx](#) ; <http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see>

### **Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage Call for proposals Large projects**

An amount of EUR1.79 billion has been set aside under the EEA and Norway Grants for the programming period 2009-2014. The overall objectives of the Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities within the EEA, to strengthen the bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State.

**More...** [Call text large projects PA16RO12.docx](#) ; <http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see>

### **"SYNERGY FOR THE FUTURE", two calls for proposals**

"SYNERGY FOR THE FUTURE" are dedicated for projects developed under the programme "RO10 Children and youth at risk and Local and regional initiatives to reduce national inequalities and promote social inclusion"

Both calls are large projects developed at municipal/ regional/ national level, aimed to solve systemic problems for a large number of beneficiaries, who live in a multicultural environment, facing marginalization, sometimes discrimination.

The 1<sup>st</sup> call has as a main target group the **vulnerable / at risk children**, is focused on projects that propose concrete and effective measures to increase their welfare through education, social support.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> call is for **youth at risk**, focuses on supporting measures that lead to their better social/professional integration.

**More...** [www.frds.ro](http://www.frds.ro) ; <http://www.eeagrants.ro/en/apeluri-de-proiecte-granturi-see>

### **Bonus Call: Sustainable Ecosystem. Deadline: 16 April 2014 with preregistration on 17 March 2014**

BONUS brings together the research communities of marine, maritime, economical and societal research to address the major challenges faced by the Baltic Sea region. The total budget of the call is EUR 15 million, depending on the theme up to EUR 2 or EUR 3 million of funding are available for successful project proposals. Final deadline for the submission of proposals is 16 April 2014 with a preregistration deadline on 17 March 2014

**More...** [Bonus-Portal-Sustainable-ecosystem-services](#) ; [helpdesk@bonusportal.org](mailto:helpdesk@bonusportal.org)

### **Call for Proposals for ERC Consolidator Grant ERC-2014-CoG. Deadline: 20 May 2014**

**ERC Consolidator Grants** are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any Member State or Associated Country. ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

**More...** [H2020/Calls/ERC-2014-cog](#) ; [Support/national\\_contact\\_points](#)

### **Call for Proposals for ERC Starting Grant. ERC-2014-STG. Deadline: 25 March 2014**

ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any Member State or Associated Country.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/erc-2014-stg.html>

### **Call for Proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant. ERC-PoC-2014. Deadline: 1 April 2014**

The ERC Proof of Concept Grants aim to maximise the value of the excellent research that the ERC funds, by funding further work (i.e. activities which were not scheduled to be funded by the original ERC frontier research grant) to verify the innovation potential of ideas arising from ERC funded projects. Proof of Concept Grants are therefore on offer only to Principal Investigators whose proposals draw substantially on their ERC funded research. There are 2 deadlines for submission to the ERC-2014-Proof of Concept: Intermediate deadline : 1 April 2014, Final deadline: 1 October 2014.

**More...** <http://erc.europa.eu/proof-concept>

### **Call for proposal PARES: Benchmarking between Employment Services. Deadline: 1 March 2014**

PROGRESS is the EU employment & social solidarity programme, set up to provide financial support for the attainment of the EU's objectives in employment, social affairs, equal opportunities as set out in the Social Agenda, to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The PROGRESS mission is to strengthen the EU's contribution in support of Member States' commitments, efforts to create more & better jobs, to build a more cohesive society.

Questions should be sent to [empl-vp-2012-013@ec.europa.eu](mailto:empl-vp-2012-013@ec.europa.eu)

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=370&furtherCalls=yes>

### **Creative Europe is now open**

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

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm)

### **Euratom Fission 2014-2015. Deadline: 17 September 2014**

Euratom Fission are organised in 5 main sections: A. Support safe operation of nuclear systems, B. Contribute to the development of solutions for the management of ultimate radioactive waste, C. Foster Radiation Protection. D. Cross-cutting aspects for nuclear fission & radiation protection, E. Support the development of nuclear competences at EU level.

**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>

### **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research & Innovation Staff Exchange H2020-MSCA-RISE-2014. Deadline: 24 April 2014**

The RISE scheme will promote international, inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity & entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-rise-2014.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**

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-Helpdesk

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) 2<sup>nd</sup> call for "Action Groups"**

The "EU Innovation Partnership on Water" has published a 2<sup>nd</sup> call for the thematic "Action Groups" in 5 priority topics:

- Natural Waters
- Water Policy and Administration
- Water Services and Water Use
- Sustainability
- Water Technology

**More...** [About the EIP Water](#) ; [Call information](#)

### **11<sup>th</sup> Call for proposals Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI). Deadline for EoI 8 April 2014**

The IMI has published outline-topics for the forthcoming 11th Call. 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 R&D 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) & 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](#)

### **The Innotribe Startup Challenge 2014. Deadline: 23 February 2014**

[Innotribe Startup Challenge](#) is a competition aimed at enabling collaborative innovation in financial services, organized by the [Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication-SWIFT](#). The challenge is open to innovative tech, technology-enabled financial services companies from any geographical area. Eligible 'Startup' companies will be less than 3-years old, have no more than \$1M in combined revenue/investment in the last 12 months.

