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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>

B2b Meetings and Company Missions to Belgium, Greece, Italy, Spain

Vice President Antonio Tajani will lead a Mission to Belgium, Wallonia Region, Greece, Italy, Campania & Sicily Regions, Spain under the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy for Growth. The conferences will be organised in cooperation with the regional authorities with the objective of making EU companies aware about opportunities in and from these regions, followed by B2B meetings.

The missions are a key priority for the Enterprise Europe Network who will be actively involved in the B2B meetings. Planned dates: Greece, Athens: 10-11 March, Italy: 13 March in Naples; 27 March in Sicily, Spain: 3-4 April

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise-europe-network/> ; patrick.de-smedt@ec.europa.eu

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, in cooperation with [Enterprise Europe Network](#) and Via Expo 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.

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/

Waste Management & Recycling Conference & Exhibition: 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/q2e2014> ; ierc2@bia-bg.com

UK businesses on a market visit to Hungary and Romania 7-11 April 2014

Hungary has attracted more foreign direct investment per capita than any other country in the region, received more than 22bn euros of EU funding between 2007-2013.

Romania is an EU market with more than 21 million consumers, offering a strategic location, a skilled workforce, an emerging economy and major EU funding for the next decade.

East Midlands companies have well-established trade links with both countries and this market visit serves to strengthen bilateral partnerships and increase the value of trade. **Schedule of events will include:**

- B2B Matchmaking event at Hungarian Investment & Trade Association in Budapest, 8 April 2014
- Brokerage event organised by EEN Szeged, 9 April 2014
- Romania B2B Matchmaking event organised by CRIM and RO4Europe in Bucharest, 10 April 2014
- Company visits organised by British Romanian Chamber of Commerce, 10 April 2014

More... clarissa.roth@een-midlands.org.uk or sue.nattrass@een-midlands.org.uk or call on +44(0) 115 957 8757.

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 ; 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://sporttechmatch.talkb2b.net/>

16th Future Match at CeBIT, 10-14 March 2014, Hannover, Germany

Future Match 2014 at the information and communication technology fair [CeBIT](#) (hall 9, booth C40) in Hannover, Germany is the 16th 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#; Flyer [download](#)

Brokerage event at Hannover Messe, 9-10 April 2014, Hannover, Germany

This is the world's leading industrial trade show. Almost **150 companies, 200 businessmen &-women** from 26 countries participated in the brokerage event in 2013. **1,250 meetings** were organised. The brokerage event of 2014 at a glance:

- Two days individual intensive **business meetings** in an exclusive atmosphere
- A **complete hall** in the centre of the trade fair dedicated to business matchmaking
- **VIP lounge** at the disposal of the participants
- **Festive evening** event with "Live Music"
- Broad international **partner network**
- Professional **assistance** on the spot.

The brokerage event will cover **all sectors** of Hannover Messe, including:

- [Industrial Automation](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [MobiTec](#)
- [Digital Factory](#)
- [Industrial Supply](#)
- [IndustrialGreenTec](#)
- [Research & Technology](#)

More... www.een-matchmaking.com/hannovermesse2014 ; Technology Cooperation Days www.technologycooperationdays.com

11th Economic Forum, 16 May 2014, Gomel, Belarus

The thema of the Forum is: Economic potential and business climate of the Gomel region.

More... www.gomel-forum.by and www.gomel-region.by ; yved@mail.ru , ginvest@yandest.ru

Bridging the Gap between Science & Art, COST strategic transdisciplinary event, 12-14 May 2014, Sirolo, Italy

The main objective of this COST strategic transdisciplinary event is to highlight the creative, emotional processes behind any outstanding scientific discovery similar to those underlying artistic productions, therefore render a scientific career more appealing for undergraduate students considering pursuing one.

More... <http://www.cost.eu/events/btg>

Celtic-Plus Event & Proposers' Day, Smart Connected World, Towards A New Horizon, 23-24 April 2014, Monaco

The Event is considered as important occasion to show the achievements of Celtic projects and to discuss current and new challenges with important people from industry, research. The collocation with [WIMA](#) allows additional opportunities to establish new contacts, to discuss new activities with experts/organizations of closely related technological areas. A co-located exhibition area, open to attendees from both events, will highlight synergies, offer new insights between Celtic-Plus research projects, the ready for market solutions, use cases presented at WIMA.

