



Romanian Association for Technology Transfer and Innovation

12, Stefan cel Mare street, Craiova, Dolj county, Romania
tel: +40-251-412290; +40-251-412775; Fax: +40-251-418882;
e-mail: office@ipacv.ro; web site: www.arott.ipacv.ro

INNOREG

Newsletter

April 2011

Technology Transfer and Innovation

Events in technology transfer and innovation field



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. Do you want to participate at some events? Do you have technology profiles in the fields? Please contact office@ipacv.ro to support you.

April 2011

- 05 [SMOPYC 2011 International Show of public works, construction and mining machinery](#) Zaragoza (Spain)
- 05 [11th Venture Capital and Private Equity Forum](#) Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 06 [HANNOVER MESSE 2011: b2fair Tech Co-operation Days on Solutions & Tech for Future Mobilty](#) Hannover Germany)
- 06 [SIFER - railway brokerage](#) Lille (France)
- 07 [Brokerage Event within ENREG ENERGIA REGENERABILA@ 2011](#) Arad (Romania)
- 07 [Renewable Energy Usage in Malopolska Region and State of Thuringia](#) Cracow (Poland)
- 07 [Biomedica Matchmaking 2011](#) Eindhoven (Netherlands)
- 12 [NANOSCIENCE AND MICRO-NANOTECHNOLOGY BROKERAGE EVENT 2011](#) Bilbao (Spain)
- 12 [Brokerage Event @ Salone Internazionale del Mobile, 12-17 April 2011](#) Milan (Italy)
- 12 [Agrofood Innovation Days](#) Turin (Italy)
- 13 [BROKERAGE EVENT SINAVAL 2011](#) Bilbao (Spain)
- 14 [B2B Matchmaking – Automotive](#) Düsseldorf (Germany)
- 14 [CHEMIKA 2011](#) Szczecin (Poland)
- 14 [International Brokerage Event for the Construction Industry RESTA 2011](#) Vilnius (Lithuania)
- 15 [International Wine Brokerage Event 2011](#) Timisoara (Romania)
- 15 [Cleantech2011 B2B meetings](#) Fribourg (Switzerland)
- 20 [La Mêlée Numérique - the most important regional ICT trade show in France](#) Toulouse (France)
- 25 [ISEND 2011 EUROPE International Symposium and Exhibition on Natural Dyes FRANCE 25-30 April](#) La Rochelle (France)
- 27 [Individual Business Meetings during exhibition "Individual House Building 2011"](#) Klaipeda (Lithuania)
- 30 [Matchmaking at jazzahead! 2011](#) Bremen (Germany)

May 2011

- 03 [ISiCPEAW 2011, International SiC Power Electronics Application Workshop](#) Stockholm (Sweden)
- 03 [European Seafood Exposition - business partnering event](#) Brussels (Belgium)
- 05 [B2B@BalticFuture 2011 - Brokerage Event for Maritime Sector and Offshore Wind Energy](#) Hansemesse Rostock (Germany)
- 05 [Brokerage event PROECO 2011- recycling, waste management](#) Banska Bystrica (Slovakia)
- 05 [B2B @ M2M - Brokerage event in the machine to machine sector and virtual meetings in key applications](#) Milan (Italy)
- 05 [AGRO ARCA - Brokerage event](#) Visnjica (Slatina) (Croatia)
- 06 [Open Database Camp](#) Pula (Italy)
- 10 [IDEF 2011 Brokerage Event](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 10 [B2B @ TUTTOFOOD 2011](#) Milan (Italy)
- 11 [AUTOSTRADA-POLSKA 2011 Brokerage Event](#) Kielce (Poland)
- 11 [GENERA 2011 BROKERAGE EVENT](#) Madrid (Spain)
- 12 [Web X.0 - Company Mission in Web based technologies](#) Porto (Portugal)
- 12 [MoneyTalks@ Forum - Matchmaking and Networking event](#) Tampere (Finland)
- 16 [Pro'energy Technological & Business Meetings on renewable energies and sustainable construction](#) Perpignan (France)

