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

### Events in technology transfer and innovation field

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 seize the unparalleled business opportunities in the EU Single Market.

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

### Useful Links

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



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

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

### IFAT, Trade Fair for water, sewage, waste, and raw materials management, 5-9 May 2014, Munchen, Germany

IFAT is the world's leading trade fair for clean drinking water, effective recycling, responsible approach towards valuable resources. 2,939 exhibitors from 54 countries came together at IFAT to put on an inspiring display of innovations, solutions in the field of water, sewage, waste, raw materials management. It was a chance to glimpse the future.

**More...** <http://www.ifat.de/en/Home> ; Movie: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=p38aY-QMsTc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=p38aY-QMsTc)

### ERA.Net Plus with Russia - Brokerage Event, 14 May 2014, Tel Aviv, Israel

The aim of the brokerage event is to foster networking activities between the participants. The event offers the opportunity to meet potential collaboration partners in individually organized B2B meetings prior to submitting a joint proposal. Moreover, new project ideas or innovations can be discussed in great detail among the participants.

**More...** <http://www.eranet-rus.eu/en/245.php> ; 'Contact Points' please click [here](#) ; [Profile Form](#) ; [Registration link](#)

### SiS-Net Brokerage Event on SwafS, 14 May, 2014, Brussels

The event is targeted at all stakeholders interested in the **Science with & for Society Programme of Horizon 2020**. The main objective of the networking event is to provide first-hand information by the EC officials about the first Horizon 2020 Science with and for Society 2014-2015 calls, launched on the 11th December 2013, and to bring all stakeholders together (universities, research institutions, civil society organisations, SMEs, public bodies, Science Centres etc.), in order to meet potential coordinators, partners in a fruitful networking environment. Please register **before 5 May**,

**More...** <http://www.b2match.eu/science-society-2014> ; [Draft-Agenda](#) ; [Registration](#)

### Workshop for representatives of research centres & workshop academia-industry, 14-16 May 2014, Berlin

Improvement of networking between different stakeholders of systems biology is one of the goals of ERASysAPP project.

Two networking workshops will be held as satellite events of conference “[Systems Biology of Mammalian Cells](#)” (SBMC). The conference and workshops will take place in [Abion Hotel Berlin](#), Alt Moabit 99, 10559, Berlin, Germany. **More...** <http://www.sbmc2014.de/> ; <https://www.erasysapp.eu/index.php?index=74>

#### **MOBIP Investment and Partnering Forum 2014, 27-28 May 2014, Thessaloniki, Greece**

MOBIP are a meeting point between SMEs, experts, corporate partners, venture capital investors, interested in knowledge-sharing on strategic information, market opportunities, new business trends in Mobile & Mobility industry. Start-ups will be selected and they will have the opportunity to present their Business plans to Investors.

The agenda includes 4 sector-focused pitching sessions, 4 plenary discussion sessions, coaching track wrap-up. The focus: facilitating communication between investors, high-growth potential start-ups, exploiting the prospect of B2B cooperation, improving access to large mobile corporations, venture capitalists, industry players as sources of partnering & funding.

**More...** <http://www.e-unlimited.com/MOBIP>

#### **Funding, Eureka Event Creating Future Solutions for Healthcare, 4-5 June 2014, Bruxelles**

Understand what funding is available and how to access it. Furthermore, this is your opportunity to participate in new funding workshops. Themed 'How we do research – maximising impact through collaboration', the event will address key issues such as international collaboration, funding for research and support for research excellence. Attendees will benefit from a dynamic programme comprising keynote presentations, workshops and interactive panel sessions.

**More...** <http://wric-health.com/>

#### **Brokerage event and company missions RO-Energy, 11-13 June 2014, Bucharest, Romania**

RoEnergy South-East Europe 2014 comprises specialized International Trade Fair and Conferences of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Constructions, where countries from East meet with the offer from the West Europe.

The main domains of the event are:

- Solar system - photovoltaic, solar thermal
- Bioenergy - biomass, biogas, liquid biofuels
- Water & Wind- hydropower, wind power, geothermal energy
- Cogeneration, Trigeneneration
- Alternative Vehicles and Fuels
- Hyenergy – hydrogen and fuel cells
- Consulting, Design, Services, carbon trading, R&D
- Passive House & Insulations

**More...** the Fair site: <http://bucuresti.roenergy.eu/en>. Please contact: [anda.pelea@ipacv.ro](mailto:anda.pelea@ipacv.ro), [gabriela.canureci@ipacv.ro](mailto:gabriela.canureci@ipacv.ro).