More... [Event Website](#). For registrations please follow [this link](#).

COST Action SIMUFER – Action Showcase event, 16-20 June 2014, Bucharest, Romania

COST Action SIMUFER (Single & multiphase ferroics & multiferroics with restricted geometries) is organizing the Ferroelectric & Multiferroics Electroceramic: Trends & Perspectives showcase as part of the Electroceramics XIV Conference. SIMUFER has proven successful in creating new collaborations resulting into high-level scientific outputs. One of the main results SIMUFER has achieved is a very active ESR network, whose collaborative research is expected to lead to innovative results, increasing EU's competitiveness in the field. website: <http://stoner.phys.uaic.ro/cost/>

More... Electroceramics XIV Conference: <http://www.electroceramics14.com/>

Clusters

Call H2020 LEIT ICT-18 - Creative Industries SMEs, integrate innovative ICT tech. Deadline: 23 April 2014

The EU provides funding opportunities for the Creative Industries SMEs (Advertising, architecture, arts, design, fashion, films, music, publishing, video games, audio-visual...) willing to integrate innovative ICT technologies.

The funding is based on a competitive call. Projects are expected to be between 0.5 - 1 Mio € funding, between 6 - 18 months long, with at least 3 partners from 3 different countries, aiming at supporting the creative industries SMEs in leveraging emerging ICT technologies (e.g. 3D, augmented reality, advanced user interfaces, visual computing) for the development of innovative products, tools, applications and services with high commercial potential.

Info day documentation: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/creativity/call1-infoday_en.html

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/89-ict-18-2014.html>

New cluster policies for Central Europe and beyond, 17 February 2014, Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union, Brussels

This conference, organised by the Central Europe project 'CluStrat', will address new cluster concepts for cluster policy in Europe. In the light of the upcoming challenges at European level indicating 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 markets also the competitiveness of regions will be raised.

More... <http://www.danube-region.eu/item/599921> ; [Steinbeis-Europa./2014-02-17 conference new cluster policies/](#)

French crowdfunder kiosk-to-invest offers SME and Startup funding up to 5 million € and a secondary market

La [CCI Caen Normandie](#) lance [Kiosk to invest](#), une plateforme de [crowdfunding](#) à destination des entrepreneurs et porteurs de projets de Normandie. L'objectif de cet outil innovant est de dynamiser l'économie locale, facilitant la rencontre entre des entrepreneurs innovants et des investisseurs.

Sur la plateforme en ligne Kiosk to invest les entrepreneurs à la recherche de financements peuvent présenter leur projet, afin que des investisseurs (particuliers ou entreprises) puissent les aider financièrement dans le développement de leur entreprise. Chaque projet publié fera l'objet d'une évaluation préalable afin de déterminer sa viabilité.

More... www.kiosktoinvest.com

SME Instrument funding

Please find an overview showing all measures linked to the SME instrument (also from access to risk finance)

More... <http://ipacv.ro/doc/SME%20Instrument.pdf>

- [COSME \(EU Programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises\)](#)
- [The Eurostars programme](#) ; [Official Eurostars communication](#)
- [Access to risk finance](#)

European Small Business Portal

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

Practical guide to doing business in Europe. http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm

Access to finance. This site will help you to apply for finance supported by the EU. [Funding-grants/access-to-finance](#)

[EU funding programmes](#) ; [Access to finance](#) ; [Exchanges for young entrepreneurs](#)

Start & grow. [Start-ups](#) ; [EU Company - Legal form](#) ; [IPR](#) ; [Annual accounts](#) ; [Mergers with foreign companies](#)

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/small-business/>

Intellectual Property ; Standards



Oral proceedings workshops 2014

Professional representatives seeking to improve their practical experience of oral proceedings are invited to take part in the workshop "Oral proceedings at the EPO".

Participants will get an overview of oral proceedings before the EPO with the focus on procedural matters. They will have the opportunity to take part in mock oral proceedings designed to let them experience a variety of events in real time, in a variety of roles. Registrations are open.

- 8 to 9 April in The Hague or
- 12 to 13 May in Munich or
- 11 to 12 September in Vienna or
- 17 to 18 November in Munich.