- 16 [Low Carbon Transport Mission](#) Belgrade (Serbia)
- 18 ["Unlocking the Potential" - a regional b2b networking event](#) Valletta (Malta)
- 18 [Barcelona Motor Show - Brokerage Event](#) Barcelona (Spain)
- 18 [B2B matchmaking at waste to energy+recycling 2011](#) Bremen (Germany)
- 19 [Design of semiconductor components & electronic based miniaturised systems: EU-Russian R&D cooperation"](#) Ulyanovsk (Russian Federation)
- 23 [Update 2011](#) Helsingborg (Sweden)
- 25 [2nd EU-Russia Innovation Forum](#) Lappeenranta (Finland)
- 25 [Dem@t-Tech](#) Alençon / Normandy (France)
- 25 [Pro'hydro](#) Montpellier (France)
- 26 [Engineering 2011](#) Nitra (Slovakia)
- 30 [BETTER-PRACTICE-EXCHANGE 2011 – ENERGY](#) Potsdam (Germany)
- 31 [11. International Fair of Fish Processing and Fish Products](#) Gdansk (Poland)

June 2011

- 02 [VISIO 2011](#) Bibao (Spain)
- 03 [International matchmaking event "B2B GOLF"](#) Klaipeda (Lithuania)
- 08 [SEAGITAL : the international event on IT for sea](#) Le Havre (France)
- 09 [Brokerage Event on Solar Technology](#) Munich (Germany)
- 10 [Brokerage Event in REW Istanbul 2011](#) Istanbul (Turkey)
- 14 [Asia-EU Business Matchmaking and Networking 2011 Changsha](#) Changsha (China)
- 16 [Baltic Business Arena](#) Stockholm (Sweden)
- 17 [Health + eHealth 2011 Brokerage event](#) Rome (Italy)
- 28 [Transnational Brokerage event NMP/PPP 2012 calls](#) Strasbourg (France)
- 30 [World Nuclear and Radiation Expo Korea 2011 \(NURE 2011\)](#) Gyeonggi-do (Korea, Republic of)

September 2011

- 14 [Energy is Future 2011](#) Ankara (Turkey)
- 19 [ETNDT5 brokerage event](#) Ioannina (Greece)
- 19 [Brokerage Event at EMO 2011 in Hannover- Meet the World of Metalworking](#) Hannover (Germany)

October 2011

- 10 [ANUGA Matchmaking](#) Cologne (Germany)

November 2011

- 09 [HERVEX-Hydraulics, pneumatics, mechanics, dedicated electronic devices, mechatronics](#) Calimanesti (Romania)
- 10 [BATIMAT - Sustainable construction matchmaking event](#) Paris (France)
- 15 [WATEC Israel 2011](#) Tel Aviv (Israel)
- 18 [Philoxenia 2011:B2B Event in the Tourism Sector](#) Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 23 [Transnational Technology Transfer Day POLEKO 2011](#) Poznan (Poland)
- 24 [TECH INDUSTRY 2011](#) Riga (Latvia)

Useful links: [Enterprise Europe Network](#) [DG Enterprise](#) [EU-Services](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Your-Europe-Your-Business Cordis](#) <http://www.us-eu-match.com> [Executive-Agency-for-Competitiveness&Innovation-EACI](#) [EIM's Knowledge Web on SMEs & Entrepreneurship](#) [Access2Finance - EU-Finance for SMEs](#) [EU's Information Society: Thematic Portal](#) [Your Europe - Citizens portal](#) [EU law](#)

[Presentation of the Enterprise Europe Network](#) [What is a Network Partner?](#) [Find your local Enterprise Europe Network partner](#) [You are looking for a Commercial or Technology partnership ?](#)

TII annual conference *Innovation, Prosperity, Quality of Life, Russia, Nizhny Novgorod, 26-28 May 2011*

The conference start on 26 May with a programme of visits to leading S&T organisations in the region, followed by one-and-a-half days of conference presentations, concluding with a sightseeing tour of the Volga on the afternoon of 28 May. Guidelines and suggestions of topics can be found on the conference website. The programme will consist of a balanced line-up of Russian and EU speakers, the language of the conference being English.

The TII conference offers an ideal opportunity to connect with our leading international community of technology transfer and innovation support professionals. **The conference fee** (EUR 500) **includes a 12-month trial membership** which gives you access to information & networking services, additional benefits, discounts on other events during the year.

More... www.tii-conference2011.org

6th European Inventor Award 2011, Budapest, 19 May 2011

[About the Award](#) Find out about the categories, the jury and the award itself. We will celebrate the spirit of invention with the presentation of Europe's highest distinction for inventors.