#### **Business Matchmaking event on recycling, environmental technologies & waste management, 13 June, Istanbul**

**Enterprise Europe Istanbul, Sabanci University** is organizing the Business Matchmaking event. The aim of the event is to bring the entities active in the sectors for commercial co-operation, technology transfer and founding partnerships for attending to EU funded R&D Projects. The B2B event will be organized in parallel to the 10<sup>th</sup> International Recycling, Environmental Technologies and Waste Management Fair (12 – 14 June 2014).

**More...** EEN-Istanbul website: [www.aia-istanbul.org](http://www.aia-istanbul.org) ; please contact: [office@ipacv.ro](mailto:office@ipacv.ro).

#### **ICT4inclusion - Brokerage Event@sotn, 12-14 June 2014, Trieste, Italy**

The brokerage event is connected to State of the Net (<http://sotn.it>), outstanding web dedicated conference - reaching its 4th edition - which tries to capture the state of art of the internet in Italy and worldwide, considering its impact on our society. EEN@sotn anticipates the above mentioned conference (13th-14th June 2014) to highlight ICT solutions for inclusion in a broader sense, supporting networking, interaction and cooperation among business, industry and research centres.

**More...** [www.sotn.it](http://www.sotn.it) ; <http://ict4inclusion.talkb2b.net/page/19/How+It+Works> ; [lara.dipace@area.trieste.it](mailto:lara.dipace@area.trieste.it)

#### **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. <http://stoner.phys.uaic.ro/cost/>

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

#### **OPEN DAYS University Master Class (ODU-MC) on EU Cohesion Policy, 6-9 October 2014, Bruxelles**

The aim of the ODU-MC is to improve the understanding of EU Cohesion Policy and its research potential among selected EU PhD students and early-career researchers. **Organised for the second time during the OPEN DAYS, its objectives are:**

- to present the latest developments in research on EU regional & urban development and the EU cohesion policy;
- to enable PhD students and early career researchers to exchange views with EU politicians, officials, senior academics in the field of European regional and urban development and policy;
- to facilitate networking among PhD students /ECR, with the wider EU policy, academic communities
- to raise awareness and understanding of the research potential in the field of EU cohesion policy.

The ODU-MC will be held during the OPEN DAYS-European Week of Regions & Cities, as part of the Open days University.

**More...** [OPEN DAYS Master Class concept](#) ; [ODU-MC 2014 Application Form](#) ; [daniela.carl@regionalstudies.org](mailto:daniela.carl@regionalstudies.org)

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual B2B Matchmaking Forum Russia - Europe: Cooperation without Frontiers, 24-25 June 2014, Moscow**

The Forum is one of the tools to support and develop business partnerships between Russian and European SMEs. The six B2B fora already held brought together 685 Russian and 372 European SMEs which had 2,688 bilateral negotiations. An

unlimited number of informal meetings were also held. Registration - from 31 March to 17 June

[More...www.regionomica-moscow.ru](http://www.regionomica-moscow.ru)

### **Korea EUREKA Day, 26-28 May 2014, Oslo, Norway**

This event is the effective rallying point where European and Korean companies and organizations could gather under one roof to seek business opportunities, share innovative ideas and knowledge and initiate new R&D collaborations.

[More... http://www.eurekaday.kr/](http://www.eurekaday.kr/)

### **International Create Challenge, Turn your idea into a startup! 26 August - 16 September 2014, Martigny, Switzerland**

The International Create Challenge is a free of charge, 3-week immersive super accelerator programme that gives entrepreneurs the opportunity to drive their projects to a Minimum Viable Product. It is a unique programme combining state-of-art technologies and cutting edge research, mentors-lead coaching, micro-seed investment and a star prize of more than CHF 100'000.- .

[More... http://www.createchallenge.org/](http://www.createchallenge.org/)

### **Euroscience Open Forum, Horizon 2020 Matchmaking Event, 26 June 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark**

The Horizon Network and Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) will be co-organising a **H2020 matchmaking event** at the Euroscience Open Forum. The event will provide companies, universities, scientists, organisations the opportunity to meet, find potential partners for future cooperation, projects.

The focus is calls in Horizon 2020 within the areas Industrial Leadership & Societal Challenges.

[More... http://www.b2match.eu/esof2014](http://www.b2match.eu/esof2014) ; You may register for the [ESOF conference](#) here.

### **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/](http://sporttechmatch.talkb2b.net/)

### **IncubatorEurope event Reinventing EU public affairs services, 29 April 2014, Brussels**

IncubatorEurope proposes 3 innovative service lines:

- YourEUprofile: is an intelligent online tool that identifies EU funding programmes, calls for proposals and legislation that is relevant to your individual activities. Come and test it at our launch event !
- YourEUcoach: introduces an innovative EU public affairs consultancy model that supports today's changing business needs. Thanks to its comprehensive, granular and transparent service portfolio coupled with a new contracting and service delivery method, EU consultancy services become easily accessible and affordable for everyone. EUcoach provides both funding and advocacy support, covering all sectors.
- YourEUhub: Proximity to Brussels does matter when dealing with EU affairs. EUhub provides you with the office space and public affairs services and solutions you need for your short and long-term presence in Brussels.