1 Startup & 1 Innovator will be selected as winners. One/more early-stage companies will share \$ 50,000 in cash awards.

**More...** <http://innotribestartup.com/>

### **GRAPHENE Flagship competitive call for consortium extension. Deadline 5 February 2014**

Since 25 November 2013, the GRAPHENE Flagship [competitive call for consortium extension](#) is open. The consortium will be extended with another 20-30 research groups. The total volume of the call is around 9M€ of EC funding.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/news/graphene-competitive-call>

## **Policy**

### **The Regional Policy for smart growth of SMEs - contribution from EURADA**

The contribution from [EURADA](#) on "[Regional Policy for Smart Growth of SMEs](#)" aims at collecting best practices and policy lessons from the past decades of Structural Funds, national and regional support for SMEs into a comprehensive



guide to help the [European Regional Development Fund - ERDF](#) managing authorities and regional penholders of any Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation - RIS design a policy mix that supports enterprises in maximising the objectives and opportunities of a RIS.

It is worth noting that among the elements for successful SME support services the guide highlights the need of adapting them to a wide typology of enterprises, but also to the innovation capability, willingness and readiness of their management teams, and focusing support not only on R&D, but on innovation in a wider sense.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/sme\\_guide/sme\\_guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/sme_guide/sme_guide_en.pdf)

## Energy

### EU Sustainable Energy Week 2014: Start organising your Energy Day!

Join the ranks of hundreds of Energy Day organisers across EU for next year's EU Sustainable Energy Week, EU's biggest event on renewable energy & energy efficiency. Energy Days can be organised **during the whole month of June 2014**. Discover [how to become an Energy Day organiser](#). Online registration will start in January.

**More...** please contact Pierre-Loïc Nihoul at: [energydays@eusew.eu](mailto:energydays@eusew.eu), +32-2-340.30.65.

### Annual Report on the Results of Monitoring the Internal Electricity and Natural Gas Markets

ACER recently published the second annual Market Monitoring Report 2013, prepared in collaboration with the Council of European Energy Regulators.

**More...** [ACER-Market-Monitoring-Report](#)

### Super-umbrellas covering smart cities

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

**More...** <http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4192>

### HORIZON 2020—First calls

The EC has published the first calls of the Horizon 2020—the EU program supporting research and innovation. The budget of the project for the timeframe 2014–2020 will reach almost 80 billion Euro. The first calls include many topics focused on the multidimensional aspects of energy system transition like for example:

- Socio-economic research on energy efficiency
- The human factor in the energy system
- Modelling and analysing the energy system, its transformation and impacts
- Empowering stakeholders to assist public authorities in the definition and implementation of sustainable energy policies and measures
- Consumer engagement for sustainable energy

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/home.html>

### Euratom info day, 28 March 2014, Brussels

This meeting will provide general information on H2020, detailed presentations of Euratom Work Programme 2014-2015. The „Research & Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) is is not part of the Framework programme for research & innovation, is based on a separate Council regulation. It is intended to complement Horizon 2020 and is implemented by the DG for Research & Innovation. In the new funding period the programme focuses, on safety aspects and a reinforced dialogue between nuclear research and technology and society. The calls for proposals will be presented at the info day in two specific workshops:

Session 1: Support safe operation of nuclear system

- Contribute to the development of solutions for the management of ultimate radioactive waste.
- Cross-cutting aspects for nuclear fission and radiation protection.

Session 2: Foster Radiation Protection, support the development of nuclear competences and socio-economic aspects

**More...** [Euratom info day – agenda and registration form](#) ; [Euratom Work programme 2014/15](#)

### Workshop Clean Energy Hybrid Mini-grids in Remote Areas - an Investment Opportunity, Germany, 9 April 2014 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on PV-Hybrids & Mini-Grids, Stadthalle Bad Hersfeld, Germany, 10-11 April 2014

Financial issues are critical to the long-term sustainability of mini-grids. Questions such as the role of the private sector, local tariffs, subsidies, international financing are essential to consider when developing rural electrification programs or stimulate private investments. This workshop introduces investment initiatives, finding mechanisms for energy access from different stakeholders, gives recommendation about financing Mini-Grids, up-to-date developments.