The ceremony will take place at the historic Academy of Sciences building. Given the cooperation with the rotating EU Council Presidency, the award ceremony takes place in the country that holds the Presidency. Therefore, the award has

been held in cities throughout Europe including Madrid, Prague, Ljubljana, Munich, Brussels. The event is organised by the European Patent Office in co-operation with the Hungarian EU Council Presidency, the European Commission and Hungarian Intellectual Property Office.

More... <http://www.epo.org/news-issues/european-inventor/event.html> ; [Registration is now open](#)

Brokerage Event, Strasbourg, France, 28 June 2011

The objectives are to allow the participants to meet potential partners and to exchange on their projects. Round tables, B2B meetings and meeting with NCPs will be organized for this purpose. An individual meeting programme will be sent in advance to the participants. Participation is free of charge. The event will cover the following topics:

- NMP topics: nanosciences and nanotechnologies, materials, new production and integration
 - Transport, Energy, Environment, ICT, NMP - PPP topics : factory of future, efficient energy buildings, green cars.
- A NCP stand, involving NCP Networks (NMPTeam, ETNA, Ideal-Ist,...) and EEN Network will be set up, in order to answer to participants' requests, promote the activities of these Networks

More... <http://www.eurosfaire.prd.fr/7pc/manifestations/280611-form-nmp.php>

fet European Future Technologies Conference & Exhibition, Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 May 2011

The [European Future Technologies Conference and Exhibition 2011](#) is the second part of a unique EU forum on visionary, high-risk, long-term research in information science/technology. The event, which features an broad range of scientific fields, will sow the seeds for new ideas across disciplines that will reshape the future.

fet¹¹ is organised by the [EC FET program](#) and will take place under the auspices of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU.

- Check the latest [Programme](#) now available online
- Attend the launch of the FET-Flagship Pilots by Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the European Commission
- Experiment the latest [technologies](#) fresh out of the labs: observe swarm behaviour of flying robots, experience brain controlled artefacts, dive into the internet, and more
- Join Young Researchers in the lively [Science Café](#) discussions and listen to the 20x20 Ignite Talks
- Do not miss the electrifying Closing Performance mixing science, technology and art.
- **fet¹¹** features seven visionary keynotes, 30 multi-disciplinary scientific sessions, 28 interactive and exciting exhibitions and demonstrations, 100 posters that will give you a 360° view on Future and Emerging Technologies.
- Do you have a creative idea concerning research on future and emerging technologies that you want to share at the conference Science Café? The [Call for 20x20 Ignite Talks](#) is open till 25th of March!

More... <http://www.fet11.eu/> ; [Register](#)

ICT 2011 Proposers' Day, Budapest, 19-20 May 2011

The event is dedicated to networking and partnership building for ICT Calls 8 & 9 of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission (FP7), offering more than one billion Euros of EU funding. Thematic sessions on the Work Programme 2011-12 on [ICT research](#) with presentations of proposal ideas, meeting points animated by Commission officials and information stands will help you form project consortia and gather information.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ictproposersday/2011/register/index_en.htm

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy - International b2b Exhibition & Congress for South East Europe, 13-15 April 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria

The South East European Congress and Exhibition on EE & RES is a unique business event for the Region of the Balkans, which acts as a platform for new contacts and latest information in the sector. Becoming part of it, you'll be able to find new supplier and expand your business. Over 200 exhibitors from 24 countries will present innovative technologies and services. Parallel event is the International Conference and Exhibition on waste management and recycling.

More... http://www2.viaexpo.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30&Itemid=40&lang=en

EU Sustainable Energy Week , 12 April 2011 - 14 April 2011 Brussels, Belgium

The EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) is organised by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness & Innovation (EACI) on behalf of the EC's DG for Energy. 443 Energy Days across Europe, 133 events are organised in the heart of Brussels around the theme of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources in EU. Like in the past years the Information Society and Media Directorate General of the European Commission contributes to the EU Sustainable Energy Week to raise visibility on the key role played by ICT in the Energy Efficiency field. A number of ICT for Energy Efficiency related conferences will take place in Brussels. Registration is required, the number of seats is limited (closing date 7 April).

More... <http://www.eusew.eu/> ; [Further information on the recommended sessions and direct links to registration pages](#)

Technology transfer services / All reasonable models of co-operation will be considered

You are an inventor, do you have technology to transfer, do you have new products, technology based on innovations to offer; do you need news technologies, do you need technical assistance in technology transfer...

Please contact IPA CIFATT Craiova, e_mail: office@ipacv.ro ; web site: www.ipacv.ro.