[More... www.incubatoreurope.eu](http://www.incubatoreurope.eu) ; <http://ow.ly/vTABn>

## **Clusters**

### **EUREKA ! Clusters**

EUREKA '*Clusters*' are long-term, strategically significant industrial initiatives. They usually have a large number of participants, and aim to develop generic technologies of key importance for European competitiveness mainly in ICT, energy and more recently in the biotechnology sector.

Through regular [calls for projects](#), Clusters bring together large companies, often competitors, along with SMEs, research institutes and universities, sharing both the risk and benefits of innovation. They focus on developing and commercially exploiting new technologies. Their goal is to ensure that Europe retains its leading position in the world market.

Initiated by industry in close collaboration with national funding authorities, each Cluster has a technological 'roadmap' defining the most important strategic domains. A key asset of EUREKA is its flexibility: roadmaps and projects are continuously adapted in response to the rapidly changing technological environment and market demands.

[More... EUREKA Clusters : Essential Instruments for Global Competitiveness ; Eureka-Network-programmes-clusters](#)

## **SMEs**

### **Business Request**

[A webshop company is looking for a subcontracting partner in Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania to produce painted...](#) Finland

[A company specialized in metal construction and commercial vehicles seeks cooperation partners, trade...](#) Germany

[A company have invented a unique sock that helps to relieve back pain. They seek a manufacturer of socks...](#) UK

[A company is looking for additional partners that can contribute on \(international\) market introduction of...](#) Netherlands

[A company engaged in specialist medical practice activities is offering trade intermediary services \(agent...](#) Slovenia

[A company specialized in light construction machines, special purpose elevators, carpet drying and rinsing...](#) Turkey

[The small Polish company specialized in mobile ICT is looking for providers of geo-location software solutions.](#) Poland  
[A commercial agent specialised in distributing & representing medical devices manufacturer, focused upon the.](#) France  
[A company specialized in the distribution & installation of renewable energy sources offers trade intermediary...](#) Greece  
[A company specialised in repairing, maintenance and trade of industrial vehicles offers distribution services.](#) Spain  
[A company specialized in manufacturing & trading of car air freshners and car perfumes would like to find a...](#) Bulgaria  
[A civil engineering cluster oriented toward technology development is interested in being a distributor for...](#) Serbia

## Intellectual Property ; Standards



### Research Commercialisation: From Ideas to IPO, 19 May, London

Research Commercialisation is a new cross-discipline event and will provide a platform for all those involved in promoting university-industry-investor collaboration, technology transfer and start-ups. Topics for discussion will include: bringing research to the market,

best practices in technology transfer, academic-industry collaboration, intellectual property strategies, license vs. start-up, investment strategies, key performance indicators.

[More... http://www.idea2ipo-conference.com/](http://www.idea2ipo-conference.com/)

### Searching EPO's worldwide data with Global patent index, 21-22 May 2014, Vienna, Austria

- get a comprehensive overview of patent information products offered by the EPO
- become familiar with GPI functionalities and gain a thorough insight into efficient GPI use
- get tutored in hands-on sessions to put the acquired know-how into practice straight away
- receive an overview of Espacenet and European Patent Register
- acquire a thorough understanding of GPI and its features

[More... http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/patent-information-training/PI03-2014.html](http://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/patent-information-training/PI03-2014.html)

## Research

### EUREKA! Doing business through technology. A Programme for market-driven industrial R&D

EUREKA is a decentralised network facilitating the coordination of national funding on innovation aiming to boost the productivity & competitiveness of European industries. The network integrates over 40 pan-European economies, but also includes Israel, South Korea, and Canada. Following a bottom-up approach with projects being in any technological area with a civilian purpose, EUREKA has been the driving force of innovation in Europe for over 25 years.

[EUREKA Clusters](#) are long-term, strategically significant public-private partnerships. Most of Europe's leading companies participate in EUREKA Clusters, developing generic technologies of key importance to European competitiveness.

[EUREKA Umbrellas](#) are thematic networks that focus on a particular technology or business sector. Their goal is to generate and support R&D projects in their specific field of operation.

[EUREKA's Eurostars Programme](#) is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to research-performing SMEs. [Eurostars](#) stimulates them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects. The Eurostars mission is "To support R&D-performing entrepreneurs, by funding their research activities, enabling them to compete internationally and become leaders in their sector."

[More... http://www.eurekanetwork.org/about](http://www.eurekanetwork.org/about)

### Horizon 2020 Funding – Participant Portal

Interested in learning more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project? Then the European Commission's Participant Portal is the place you need to go.