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

Research

Horizon 2020 - New Approach, Different Dynamic – SME Instrument

Horizon 2020 stimulates SME participation across the whole programme, yet with a particular focus on close-to-market support. It is expected that 20% of the total combined budget for all [Societal Challenges](#) and the specific objective [Leadership in Enabling & Industrial Technologies](#) (LEITs) will go to SMEs. This means that at least €8.65 billion in EU support for Research and Innovation activities will find its way directly to SMEs, most of them part of consortiums participating in EU collaborative Research and Innovation projects.

In direct support, a dedicated SME-exclusive instrument will encourage for-profit companies to put forward their most innovative ideas with an EU dimension that can't find financing on the market because of their high-risk character.

The SME instrument targets highly innovative SMEs showing a strong ambition to develop, grow and internationalise, regardless of whether they are high-tech and research-driven or non-research conducting, social or service companies. With a budget of over €3 billion over the period 2014-2020, the SME instrument ambitions to take innovation in SMEs to the next level, by granting tailored support to SMEs that have ground-breaking ideas with a high market potential, but are short of certain resources, or a real strategy, to deliver.

[More... Horizon-2020-SMEs](#) ; Sections: [Innovation in SMEs](#) ; [Access to risk finance](#)

Webinar - Introducing Horizon 2020, 7 March 2014

This one-hour **introductory webinar on Horizon 2020** is meant primarily for those who wish to understand the main features of the new EU Framework Programme for Research & Innovation, find out about the main differences between **FP7 & Horizon 2020**. The main issues we aim to address concern identifying what will be new, from administrative issues to financial requirements, and understand their implications on proposal development and project management under Horizon 2020. 60 minutes (30 minutes presentation + 15 minutes discussion + 15 minutes Q&A session)

[More... http://www.eustrainingsite.com/webinar/4](http://www.eustrainingsite.com/webinar/4)

Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

Eco-innovation: EU regions spearhead moves towards the green economy

The centrepiece is a feature on how EU regions are leading the way in the realm of eco-innovation. The EU's Structural and Investment Funds are promoting smart, sustainable growth through green, energy-efficient projects profiled in this article. There is also a selection of articles highlighting some of the main workshops and seminars at this Year's OPEN DAYS event, from the OPEN DAYS University's Master Class to relations between the EU & China & Japan.

You can find an overview of Macro-regional strategies helping coordinate projects in the Danube & Baltic regions, an update on the EU Structural Funds' work in disaster relief, an explanation of the ex post evaluation process for the 2007-2013 period. You will also find the usual selection of news items and featured projects from across the EU.

[More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/panorama/pdf/mag47/mag47_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/panorama/pdf/mag47/mag47_en.pdf)

Measuring Open Innovation – 3 Key Principles to Improve Your Innovation Measurement Practices

Thanks to loads of compelling research studies and best practice cases in open innovation (OI) carried out over the last decade, several companies nowadays begin to embrace and partially apply the new principles and methods OI offers. However, when managing open innovation at the project level, even experienced managers still go blank at the question: how to assess, control, and measure the performance of these activities? In this series of articles, we will address the above issue by discussing a general framework for an open innovation performance measurement system.

Given this framework, a metrics based management toolkit will be presented that provides a suite of key performance indicators (KPIs) for a specific set of OI methods that demonstrates the key results of our Open Innovation Study.

Obviously, since innovation by nature is a non-routine, creative and unpredictable task, metrics might seem like something for the Controller-nerds, rather than a common skill that is central to the innovator's DNA.

[More...Measuring-open-innovation-3-key-principles-to-improve-your-innovation-measurement-practices-part-1/](#)

Can technology improve business innovation?

Technological aids are increasingly employed to improve and amplify the innovation process. Now new social methods, especially crowdsourcing, have fundamentally altered how innovation is achieved and even who does it. Few would argue that software has crawled into virtually every nook and cranny of modern life, leading to more than a few prognosticators to claim that it's now [eating the world](#).

It seems that just about anything can be improved by incorporating the latest high tech gadget or a new app that can solve that nagging little problem for your business. There do seem to be a few important challenges that are stubbornly resistant to the siren call of today's startup mavens or enterprise software vendors.

One of these, as it turns out, is the process of [open innovation](#).

More... <http://www.zdnet.com/can-technology-improve-business-innovation-7000023152/>

The 4 Things No One Tells You About Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is glorified in our society today. I have enough experience under my belt to remember the “before” picture of [entrepreneurship](#). It wasn't always this way. [Why You Need to Think Twice About Seeking Venture Capital](#).