SMEs

Business Offers

[UK225410-01-20110311012](#)

A UK SME specialising in the development and production of condition monitoring solutions for large turbines, used in the

power generation industry (coal, oil, gas-fired, nuclear and hydro) is seeking to cooperate on a joint venture basis with partners in France and Netherlands to grow new business.

[GR150233-10-20110311019](#)

Greek company specialized in software solutions requests trade intermediary services. Also seeks partner for joint venture agreement.

[LV150340-01-20110308004](#)

A Latvian company whose main activity is making natural and handmade bijouterie is looking for trade intermediaries.

[UK225410-01-20110308013](#)

This UK company is a brand leader for online shelving, racking and storage equipment and is looking for agents and resellers across Europe.

[SK150236-02-20110308019](#)

A Slovak company dealing with production of polyurethane parts for the automotive and dental industry is looking for subcontracting partner.

Business Request

[DE150080-01-20110228004](#)

A German company, designing creative avant-garde jewellery and luminaries and offering training to improve creative processes in companies is looking for reliable trade partners in Europe.

[IT150360-03-20110225021](#)

An Italian company in the consultant sector wants to expand its consultancy activities in the field of change management to an international market, so it is interested in joint venture and offers subcontracting/ outsourcing activities.

[PL150282-08-20110223014](#)

A company from Western Poland specialised and experienced in CAD drafting and design as well as engineering services offers its services as a subcontractor for joint bigger projects.

[ES150205-04-20110222007](#)

Catalan company (Spain) specialized in manufacture of charging stations for mobile phones with digital signage solutions as an integrated part of their service is looking for distributors and franchise agreements in Romania, Sweden, Germany, Portugal, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Turkey, Russia, Czech Republic, Austria, Bulgaria and Croatia.

Technology Offers

[Technology for producing recombinant proteins in the expression system based on the Lemnaceae family](#)

A Russian Research Institute from Moscow region offers a technology for producing recombinant proteins in the expression system based on the plant family Lemnaceae. These organisms are characterized by a high protein content and biomass growth rate, which makes them convenient producers of target proteins.

[Precise long-term bonding of optical with mechanical components by low-level expenses](#)

A German SME is providing special mounting and assembly technology including the related mechanical equipment for the positioning and fixing of optical components. Smaller and middle amounts of pieces of optical components can be bond together into mechanical holders - economically and stress-relieved.

[Automatic Storage System-Wardrobe](#)

A small company from southern Poland has developed an Automatic Wardrobe system. This fully automatic system was developed to optimally use space to minimize costs and be time efficient.

[Software for Gas and Electricity Distribution Infrastructure](#)

A Turkish ICT company, with deep experience in gas and electricity distribution network projects, has developed software for supplying infrastructure to mentioned networks. The offered software supplies solutions for the projection of gas networks in terms of calculation and design as well as the management of the network.

[Metalorganic system for encapsulation and controlled release of fertilizers and agrochemicals](#)

Two Spanish public research organizations have developed a new system for encapsulation and controlled release of compounds based on metal-organic micro/nanoparticles that offer unique properties distinct from those of existing systems. This multifunctional system, highly reproducible and suitable for industrial scale-up has a great interest for encapsulate and controlled release of agrochemicals and fertilizers.

[Technology to accelerate creation of new varieties of organisms](#)

A French company offers licensing opportunities of its technology which accelerates the creation of new varieties of organisms that would not be considered GMOs: plants, mammals and other eukaryotic organisms). Different cooperations would be considered.

Technology Request

[Fruit and Vegetable Wash Water Purification](#)

A large US company is looking for proposals for treating wash water from fruit and vegetable preparation. Interest ranges

from leading edge technology to proven solutions and business acquisition.

In situ measuring of condition and hardness of sub sea bolts

A major oil company is looking for a reliable method to measure the condition and hardness of bolts which are used in installations located on the seabed. Hydrogen induced stress cracking (HISC) is a phenomenon which may occur under certain conditions.

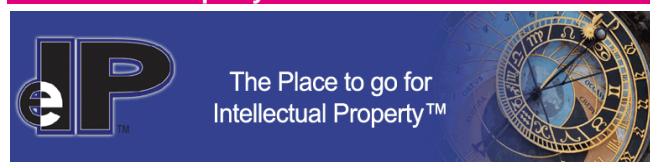
Electrochemical technologies for industrial wastewater treatments.