Two year work programmes announce the specific areas that will be funded by Horizon 2020. Look out for them on the online [Participant Portal](#) as they can be used as a calendar for the calls for proposals ('calls'), to be published during the year. The Participant Portal is your entry point for electronic administration of EU-funded research and innovation projects, and hosts the services for managing your proposals and projects throughout their lifecycle.

[More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html)

### 5G Research in Horizon 2020 Webcast

This webcast focuses on key aspects of the 5G EU research activities and the Horizon 2020 programme funding opportunities to implement the 5G-Public Private Partnership (5G-PPP). The 5G-PPP focuses on communications infrastructure with an EU budget of € 700 million for research, development and innovation over the next seven years. € 125 million are available in the first call for proposals, which closes on 25 November 2014.

[More... https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/index.php?es=2&sessionno=0b9e57c46de934cee33b0e8d1839bfc2](https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/index.php?es=2&sessionno=0b9e57c46de934cee33b0e8d1839bfc2)

### On-line Consultation: Which Network Technologies Inducement Prizes in Horizon 2020 EU Programme?

This consultation gathers opinions and views on the definition and targets that have been tentatively set for two inducement prizes dealing with "collaborative sharing of spectrum" and with "breaking the optical transmission barriers". Both prizes aim for a significant breakthrough in relation to current roadblocks encountered by wireless and optical networks respectively. We are seeking input from relevant experts and stakeholders and welcome contributions by Friday, 9 May 2014.

[More... http://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/h2020-networks-inducement-prizes](http://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/h2020-networks-inducement-prizes)

### On-line Consultation: Which network & Internet of Things technologies in Horizon 2020 EU Programme?

This consultation gathers opinions and views on future Network Technologies & Internet of Things (IoT) research and innovation challenges that need to be addressed in the 2016-2017 EU Horizon 2020 Work Programme. We are seeking input from relevant experts and stakeholders and welcome contributions by Friday, 27 June 2014.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/network-technologies-h2020-wp-consultation-2016-2017>

## Innovation, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship

### Business service industry

Business Services will play a central role in the reindustrialization of Europe, both through the provision of innovative and productive services to other firms, and through the servitization of manufacturing. Three factors will drive this growth:

1. continued outsourcing by firms as they seek to focus on their core competencies
2. the servitization of manufacturing, the tendency for manufacturing firms to sell services/solutions, rather than products and goods
3. general economic trends, where levels of employment in services tend to increase relative to manufacturing and agriculture, because of increased automation and productivity.

The 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution, with increasing no of devices being connected to the internet, will further reinforce, accelerate these trends, creating a significant global opportunity. A question for EU is how to drive further innovation, productivity gains in services so that EU can capture a significant share of the global market opportunity, ensure a sustainable society.

Business Service firms of the future will play a crucial role in supporting industrial firms seeking to capitalize on the "internet of things" or "web 4.0".

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/industrial-competitiveness/industrial-policy/hlg-business-services/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/industrial-competitiveness/industrial-policy/hlg-business-services/index_en.htm)

### RockThePost- a startup investing marketplace, where startups connect with investors

Access to deals. Dozens of startup investment opportunities simultaneously:

- Browseable, searchable startup profiles
- Monthly Digital Demo Day live pitch webinar
- Exclusive access to VIP events for most active investors

Personalized experience. We help you find exactly the startups you are looking for:

- Targeted matching to startups in which you are most interested
- Curated deals by industry, stage and geography

Secure transactions. Your capital and personal information is safe

- Managed Escrow account with minimum threshold
- E-sign documents and contracts

**More...** <https://rockthepost.com/>

### Time for a radical innovation change

Perhaps why innovation feels somewhat flat (well for me) is our organizations and societies are *utterly failing* to allow us all to step up in innovation to tackle the massive, growing problems that are swirling all around us.

We need to shake out of our lethargy and really begin to attempt to solve the real issues of our time. Some organizations are clearly working on and trying to draw attention and gain greater engagement but we need a much greater concerted effort to focus on the big societal challenges.

**More...** <http://paul4innovating.com/2014/04/18/so-why-are-we-not-facing-up-to-the-big-challenges-of-today/>

## Partner Search

### KA2 Partnerships - Partner search - European Beer Route

This project focuses on educating local actors in promoting small and artisan breweries as tourism destinations, in view of diversifying local and regional economies. Particular attention will be paid to linking the vocational and adult education sectors with the beer brewing and tourism industries, in view of creating a partnership between business and education sectors. The project aims at fostering the efficient transfer of know-how across Europe, in particular between the old and new EU member states or countries where beer brewing already plays a major role in the local economy and the countries where this industry is still developing. The objectives of the project are:

- 1) To foster networking, transfer of know-how in the education&business sector in beer brewing, tourism management
- 2) To identify best practices in the field of education related to beer brewing.
- 3) To enable staff/students of educational programmes related to beer brewing gain practical experience.