The purpose of this article is not to give you the history of entrepreneurship but to share a realistic picture of being an entrepreneur that's outside of the conversation in the popular media—the real story.

More... <http://www.entrepreneur.com/article/231413?newsletter=true>

Partner Search

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>

Looking for potential partners in business, from Romania

JADEX TRADING SRL produce quality made-to-measure blinds / sun shades for interior, from best quality European components, slats & fabrics, using automatic & semiautomatic manufacturing machines.

Our range of products include: vertical blinds with fabric slats (127 & 89 mm wide), vertical blinds with 89 mm upvc slats, manual operated or motor operated (tilt-only or full control tilt-and-turn); 25 mm aluminum venetian blinds (with standard or privacy closure), manual operated by lift cord and tilt wand, or chain monocontrol for ISO design model; roman shades with special tunnel fabrics, manual operated or motorized; roller shades in many system types (from small 17 mm until 43 mm diameter tube), manual operated by cord / spring, or motor operated.

Our warehouse stock of raw materials and the manufacturing machines allow us to deliver the products in short time. We are interested to find business partners for selling and/or installing our products (under our own brand or under the partner brand) in a certain region and/or country from EU. We are looking mostly (but not limited to) for window frame producers and/or installers, window decoration shops / installers, interior decoration shops or professionals, constructors, architects. If you are looking for EU quality blinds with affordable prices delivered just in time, please contact us.

Contact: Stefan Ciocirlan, Craiova, Romania, jadex@jadex.ro, www.jaluzele.ro, tel: +40-722-290029

Looking for Business Partners (companies/enterprises) interested in an Erasmus+ project

We are engaged in writing a proposal under the following: Erasmus+ -Key Activity 2 - Knowledge Alliance. We would like to include a BUSINESS PARTNER (a company/enterprise) who will perform the activities listed below:

- a) Boosting innovation in higher education, business and in the broader socio-economic environment:
- b) Developing entrepreneurship mind-set and skills
- c) Stimulating the flow and exchange of knowledge between higher education and enterprises:

Contact: Pierluigi Fersini, R&D Manager, PGF Business Services, Milano, direzione@pgfbs.eu , www.pgfbs.eu

Looking for a Partner for H2020-MSCA-ITN-2014-April-9 call with expertise in SPC and data mining in health and medical imaging Manager's Choice

Currently coordinator of a running FP7-ITN project (and having been an ESR in FP6-ITN), I am setting up a consortium (5-6 partners) for the next MSCA-ITN call. The project will be related to radiotherapy and Quality Assurance. We are missing one Partner with an expertise in statistical process control and data mining, preferably applied to health and medical imaging. To assure the geographical balance of the project, the Partner shall not come from preferably from a H2020 member state or affiliated, however not from France, Netherlands, Sweden nor Italy.

EU Project References: <http://www.ariser.info/http://summer-project.eu/>

Contact: Laurent Massoptier, Research & Innovation Manager, AQUILAB, laurent.massoptier@grenoble-inp.org

Looking for partners for ERASMUS + PROGRAMMA, KA2 Knowledge Alliances

We are looking for Universities and Social Enterprises from all European Countries (exclusion of Italy) for a Partnership project targeting graduated in Sports Science, Educational Science, Psychology, Human & Health Science, Social Science. The aim is to increase their chance to enter the labour market, increase their entrepreneurship. For more information, please let us have your email, a short description of your organization and you will be contacted very soon.

Contact: Erina Guraziu Researcher and Project Manager, commerciale@turistica.it

Creative Europe: seeking partners!

We are a vertical theater company: www.eventiverticali.com. We'd like to join the creative europe world, we're looking for partners that can lead us through this experience! Themes: festival, performing arts, urban revitalization.

Contact: Claudia Muresu, culture management, Sassari, Italy, claudia@eventiverticali.com

Partner search – Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship" – Call JUST/2013/FRC/AG

I am looking for partners, preferably NGOs or organizations with experience in services, assistance to EU citizens, for a project according to the JUST/2013/FRC/AG3 call, excluded Italian organizations. The project is about the awareness-raising, information about Union citizenship, the rights attached to it, identification of obstacles to their effective exercise.
Contact: Fabio Garzia Consulente finanziamenti europei, info@euconsulting.it

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Euripides², the Eureka Electronic Cluster. Deadline: Project Outline 4 March, Full Project Proposal 15 May

EURIPIDES², 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.