A Spanish SME is looking for innovative electrochemical technologies (e.g.

Online video editing solution

A French company, which specializes in rich media products and services for Web/Mobile 2.0 has developed an innovative technology providing a feature-rich Online Video Editing functionality to websites, businesses and users.

Intellectual Property



The main elements of a licensing agreement ... [more](#)
The contractual agreements for the transfer of technology... [more](#)
When I protect information as a trade secret?. [more](#)
I develop a trade secret strategy for my business... [more](#)
What are trade secrets?... [more](#)

26th April 2011, [World Intellectual Property Day "Designing the Future"](#), Worldwide
[More...](#) <http://www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2011/>

Research / Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Regional policy awards: 31 finalists vie for title of Europe's most innovative regional projects

The EC's "RegioStars" annual awards highlight the most innovative projects which have been supported by EU Regional Policy. The 2011 competition has entered its final stages, with the 66 projects submitted by 18 Member States now whittled down to a shortlist of 31 projects. The winners will be unveiled at a ceremony in Brussels on 23 June in the presence of the Commissioner for Regional Policy, Johannes Hahn & the President of the RegioStars Jury, Ann Mettler, executive director of the Brussels based think tank Lisbon Council. Selected projects include a variety of interregional, cross border cooperations between up to 6 EU countries, including Norway and the Faroe Islands.

The winners' prizes consist of crystal trophies representing a star as well as a project video, which may be used by the region and the project owners in promoting their project. Further information on eligibility criteria and members of the Jury can be found on the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/info/region/innovation/regiostars_en.htm.

Any interested European regions can apply for the [2012 RegioStars Awards](#).

The call for nominees is already open with a deadline of 15 July 2011.

[More...](#) http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/doc/regiostars/2011/regiostars2011.pdf

European Cluster Excellence Initiative (ECEI)

Launched in September 2009 by the European Commission, **Cluster-Excellence.eu**- the European Cluster Excellence Initiative- puts together the most experienced persons and organisations in Europe to identify and set up a meaningful set of quality indicators and peer-assessment procedures for cluster management. The intention is to develop training materials and set up an **approach for quality labelling of cluster management**, in order to help cluster managers achieve high levels of excellence in their duties and to succeed in the **peer-assessments**.

[More...](#) [here](#) ; Download the Cluster-Excellence.eu Project Flyer [here](#)

UNESCO Science Report 2010

UNESCO Science Report 2010, analyses the trends and developments that have shaped scientific research, innovation and higher education over the past five years, including the impact of the current global economic recession, which has hit the Triad (notably Europe, Japan and the USA) harder than either Brazil, China or India.

[More...](#) <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0018/001899/189958e.pdf>

Open Innovation Portal

[Open Innovation Portal](#) is as an informational resource for consultants, business leaders, academics and others who have a deep interest in open innovation matters. Created by Mr. Henry Chesbrough, Executive Director of the Center for Open Innovation, this forum is intended to be a digital community where theory is put into practice. The contribution of passionate opinions, the sharing of best practices is encouraged along with reactions related to news events.

[More...](#) <http://www.openinnovation.net/category/open-innovation/>

Partner Search

INTERREG – from Local Development Agency at the Getafe City Council, Priority 1 Entrepreneurship and SMEs

The role of women in the economy has been growing in the last years, and nowadays they keep a big share of the job market, variable and still lower in many cases than the men's share, but anyway relevant. However, the number of women in management positions, either at their own enterprise or as a part of the professional management structure of a company, is still much lower than it ought to be according to their share of the job market, but also to the number of women with the skills and education required to hold a managerial job. This situation brings:

- professional and personal frustration to the collective of women qualified to manage their own or others' companies but excluded from this role
- a loss of competitiveness for the economy that cannot benefit from the skills of the women's collective and from the advantages that diversity brings to the management teams
- a loss for the society that has invested in the education of women professionals and finds there is no return for this investment
- an imbalance for family economies where the women's share in the family income is the lowest, leading to financial hardship when the remaining family members lose their jobs

The goal of the project is to create the right conditions for women to reach management positions in local companies through 2 complementary ways: entrepreneurship & promotion. Relevant policy areas will be studied in-depth, including:

- Conciliation
- Qualification
- Awareness creation & motivation
- Professional practices & Training
- Entrepreneurship support
- Equal opportunity planning

The development of the project includes the following sub-objectives:

- Joint development of a methodology to describe and benchmark good practices in local policies related to gender perspective in company management
- Identification and analysis of the success factors of the different policies
- Design of a toolkit of measures to promote women to management positions through entrepreneurship or promotion
- Knowledge and experience sharing between involved parties and stakeholders at the different partner sites
- Design of implementation plans at the partners' sites detailing the steps needed and the decisions required to put into practice local policies and upgrade them into a regional environment.