We are looking for a partner, Small/Local brewery that would join the existing partnership of educational institutions/NGOs.

**Contact:** Martin Synkule, European Development Agency, Czech Republic, T: +420 222 769700, [info@eracr.cz](mailto:info@eracr.cz)

### Looking for partners, Erasmus + KA2 Cooperation for innovation & exchange of good practices Strategic partnership on entrepreneurship education & training

Centro Servizi PMI is a training and consultancy organization that belongs to Unindustria, Association of Enterprises situated in Emilia Romagna Region, Italy.

The proposal intends to develop, through the transfer and adaptation of good practices on the part of Countries that have already experimented their effectiveness within their respective school/training systems, intervention programmes, devices in the field of vocational education( VET of secondary level), training, for the development, integration of the basic/wide entrepreneurial competence, spirit into curricular programmes, experimenting a mainstream approach of entrepreneurship. We are looking for European partners:public VET schools, research institutes, business centres, chamber of Commerce having an established vocational training centre.

**Contact:** Rossella Brindani, Regional office of European Projects at Centro Servizi PMI, [rossellabrindani@cspmi.it](mailto:rossellabrindani@cspmi.it)

#### **Partner Search for H2020-ICT-2014-1 (tight deadline!)**

Our consortium has now an opening for an end user SME/Large Enterprise with background in catalytic conversion, fuel cells, H2 generators and the possibility to develop microreactors. The proposal is ready.

**Contact:** Geza Toth, Research Scientist and Entrepreneur, [geza@ee.oulu.fi](mailto:geza@ee.oulu.fi)

#### **Looking for a consortium H2020: SME with experience in 7th FP would like to integrate us as partners of a consortium H2020 calls for ICT or environment**

Syscomed is a Spanish ICT SME established in 2007 specialized on designing and developing low cost sensors systems for air, water, electricity and deployments industrial and environmental systems automation. The company has already participated in 7FP projects. We are currently partners of Alucyc (<http://www.alucyc.eu/>) and Compair (<http://www.fp7-compair.eu/>). Syscomed's manager has been selected as expert evaluator for H2020's calls on robotics and mechatronics.

**Contact:** Juan Celdran Alenda, CEO SYSCOMED S.L., [juan.celdran@syscomed.es](mailto:juan.celdran@syscomed.es)

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

##### **Call for proposals: ERA.NET RUS Plus Joint Call in the field of Innovation. Deadline: 28 May 2014**

The main targets of the ERA.Net RUS Plus-Initiative are the intensification of collaborations between the EU and Russia as well as a stronger coordination of national funding programmes. The Call, which supports the funding of projects in the field of innovation-oriented research and development, is aimed at international project consortia from European or Russian innovative SMEs, which are active in research and work in collaboration with other relevant actors.

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

##### **CONEX Mobility programme of the University Carlos III, Madrid COFUND. Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> call 29 May, 2<sup>nd</sup> call 9 Jan**

Co-financed by the Marie Skłodowska Curie COFUND Action, the University Carlos III in Madrid offers CONnecting EXcellence to UC3M (CONEX), a programme funding 8 fellowships for Very Experienced Professors & 20 fellowships for Experienced Professors. The programme addresses researchers of all nationalities. Is open to 3 main areas of research: Engineering, Applied Mathematics & Physics, Social Sciences & Law, Humanities, Library Science & Communication

**More...** <http://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3MInstitucional/es/PortadaMiniSiteB/1371207270999/> ; [conex@uc3m.es](mailto:conex@uc3m.es)

##### **EUREKA, the European network for innovation is calling for projects to fund. Deadline: 1 August 2014**

EUREKA launched a new call for technological innovation projects. National innovation and funding agencies from four European countries are taking part in the call; they are based in [France](#), [Germany](#), [Spain](#), and [United Kingdom](#). Applications are to be submitted before [August 1st, 2014](#) to [EUREKA National Project Coordinators](#) (NPC).

The application process is particularly easy, a single [application form for EUREKA](#) is available online, which is to be sent to NPC, depending on the applicant's location. Innovative companies and universities from EUREKA member countries which are not taking part this call and countries outside of the EUREKA Network may also participate with the agreement of their own national innovation agency.