Partners are funded directly by their respective governments, according to national procedures.

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

Horizon 2020 - calls

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

Horizon 2020 Dedicated SME Instrument – Phase 1 + Phase 2 2014. Deadline 17 December 2014

Specific challenge: To engage SMEs in space R&D, especially those not traditionally involved in it, reduce as much as possible the entry barriers to SMEs for Horizon 2020 funding. It is considered that actions in the areas of applications, in connection to the flagship programmes Galileo & Copernicus, spinning-in (i.e. application of terrestrial solutions to challenges in space), the development of certain critical technologies could be suited for the call.

Scope: The SME instrument consists of three separate phases and a coaching and mentoring service for beneficiaries. Participants can apply to phase 1 with a view to applying to phase 2 at a later date, or directly to phase 2.

More... [Space-SME-2014-1:-SMEInstrument](#) ; [Space-SME-2014-2:- SME Instrument](#)

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>

Industrial Leadership Call for Nanotechnologies, advanced materials & production, H2020-NMP-CSA-2014. 6 May

Topics and submission service:

- [NMP-09-2014: Networking of SMEs in the nano-biomedical sector](#)
- [NMP-27-2014: Coordination of EU and international efforts in safety of nanotechnology](#)
- [NMP-31-2014: Novel visualization tools for enhanced nanotechnology awareness](#)
- [NMP-33-2014: The materials 'common house'](#)
- [NMP-36-2014: Facilitating knowledge management, networking and coordination in NMP](#)
- [NMP-37-2014: Practical experience and facilitating combined funding for large-scale RDI initiatives](#)
- [NMP-38-2014: Presidency events](#)
- [NMP-39-2014: Support for NCPs](#)
- [NMP-34-2014: Networking and sharing of best practises in management of new advanced materials through the eco-design of products, eco-innovation, and product life cycle management](#)

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

IPorta 2, H2020-INNOSUP-2014-3. Deadline: 2 April 2014

Specific challenge: Managing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is a difficult task, especially for SME or individual inventors. Such enterprises or individuals frequently do not have the knowledge or human resources to effectively use and manage IPR. Such entities would be able to better use their intellectual capital if:

1. they had more knowledge, including basics of IPR, and guidance on how to better use professional legal consultants;
2. the professional consultants were better prepared to deal with SME specific challenges
3. cross-border information about IPR issues would be easily available on the internet and
4. National Intellectual Property Offices (NIPOs) would provide better IPR services to SMEs.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2348-innosup-3-2014.html>

European label for innovation voucher H2020-INNOSUP-2014-4. Deadline 2 April 2014

Innovation voucher programmes are well established support instruments for SMEs in many countries and regions in Europe. In a general way innovation voucher schemes can be characterised as small, lump-sum grants (typically below EUR 10.000) that support SMEs to contract universities, R&D service providers or private consultants to either conduct small innovation projects or to explore the feasibility of larger ones. Innovation vouchers are used to establish an initial contact between knowledge institutions and SMEs and have proven to be a successful instrument to support the spin-in of technology and knowledge into SMEs' business practice.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2349-innosup-4-2014.html#tab2>

Peer Learning of Innovation Agencies, H2020-Innosup-2014-5. Deadline 16 December 2014

Specific challenge: Innovation support agencies, i.e. the regional and national agencies that design and/or implement innovation support programmes for SMEs are important intermediaries for SME innovation. Focus, design and delivery mechanism of innovation support programmes determine to a large extent the economic impact from the supported actions and the satisfaction of the beneficiaries with the support provided.

More... <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2354-innosup-5-2014.html>

Innosup-9 Community building and competence development for SME Instrument coaching. Deadline 12.03.2014

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.

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

ERA.Net RUS Plus – strengthening STI links between Russia and the European Research Area

The ERA.NET PLUS initiative, aims at enhancing the coordination of research programmes between the EU Member States / Associated Countries and Russia. The project will implement a Single Joint Call for excellent transnational research projects in the fields of NMP, Health, Environment, SSH & Innovation. ERA.Net RUS Plus is a follow-up to the current ERA.Net RUS action that was set up to link Russia to the European Research Area. ERA.Net RUS was the first joint call activity in which prominent Russian Funding Parties participated in a multilateral funding scheme.