Wide dissemination of the project's activities and results within and beyond the partner's consortium.

Contact: Silvia Fuertes, e-mail: sfuertes@ideln.net

IGLO partnership request: Turkey European Care Network EUREKA Medical Devices

In the framework of the **EUREKA** Programme, ECN is looking for partners who could participate in a **medical** project. The project envisions measuring heart sounds by means of a wearable vest (Project working title: Wearable cardiac diagnosis tool with clinical decision support system).

Contact: Mr Gerben Wedekind, European Advisor, TuR&Bo – ppp, Turkish Research & Business Organizations, Tel: +32 2 791 76 97, Fax : +32 2 791 79 00, E-mail: info@turboppp.org

Ideal-ist is open for ongoing and approaching Calls!

Ideal-ist supports the ongoing calls for ICT PSP and SME initiative on Digital Content and Languages and has already opened its online partner search tool for approaching Calls related to the ICT topics in the new ICT Work Programme 2011-2012 such as Call 8 and 9, 2012 PPP Calls and FET Open Calls.

Submit your partner search on <http://www.ideal-ist.net/partner-search>

CIVITAS Search for a Leading City

A Consortium is preparing a proposal for the CIVITAS demonstration topic "SST.2011.3.4-1. Design, implement and test innovative strategies for sustainable urban transport". In this context, they are looking for **a leading city to participate**.

Contact: mark@westonvella.com.

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Romania - Israel Call for Proposals for Joint R&D Projects

Romania and Israel are announcing the 2nd [Call for Proposals](#) for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products, applications in all technological & application areas. Applicants are expected to develop ready to market solutions or projects which have strong market potential for Romania, Israel, EU. Deadline: 15 May 2011

This call invites projects in ALL thematic areas, special focus is given to the following domains: 1. Life sciences and Health ; 2. Agriculture and Food ; 3. Energy, Water and Environment; 4. ICT and HLS

MATIMOP & ANCS will support joint R&D projects involving parties from both countries. The program is managed in cooperation and in line with the procedures of Eureka and Eurostars innovation programs (www.eureka.be, www.eurostars-eureka.eu). The relevant national funding authorities will provide support to the approved projects.

EUREKA EUROSTARS

7th Eurostars Cut-off: 22 September 2011 ; 8th Eurostars Cut-off: 01 March 2012. EUREKA's Eurostars Programme is the 1st European funding & support programme to be specifically dedicated to SMEs. Eurostars will stimulate them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding.

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

Study on the future of EU technology providers in the global telecommunications market - SMART 2011/0042

Deadline: 12/05/2011. This study aims at achieving two interrelated objectives. The first objective is to provide a detailed qualitative and quantitative analysis of the ongoing trends of the worldwide telecommunications infrastructure market regarding the restructuring of the sector supply and value chains, as well as the evolution of the demand. The analysis of the supply and value chains should encompass the equipment and service components level, and take into account the whole telecommunications network ecosystem. The increasing importance of the integration of technological innovations in order to deliver new systems and new types of services should also be considered. As a second objective, with a view

to contributing to EU innovation policies, the study should then strive to identify technical R&D challenges that European technology providers should take up in priority, in order to develop or preserve a competitive advantage thanks to innovation. To this end, a comparative analysis of current R&D strategies adopted by main international competitors of the EU in the telecommunications sector should be undertaken.

More... http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/future-networks/tenders_en.html ; Contact: info-d1@ec.europa.eu

The Universal Biotech Innovation Grant 2011

Organised by the Universal Medica Group/its partners, the grant aims to acknowledge innovative talent, the development of new processes or products in the biotechnology industries sector, allow those pro-active in the French & EU biotech industries to be brought together around a common objective - excellence in the technical innovation, the development of bio-industries. **Participants: EU Young Innovative Company or a European research team member or individual.**

The Grant will be up to **100.000,00 Euros** (to be shared between 2 finalists according to the Jury's final decision and will be completed by one year free of charges consulting services by Universal Medica Group), **Deadline** May 31st 2011, Submission of full application forms: June 1st-15th 2011