**More...** [http://www.otti.eu/pdf/PV\\_Hybrids\\_and\\_Mini\\_Grids\\_ipv4314.pdf](http://www.otti.eu/pdf/PV_Hybrids_and_Mini_Grids_ipv4314.pdf) ; [gabriele.struthoff-mueller@otti.de](mailto:gabriele.struthoff-mueller@otti.de)

### Annual Congress 2014 of the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA), 9 April 2014, Brussels, Belgium

EERA is an official part of the EC's Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan). The Congress will feature a dedicated session on the state of play of the SET-Plan integrated roadmap. The EU Energy Research Alliance brings together more than 150 EU energy research organizations in an effort to strengthen, expand, optimize EU energy research capacities.



[More... Annual-congress-2014-of-the-european-energy-research-alliance](#)

#### **International Conference on Clean Energy 2014 (ICCE), 8-12 June 2014, Istanbul, Turkey**

ICCE-2014 is a multi-disciplinary conference on the clean energy sources and technologies, and will provide a forum for the exchange of latest technical information, the dissemination of the high-quality research results on the issues, the presentation of the new developments in the area of clean energy, and the debate of future directions and priorities.

[More... International-conference-on-clean-energy-2014-icce-istanbul-turkey](#)

#### **EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), 23-27 June 2014, Brussels, Belgium**

The EU Sustainable Energy Week is composed of a large number of not-for-profit events, activities and projects presentations promoting energy efficiency or renewable energy. Activities such as exhibitions, conferences, online events, performances, guided tours, open door days, workshops, media campaigns and concerts are foreseen.

[More... 2014-EU-Sustainable-energy-week-eusew-Brussels-Belgium](#)

#### **Sustainable Energy Policy Strategies for EU, 14<sup>th</sup> IAEE European Energy Conference, 28-31 October 2014, Rome**

The Conference is organised by International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) and Associazione Italiana Economisti dell'Energia (AIEE) in cooperation with the Guido Carli Free International University for Social Studies-LUISS, that will host this conference.

[More... 2014-IAEE-International-association-for-energy-economics-european-conference-rome-italy-rome-italy](#)

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

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

[More... http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4113](http://www.europeanenergyreview.eu/site/pagina.php?id=4113)

### **Events**

#### **IEEE-TTTC International Conference on Automation, Quality & Testing, Robotics, 22-24 May 2014, Cluj-Napoca**

AQTR 2014 is an international forum for researchers in the field of automation, quality, testing and robotics. It will bring together researchers, equipment manufacturers, software developers and end-users to discuss the current trends and future directions of control and testing technologies and their industrial and social applications in the private and the public sectors. Active participation of students and graduate students is strongly encouraged.

Selected papers will be submitted to the IEEE Xplore database and ISI, for indexing.

[More... http://www.aqtr.ro/](http://www.aqtr.ro/)

#### **International Conference on Traffic and Transport Engineering, ICTTE, 27-28 November 2014, Belgrade, Serbia**

ICTTE 2014 will gather researchers, scientists, engineers whose fields of interest are traffic, transport engineering, should provide them a good platform for discussion, interactions, exchange of information. **ICTTE Proceedings** have been indexed within Thomson Reuters's CPCI, Conference Proceedings Citation Index accessed via Web of Science. Deadline for abstract 15 April 2014. Please use the abstract submitting form <http://www.ijtte.com/article/112/Submissions.html>.

[More... http://www.ijtte.com/article/102/ICTTE\\_Belgrade\\_2014.html](http://www.ijtte.com/article/102/ICTTE_Belgrade_2014.html) ; [conference@ijtte.com](mailto:conference@ijtte.com)

#### **Genomica: 7th HIV National Congress and 2nd Central European Forum, 29-31 May 2014, Sibiu, Romania**

The abstracts can be submitted until the 1st of March. Complimentary accomodation will be offered to authors within a 150 limit! We strongly encourage young contributors! General registration is open until the 1st of May.

[More... Registration&Abstract-submision](#) ; [CongresHIV2014/Preliminary-Program](#)

#### **International Universities' Power Engineering Conference, UPEC, 2-5 September 2014, Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

UPEC is a long-established conference, which is very popular with young researchers, PhD students, engineers from the power industry. The aim of the conference is to allow participants to exchange experiences, discuss the most up-to-date topics in power engineering. **UPEC** is an ideal forum to address some of these issues, to network, meet with talented engineers, innovators in these areas. Contributions are welcome from universities as well as industry.

[More... http://www.upec2014.com](http://www.upec2014.com) ; [Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro](mailto:Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro)

#### **Industrial Technologies 2014, 9-11 April 2014, Athens, Greece**

The event takes place during the Greek Presidency of the European Council, and follows on from the [previous successful Industrial Technologies](#) events. The 3-day programme offers opportunities to meet, hear international high-level speakers from industry, research, policy. You can explore cutting-edge technologies, network with innovative start-ups, well-known corporations, top-notch research organisations, technology clusters, various other important stakeholders of the EU Technology platforms & the Public Private Partnerships.