More... <http://www.eranet-rus.eu/en/>

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>

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) 2nd call for "Action Groups"

The "EU Innovation Partnership on Water" has published a 2nd 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](#)

Erasmus Mundus 2014 Call for proposals: EACEA/18/13. Deadline 3 March 2014

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation & 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.

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects only under Action 2 of the programme.

- STRAND 1: Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, IPA, ICI, ICI+ instruments
- STRAND 2: Partnerships with countries, territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)

More... http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2014/call_eacea_18_13_en.php

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>

Access to integrated multidisciplinary facilities for Materials & Biomaterials. Deadline 15 April 2014

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>

Creative Europe. 17 Calls.

The Culture sub-programme of Creative Europe supports cultural and creative organisations with a view to helping them operate transnationally, promoting cross-border circulation of works of culture & mobility of cultural players. It helps to launch projects with a EU dimension and to share cultural content across national, and EU borders; it enables cultural, creative players to work internationally, to internationalise their careers, activities in the EU/beyond; it funds cooperation projects, literary translations, networks, platforms. More innovations a new Financial Instrument for the Creative sector.

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

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](http://bonusportal.org)

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. Questions should be sent to empl-vp-2012-013@ec.europa.eu

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

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>

11th 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](#)

Policy

New EU-rules on public procurement - ensuring better value for money

New EU-rules on public procurement will ensure better quality and value for money when public authorities buy works, goods or services, thanks to new award criteria which will put more emphasis on quality, environmental considerations, social aspects and innovation. The new rules will make it easier for SMEs to bid/include tougher rules on subcontracting. The new EU public procurement rules are part of a legislative package comprising three directives, one regulation.

More... [New-EU-rules-on-public-procurement-ensuring-better-value-for-money](#)

Industrial structure report highlights need for industrial renaissance

According to a EC report on the current status of EU industry, most sectors have still not regained their pre-crisis level of output, significant differences exist between sectors and Member States. The "EU industrial structure report 2013: Competing in Global Value Chains" sheds more light on the downward trend in manufacturing.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7297&lang=en&tpa_id=0&displayType=news&nl_id=1035

Energy

Conference & Exhibition on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Smart Cities, 5- 7 March, Sofia, Bulgaria

It will facilitate the implementation of the advanced energy technologies, will promote the best proven practices. Local and international suppliers, buyers, industry professionals from private & public sector will join the event. District Heating & Cooling in EU, organizer Euroheat & Power, Smart Cities, Intelligent Mobility Solutions, Waste-to-Energy Workshop

More... [Energy Efficiency](#); [Renewable Energy](#); [Smart Cities](#); [Program](#); [Registration](#); [Brochure](#)

The State of the 2014 Smart Grid Consumer

Though there remains a gap between consumer desires and their experience with the [smart grid](#), key trends indicate a strong opportunity to close the gap in 2014, says a report issued by the [Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative](#) (SGCC). The report is an integrated analysis that summarizes what SGCC knows about the smart grid from the consumers' point of view after conducting in-depth research studies and talking to more than 5,000 U.S. residential consumers.

More... [The-state-of-the-2014-smart-grid-consumer](#)

Nuclear Power Generation at the Crossroads

This white paper examines the future of nuclear power across the globe, analyzes the role of IT in the design, permitting, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear power plants; and provides recommendations to plant owners on ensuring a secure and robust IT infrastructure.

More... [Nuclear-power-generation-at-the-crossroads](#)

Events

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

Organized by: Faculty of Automation, Computers & Electronics, University of Craiova, Romania, during the 5th International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems & Applications, IISA, <http://iisa2014.unipi.gr/>

The session targets research efforts that have as outcome progress in building Intelligent Systems in any application domains such as image/video processing, multimedia systems, e-learning, e-commerce, e-society & medical applications. IDAIR welcomes submissions of original papers concerning all aspects of multimedia domain ranging from concepts and theoretical developments to advanced technologies and innovative applications.

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

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, end-users to discuss the current trends and future directions of control and testing technologies, their industrial & social applications in the private & the public sectors. Selected papers will be submitted to the IEEE Xplore database and ISI, for indexing.