Read more about the 2011 Universal Biotech Innovation Grant [here](#)

Extension of the European Cluster Observatory (Phase three)

Objective: to better help EU Member States and regions in designing strategies to develop new, globally competitive advantages in "emerging industries" through clusters, and in this way strengthen the role of cluster policies in the rejuvenation of Europe's industry as part of the Europe 2020 Strategy. **Work Packages:** shall cover the following 3 tasks:

- WP 1: Establishment and management of a European Cluster Cooperation Forum
- WP 2: Case studies on cluster-specific framework conditions for world-class clusters in emerging industries
- WP 3: Preparation of a European Cluster Excellence Scoreboard

Total Budget: 1.000.000,00 EUR (Excluding VAT); **Deadline** for submission of tenders: **April 19th, 2011**

Download the tender specifications [here](#) ; Extension of the European Cluster Observatory (Phase three) [here](#)

Policy

You name it! The race is on to name the new EU Research and Innovation Programme

Researchers, engineers, entrepreneurs, innovators, students and other creative individuals have until 10 May to suggest a relevant, appealing and catchy name for the new EU research and innovation programme which will be introduced post-2013. The competition launched by the European Commission today is linked to the ongoing stakeholder consultation on the Commission's Green Paper on the new programme, which will be at the core of the Innovation Union initiative and of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The Commission is proposing a smarter way to support researchers and innovators in EU - so as to further boost excellence and to help ensure that good ideas reach the market, generate sustainable economic growth and new jobs. The new programme will be based around a "Common Strategic Framework" with different types of funding brought together in a coherent and flexible manner. This will make it possible to better align research funding to addressing global challenges and to making a central contribution to the EU's overall Europe 2020 strategy. Needless red tape will be cut out and participation made simpler. The Commission is looking for a new name, enlisting the help of distinguished judges to draw up a shortlist of possibilities from the suggestions received. Those will then be put to an online vote.

More... <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/371&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

US: White House Releases New Strategy for American Innovation

The [White House](#) recently released "A Strategy for American Innovation: Securing Our Economic Growth and Prosperity," which outlines the importance of investing in innovation to make the U.S. economy grow, create new jobs and cope with the economic crisis. Furthermore, within the new Startup America campaign under President Obama a new initiative has been launched: the **Startup America Partnership**.

Founded by the [Kauffman Foundation](#) & [The Case Foundation](#), this is an alliance of US most innovative entrepreneurs, corporations, foundations, private sector leaders working to increase the success of high-growth enterprises in the US.

More... <http://www.startupamericapartnership.org/>; Download the report: www.whitehouse.gov/innovation

Companies turn to eco-innovation to tackle rising input costs and scarcity of materials

The competitiveness of European businesses is increasingly vulnerable to growing materials scarcity which causes price volatility. A new Eurobarometer survey shows that 75% of European businesses have experienced an increase in material costs in the past five years, while 90% expect price increases in the future. To tackle this challenge, SMEs are looking to eco-innovation as their answer. However, many businesses are still not fully aware of the potential effects of natural resource scarcity on their future operations.

[Read more ...](#)

European corporate tax base: making business easier and cheaper

The European Commission has proposed on 16 March 2011 a common system for calculating the tax base of businesses operating in the EU. The aim of this proposal is to significantly reduce the administrative burden, compliance costs and legal uncertainties that businesses in the EU currently face in having to comply with up to 27 different national systems for determining their taxable profits.

[Read more ...](#)

12 nominees compete to be Europe's most entrepreneurial region

This year's EU Enterprise Awards' nominees help people create businesses whether they are young/over 50, urban/ rural, local/export oriented. Many of them have managed to drive social change through entrepreneurship by giving opportunities to disadvantaged groups such as immigrants, the disabled and even unskilled problem youth. The awards aim to recognise and reward the best entrepreneurial initiatives by public authorities at national, regional/local level to make Europe more entrepreneurial and business-friendly.

[Read more ...](#)

Events

Genomica: Workshop on Neuroscience Communication, 20-22 June 2011, Trieste, Italy

The workshop is mainly intended for neuroscientists and clinicians working on bid scientific areas -brain imaging, brain devices, predictive medicine in brain science-, but applications are also welcome from researchers interested in the social, ethical and legal implications of these technologies. Ideal candidates will be young researchers and principal investigators with at least four years of research experience. Participation to the workshop is free.