[More... http://www.industrialtechnologies2014.eu/](http://www.industrialtechnologies2014.eu/) ; [Open Calls in view of "Industrial Technologies 2014"](#)

#### **Marketing business & management education, broadcast conference & Exhibition, 27-28 February 2014, London**

This innovative event broadcast over 2 days will provide intensive insight and professional development for Marketing

and Communication leaders in: Business & management education, Business schools, Universities & HEIs, Private business & management education providers, College business & management degree & professional franchise providers. The principal objectives of the event are:

1. To share the latest market intelligence about international student demand
2. To bring marketing expertise from other sectors for consideration
3. To highlight use of brand strategies, social media and new technologies
4. To provide case studies and lessons from successful campaigns
5. To provide peer to peer networking, discussion & professional development

**More...** <http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/jb361/>

#### **TPM® and Similar Systems in Practice Conference, 7-9 October of 2014, Budapest, Hungary**

The Conference cover all the productivity improvement topics related to Industries and Facilities. Our goal is to help those professionals who are making a continuous effort to improve their company's productivity. The conference will provide a forum to you all to share your achievements, discuss difficult issues..

**More...** [www.eutpmconf.eu](http://www.eutpmconf.eu) ; [info@eutpmconf.eu](mailto:info@eutpmconf.eu)

#### **14<sup>th</sup> European Conference Physics of magnetism, PM'14, June 23-27, Poznań, Poland**

The Conference is meant as an international forum for the presentation and discussion of novel scientific ideas, in a field of broadly understood magnetic phenomena (including new materials) with special emphasis on the following subjects:

- Strongly Correlated Electrons & High Temperature Superconductivity
- Nanostructures, Surfaces & Interfaces
- Spin Electronics & Magnetotransport
- Soft & Hard Magnetic Materials & Applications
- Quantum & Classical Spin Systems
- Magnetic Structure & Dynamics
- Molecular Magnets

**More...** <http://www.ifmpan.poznan.pl/pm14/index.html>

#### **12<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Industrial Informatics, INDIN, 27-30 April 2014, Porto Alegre, Brazil**

IEEE INDIN is the premier conference series presenting the state of the art, future perspectives of industrial information technologies, where industry experts, researchers, academics share ideas, experiences surrounding frontier tech, breakthrough & innovative solutions & applications. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers, practitioners from industry, academia, provide them with a platform to report on recent developments, deployments, technology trends, research results, initiatives related to industrial informatics & their application.

**More...** [www.indin2014.org](http://www.indin2014.org) ; <http://indin2014.ece.ufrgs.br/keynotes.html>

#### **Research and Education Infrastructure Dissemination Event, RIDE, 28-30 May 2014, Opatija, Croatia**

Research & Education Infrastructures are contributing to the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy, its Innovation Union Flagship Initiative, are enabling the building up of the European Research Area. As a support for communication & collaboration among Science & Industry in that aspect, MIPRO 2014 is organizing the RIDE event that will feature a poster session that will provide the right environment for informal discussions on various topics.

**More...** [RIDE 2014](http://www.mipro.hr) ; <http://www.mipro.hr>

#### **46<sup>th</sup> ESReDA Seminar on Reliability assessment & life cycle analysis of structures, 29-30 May 2014, Turino, Italy**

The aim of the 46<sup>th</sup> ESReDA seminar is to bring together scientists, engineers, decision makers in the field of structural safety & risk management, in order to present, discuss innovative methodologies, practical applications related to structural reliability & life cycle cost: assessment, testing, analysis, design, monitoring, maintenance, optimization. Scientific methodologies, theoretical issues, practical case studies are expected to cover all the range from academic to industrial applications, including mechanical, civil engineering. Deadline for abstracts: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**More...** <http://www.esreda.org/> ; [alaa.chateauneuf@univ-bpclermont.fr](mailto:alaa.chateauneuf@univ-bpclermont.fr)

#### **Training Events / Career opportunities / Jobs**

##### **Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics**

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

##### **Call for CERIC fellowships. Deadline: March 30th, 2014**

**CERIC-ERIC** offers up to 10 (Ten) Fellowships for a one year period of collaboration in the start-up and development activities of the consortium in four areas. The scope of the call is to attract and select people who have the initial qualifications and intend to be trained in understanding and developing the best mode of operation of a distributed research infrastructure based on complementary techniques and partners.

**More...** <http://www.ceric-eric.eu/index.php?n=News.Fellowships>



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

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