More... <http://www.aqtr.ro/>

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>; Dan.Micu@et.utcluj.ro

Innovation Convention 2014', 10-11 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium

For anyone involved in innovation, from the worlds of research and business to those involved in policy making, funding innovation, the Convention will provide an opportunity to:

- engage in & contribute to the innovation debate with business leaders, top researchers and high-level policy makers;
- network and share experiences with your peers; and

- gain inspiration from world-renowned speakers and great innovation showcases.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/ic2014/index_en.cfm

ISPIM Americas Innovation Forum, 5-8 October 2014, Montreal, Canada

Organised by ISPIM, in collaboration with Université de Montréal, Polytechnique Montréal, HEC Montréal, Univalor, this event will bring together around 200 innovation experts from 25 countries. The event programme will tackle the region's key innovation issues by attracting top-level speakers from Canada & North America from academia, industry, government. The deadline for submissions is 16 June 2014. The three-day event will include:

- Multi-track sessions that mix industry, academia, science, & government,
- Dedicated sessions and communities on innovation challenges for research, business & government,
- Showcases on Innovation Success in Montreal with presentations, discussion panels and site visits,
- Networking events: welcome reception (Sunday); gala dinner (Monday); informal social evening (Tuesday)

More... <http://bit.ly/1dYX5gm> ; The Call for Papers <http://bit.ly/1gTZtqb>

7th Computer Aspects of Numerical Algorithms (CANA'14), 7-10 September 2014, Warsaw, Poland,

The workshop is devoted to numerical algorithms with the particular attention to the latest scientific trends in this area, to problems related to implementation of libraries of efficient numerical algorithms. The goal of the workshop is meeting of researchers from various institutes and exchanging of their experience, integrations of scientific centers.

More... <https://fedcsis.org/cana>

11th European Future Internet Assembly, 18-20 March 2014, Athens, Greece

FIA Athens 2014 will focus on reshaping the Future Internet infrastructure for innovation. The programme features keynotes from the public and private domains in a high-profile plenary as well as in nine parallel sessions.

FIA Athens will also showcase a wide range of EU project demonstrations and posters. Prior to the event, thirteen pre-FIA workshops will also take place and a 5G-Public Private Partnership event will be organised on the last day.

More... <http://fi-athens.eu/>

6th EDERC Conference, European Embedded Design in Education & Research, 11-12 September 2014, Milan, Italy

EDERC2014 receives technical co-sponsorship from IEEE Region 8, IEEE Italian Signal Processing Chapter, the IEEE IAS-PELS-IES North Italy Joint Chapter & the EU Association of Signal Processing (EURASIP) in co-operation with Texas Instruments. The event aims to gather **educators & researchers** from around the world to share their experiences in the use of **DSP, microcontrollers, analog** technologies for embedded systems.

More... www.ti.com/ederc2014 ; E2E.ti.ederc14-em-mcc-lp-eu

6th European Summit of Regions and Cities, 7-8 March 2014, Athens, Greece

The Summit takes place at a key political moment for the future of EU, will take stock of the efforts made at EU, national, regional and local level to **deliver jobs & promote economic growth**. It will also bring a high-level debate with EU political leaders about the 2014 **EU elections, the future of the EU**.

More... <http://cor.europa.eu/athens2014>

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/](http://www.eurotraining.net/)

Training sessions Innovation management & H 2020, Estonia-Tallinn, Romania-Bucharest, Spain-Madrid, France

INSEC will organize **4 classic training sessions** on topics related to *innovation management (development of innovation strategy, innovation plan, IPR strategy, project management)*, *HORIZON 2020 – as the main funding program of the EC in 2014 – 2020, related to RDI activities*.

The 1st training session was organised in Estonia, Tallinn on 14-15 of January 2014 by CIVITTA (more at <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/estonia.29/estonia.a74.html>).

The 2nd training session will be organized in Bucharest, Romania on 6 February 2014 by FM Management (more at <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/romania.30/romania.a76.html>).

The 3rd training session will be organized in Madrid, Spain, on 26 February 2014 (more at <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/spain.34/spain.a77.html>).

The last events will be organised in France. One of the main targets of INSEC project (www.insec-project.eu) is to supply security end-users (e.g. police, rescue services, fire departments, security infrastructures) with knowledge, practical skills in the *management of innovation*, to improve security end-user' *collaboration (innovative) practices* by training.

More... <http://www.insec-project.eu/en/-b-training-sessions--b-.26/training-sessions.a72.html>.



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