**More...** [details on the EUREKA call for joint collaborative project proposals.](#)

##### **Capitalising the full potential of on-line collaboration for SME**

To address the described gaps proposals should address one or more of the following aspects:

- develop and test new service designs for 'assistance to online collaboration for innovation' for SMEs in diverse sectors;
- make new services accessible for enterprises in sectors that are typically not yet benefitting from innovation support;
- develop and test a qualification profile, curriculum and training courses for staff currently providing brokerage services in established networks or SME agencies.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2351-innosup-6-2015.html#tab1>

##### **Call for Proposals EU-China Research & Innovation Partnership (ECRIP), EuropeAid/135-587/DD/ACT/CN**

The ECRIP project aims to create, strengthen, intensify the EU-China research & innovation partnerships by providing support to the EU research community to establish or reinforce long-term research cooperation with Chinese research organisations through a coordinated, strategically targeted programme of exchange of researchers. The submission deadline of the Concept Note is 23 May 2014. The overall indicative amount under this Call for Proposals is **EUR 4 000 000**.

**More...** [Europeaid/online-services/135-587/DD/ACT/CN](#)

##### **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme which gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other Participating Countries.

**More...** [www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu](http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu) ; [Read more about participating in the programme](#)

##### **Call for making science education & careers attractive for young people. H2020-SEAC-2014-1. Deadline: 2 Oct 2014**

The action aims to support a range of activities, which will raise young boys' and girls' awareness of the different aspects encompassing science and technology in their societal content and to address the challenges faced by young people when pursuing careers in STEM. It aims at bringing both girls and boys into the scientific world via formal and informal teaching

and learning and to orient them towards undertaking scientific careers.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2423-seac-1-2014.html>

### **Call for making science education & careers attractive for young people, H2020-SEAC-2014-2. Deadline: 2 Oct 2014**

The action assists the development of openly available curricula that embed all five RRI keys (societal engagement, gender equality and gender in research and innovation content, open access, science education and ethics), in a comprehensive approach for students, teachers, professional trainers and academic staff of Higher Education Institutions and other higher education establishments. Inspiration and good practices should be drawn from both the EU and third countries.

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2424-seac-2-2014.html>

### **The first COST Open Call for proposals in Horizon 2020**

Once the Horizon 2020 programme and the new evaluation and selection procedures have been adopted, the COST **Open Call** calendar will also be updated and will provide further details.

**More...** Stay up-to-date with the latest developments at COST by visiting the **Open Call** page on the COST website.

### **The ENTENTE project launches its 3rd call for application to the Professional Exchange Programme**

The ENTENTE Professional Exchange Programme is designed to develop the experience/expertise of technology transfer professionals while building stronger professional networks, relationships amongst TTOs themselves, between TTOs & Industry. Within the framework of the ENTENTE Programme, EU Tech Transfer Officers will have the opportunity to live an experience in renowned investment firms, venture capitalist offices, Big Pharmas, Tech Transfer offices across the world.

**More...** <http://entente-health.eu/>

### **COSME; Tourism Work Programme 2014**

The actions will contribute to the implementation of the 2010 Tourism Communication „Europe, the world's No 1 tourist destination“, ensure a sustainable continuation to initiatives already undertaken under COSME, EIP.

Objectives: (1) increasing tourism demand, (2) diversifying tourism offer, (3) enhancing tourism quality, sustainability, accessibility, skills, information & innovation, (4) Improving socio-economic knowledge of the sector, (5) increasing Europe's visibility as a tourist destination as well as of its diverse destinations.

**More...** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/initiatives/cosme/index_en.htm); [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/tourism/index_en.htm)

### **CHARTS Award, Engaging Culture & Heritage for Sustainable Tourism Development. Deadline: 31 May 2014**

The **CHARTS Award** aim to generate awareness about CHARTS project aims/results amongst regional, local authorities, destination management authorities, destination agencies, tourism promotion bodies, tourism boards, tourism associations, tourism networks, cultural networks, EU institutions, international bodies, as well to involve several regions across EU, other than project partners. The **CHARTS Award** is aimed at tourism destinations EU-wide, for achievements of results/outputs on cultural tourism. The focus of the Award is on **12 Good Practices themes**, concerning results of actions which have been implemented and which have produced significant results and achievements.

**More...** <http://www.charts-interreg4c.eu/>; [CHARTS Award 2014 Application Form 3-04-...](#)

### **Creative Europe. Calls**

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

### **ERC Consolidator Grants. Deadline for all domains is 20 May 2014**

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

### **Call for proposals 2013 EU ICI-ECP Programme, For Joint Mobility Projects (JMP) & Joint Degree Projects (JDP)**

**More...** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral\\_cooperation/eu\\_ici\\_ecp/funding/call\\_2013\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation/eu_ici_ecp/funding/call_2013_en.php)

### **WIDER Innovation Vouchers: Opportunity for SMEs. Deadline 31 May 2014**

**More...** <http://www.wider-project.eu/open-calls.html>

### **H2020-INSO-2014 New forms of innovation, Platform for ICT for Learning & Inclusion. Deadline: 29 April 2014**

**More...** <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2472-inso-6-2014.html>

### **Call for Proposals for two new Knowledge and Innovation Communities – KICs. Deadline: 10 September 2014**

**More...** <http://eit.europa.eu/kics/2014-call-for-kics/>; [EIT brochure](#); [2014 Call](#)

### **Spreading Excellence & Widening Participation in Horizon 2020 – WIDESPREAD-2014-1 Teaming of Excellences**

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

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

**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**

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

### **Peer Learning of Innovation Agencies, H2020-Innosup-2014-5. Dedline 16 December 2014**

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

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

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

### **Call for Sustainable Entrepreneurship Award. Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2014**

**More...** <http://se-award.org/en/submission>

### **Nominations for the ACES Awards 2014.**

Award Categories: [ICT](#), [Life sciences](#), [Green award](#)

**More...** click [here](#).

## **Policy**

### **European Parliament adopts opinion on Joint Technology Initiatives**

At its current plenary session the European Parliament adopted its opinion on the founding of two new Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs): The JTIs “Shift2Rail” and „Bio-Based Industries“ (BBI) were accepted by a large majority. Furthermore the parliamentarians agreed on the establishment of the JTI “Electronic Components & Systems“ (ECSEL), which will integrate the previous JTIs “Embedded Computing Systems“ (ARTEMIS) and “Nanoelectronics Technologies 2020“ (ENIAC).

The JTIs’ budgets were subject of controversial debates: Compared to the Commission’s proposal they were reduced by 5% (Innovative Medicines Initiative, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen) and 2,5% (SESAR, CleanSky, BBI, ECSEL, Shift2Rail).

**More...** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/summary.do?id=1286560&t=e&l=en> ; <http://www.shift2rail.org/>

## **Energy**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition, 23-26 June 2014, Hamburg, Germany**

This leading international platform will host the global biomass community, attracting experts and industrial exhibitors from more than **60** countries making the event a significant tool for technology transfer and networking opportunities. We need dialogue among experts in order to become aware of the manifold interdependencies of our individual research fields. The conference offers plenary sessions every day as well as parallel special sessions both early in the morning and in the afternoon grouped into the following topics:

- Biomass resources
- Biomass conversion technologies for energetic use
- Biomass conversion technologies for material use
- Biomass policy

**More...** [http://www.eubce.com/Home.404.0.html#.U1ZpIdg\\_cs](http://www.eubce.com/Home.404.0.html#.U1ZpIdg_cs)

### **Floating Nuclear Plants Could Surf Past Tsunamis**

In the aftermath of the Fukushima disaster the world has grown more concerned with nuclear power plants’ ability to survive a catastrophic tsunami. To abate these fears and create safer nuclear technology, researchers have begun designing a plant that floats on an offshore platform. To transmit its product back to land the plant would be connected to an onshore substation via an underwater electric transmission line.

**More...** [Floating-Nuclear-Plants-Could-Surf-Past-Tsunamis](#)

## **Urban Mobility / SMART Cities**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Roadshow on low carbon transportation and smart mobility, 16 May 2014, Ruse, Bulgaria**

The roadshow aims to:

- Enhance innovation in FP7 transport projects and help them transform results into products and services;
- Improve SME innovation capacity by identifying difficulties and proposing solutions and recommendations;
- Set up pan-European Thematic Innovation Network to create environment for entrepreneurship and innovation focusing where links are weak.

The event is dedicated to all European SMEs willing to learn more about the opportunities INTRASME can offer and to network with potential exploitation partners from across Europe. We'll dedicate some time to better understand patents, how to valorize them, to analyse the Horizon 2020 calls for SMEs in Transport and how to take advantage of EU R&D funds.

**More...** <http://intrasme.eu/> ; <http://intrasme.eu/index.php/newsevents/events-list/event/62-intrasme-bulgarian-roadshow>

### **JTI “Shift2Rail” picks up speed**

“Shift2Rail” is a Public Private Partnership in the railway sector, which fosters innovation & cooperation, contributes to the creation of an integrated European railway area. “Shift2Rail” will run from 2014 to 2024 on a budget of EUR 920 mio., whereof EUR 450 mio. will be provided by “Horizon 2020” (EUR 52 mio. for 2014/2015 from Societal Challenge “Transport”), EUR 470 mio. by industrial partners. An open call for applications for “Associated Members” for this JTI will be published within three months after its start.

**More...** <http://www.shift2rail.org/>

### **Workshop: Education for Smart, Green & Integrated Transport, 19-21 May 2014, Tirana, Albania.**

The aim of the event is to identify opportunities for collaboration between the universities, research organizations, local authorities and other interested stakeholders, in the South East Europe / Black Sea region for the field of resource-efficient transport that respects the environment, better mobility, less congestion, more safety and security in transport systems.



More... [office@bsun.org](mailto:office@bsun.org) and [fpremti@yahoo.com](mailto:fpremti@yahoo.com)

## Events

### Conference Smart Sustainable Innovation: the Global Perspective, 13-14 May 2014, Utrecht, the Netherlands

The conference will bring together an audience of sustainability experts, innovation management professionals. 'Sustainable' means: durable, green & cost-effective. It combines the successful elements of the enterprise economy, the innovation or ideas economy while promoting a high-quality environment, improving energy security, promoting social cohesion. On 12 May, a session on sustainable science parks. You can register [here](#) until 6 May at the latest.

More... <http://www.hu-conferenties.nl/index.php/smartsustainableinnovation>

### 23<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Networks and Communications 2014, 23 - 26 June 2014, Bologna, Italy

The European Conference on Networks and Communications (EUCNC2014) is the key yearly event for showcasing EU funded research & innovation, presenting the latest developments in this area. EUCNC2014 will hold regular sessions with scientific papers (IEEE Xplore), workshops, special sessions, poster sessions, panels, keynote talks, demos and exhibitions.

More... <http://eucnc.eu/>

### Total Productive Maintenance & Similar Systems in Practice Conference, 7-9 October 2014, Budapest, Hungary

The Conference focuses on the practical implementation, improvement of productivity improvement methodologies similar to TPM<sup>®</sup> (Total Productive Maintenance – Manufacturing – Management), their role in industrial maintenance & production.

More... <http://www.eutpmconf.eu/registration> ; [Abstract Form](#) ; [info@eutpmconf.eu](mailto:info@eutpmconf.eu).

### 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on System Theory, Control & Computing, 17-19 October 2014, Sinaia, Romania

ICSTCC 2014 aims at bringing together under a unique forum, scientists from academia, industry to discuss the state of the art, the new trends in system theory, control, computer engineering, and to present recent research results, prospects for development in this rapidly evolving area. ICSTCC 2014 is technically co-sponsored by IEEE Control Systems Society.

The Proceedings will be published in IEEE Xplore Digital Library and will also be submitted for indexing in Thomson Reuters Conference Proceedings Citation Index (formerly ISI Proceedings).

More... [www.ace.tuiasi.ro/icstcc2014/](http://www.ace.tuiasi.ro/icstcc2014/)

## 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/>

### Webinar: Key Concepts in Innovation to achieve SME success: a case study, 29 April 2014, 1 p.m - 2 p.m CEST

The webinar will be an opportunity to gain knowledge to customize and implement a systematic approach for innovation towards achieving new product/innovation success rates similar to those achieved by the SME in the case study.

More... abstract [http://insme.org/files/hamsa\\_thota\\_abstract](http://insme.org/files/hamsa_thota_abstract) ; Register sending an email to [academy@insme.it](mailto:academy@insme.it) ; [web page](#).

### Innovation Webinar and Workshop: Experience Economy, 13 May 2014, 8:00 to 5:00pm CST

Jim Gilmore will present a pecha-kucha talk describing the need for greater experience innovation to drive revenue growth for businesses and economic prosperity in society at large. After the short presentation, we'll open the floor for a discussion period for you to ask questions about the implications for your enterprise. Insights in Innovation, *Interactive Workshop*

More... Live Simulcast via [Webinar](#) and Live [Workshop](#)

### Seminar on SMEs Management & Development, 03-17 Sept 2014, Galilee International Management Institute, Israel

- **Participate** in eye-opening **study tours** that provide a first-hand look at Israel's achievements: Technological Incubators, Government Agencies, relevant NGOs and small businesses.
- **Exchange ideas** during intriguing discussions with participating international professionals
- Advance with innovative tools from skilled practitioners and **implement** them in your organization

The Institute Board will grant **Tuition Scholarships\*** to qualified candidates! We are also delighted to offer a special **Early Bird discount** to any applicant who completes the registration process prior **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**.

More... contact the Programme Director, Ms. Viktoria Palatin at: [vpalatin@galilcol.ac.il](mailto:vpalatin@galilcol.ac.il) and/or visit our [website](#).

### Course: Stoichiometric and Kinetic Modelling of Biochemical Networks, 6-10 October 2014, Larnaca, Cyprus

Modeling comprises a number of different tasks. Depending on the biological context, preliminary knowledge, availability of experimental data and other aspects, different approaches may be relevant for each task. This course will address the task of setting-up the models, show how an appropriate modeling approach can be chosen/introduce suitable tools. We will work with the software tools COPASI & FAME as these are open access. Students with different backgrounds are welcome!

More... <http://www.erasysapp.eu/index.php?index=81> ; [download flyer](#)



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