[More... www.neuromedia.eu](#)

2nd Symposium Small PV-Applications; Rural Electrification & Commercial Use, 6-7 June 2011, Ulm, Germany

In the forefront of the INTERSOLAR Munich, Germany. Deadline reduced conference fee: April 15th, 2011. Topics:

- Rural Electrification – Experience from Cutting Edge Projects
- Market Development, Financing, Distribution
- Photovoltaic Systems for Rural Electrification & Infrastructure
- Components/Storage, Pico Photovoltaics

[More... http://www.otti.de/pdf/pva3488.pdf](http://www.otti.de/pdf/pva3488.pdf)

15th International Symposium on Electromagnetic field in Mechatronics, Electrical & Electronic Engineering ISEF2011, Funchal-Madeira, Portugal, 1-3 September 2011

ISEF2011 is jointly organized by A.P.D.E.E.- Portuguese Association for the Development of Electrical Engineering / University of Coimbra, Portugal, Institute of Mechatronics & Information Systems / Technical University of Lodz, Poland. Selected papers presented at the Symposium, following a reviewing process, will be published in the post-conference issues (COMPEL and Electrical Review Journals, monographs by Springer & IOS Press).

[More... www.apdee.org/conferences/isef2011](http://www.apdee.org/conferences/isef2011)

Supporting and Sustaining Competitive Research in Europe, Braganca, Spain, 22-24 June 2011

The main aim of this conference is to provide an international forum, counting with experts in different fields and disciplines from more than 20 countries who will present and discuss the latest developments in the research management and administration. EARMA aims to be a social platform, a great opportunity for networking, which makes this experience more interesting for its international and multicultural atmosphere. NEXT to the structural elements of the Conference as the EARMA General Assembly, EARMA-NCURA fellowships programme and the EARMA Policy Forum we hope to present exiting programmes that covers the three main tracks of our profession

[More... http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=201102141211](http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=201102141211)

Workshop "Towards a Future Internet - Interrelation between Technological, Social & Economic Trends" - Impacts on the European Digital Agenda, 4 April 2011 Brussels, Belgium

The purpose of this workshop is to take stock from the findings of a 20-months study carried out by the Oxford Internet Institute for the European Commission. The study aims at understanding the interrelations between technological, social and economic aspects of the Future Internet. The conclusions of the study will be presented and discussed in the context of the Digital Agenda for Europe. In particular the workshop will look at how these conclusions could help to shape the next ICT workprogramme and overall research priorities.

[More... http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fire/docs/agenda-04-apr-2011.pdf](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fire/docs/agenda-04-apr-2011.pdf)

Conference on the future of the Audiovisual Industry, 19 April 2011 - 20 April 2011 Budapest, Hungary

The overall aim of the event is to provide a forum for discussions about key elements of the online content industry's competitiveness, such as copyright, business models and social and cultural aspects, including archives in the digital era, by bringing together decision-makers and stakeholders. Finding the right balance between increasing market competition and sustaining cultural diversity shall be in the focus of the event. The conference also provides an outstanding opportunity to present challenges related to social issues: accessibility to digital content (citizens) and the increase of the number of digitally literate people with the help of audiovisual tools.

[More... http://www.eu2011.hu/event/conference-future-audiovisual-industry](http://www.eu2011.hu/event/conference-future-audiovisual-industry)

- 18th April 2011, [4th International Business Partnership Matchmaking Forum "Russia-Europe: Cooperation without Frontiers"](#), MEA-Moscow Entrepreneurs Association, Moscow, Russia
- 2nd -4th May 2011, [2011 Open Innovation Leadership Summit](#), NineSigma, Arlington, Virginia, USA
- 3rd -4th May 2011, [Turning IP knowledge into profit](#), EU Patent Academy, ip4inno, Vienna, Austria
- 5th -7th May 2011, [4th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Regional Development "From Entrepreneurial Learning to Innovations & Regional Development"](#), National Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurial Learning, Ohrid, Macedonia
- 7th - 14th May 2011, [Innovation Festival Vilnius: "Collaboration & Open Innovation"](#), EC, PRO INNO Europe Initiative, Vilnius, Lithuania

- 10th-11th May 2011, [EBAN Institute Pre-event workshops for BAN & Seed Fund Managers](#), Lewiatan Business Angels, Warsaw, Poland
- 12th -13th May 2011, [EBAN 11th Annual Congress and 6th Award Ceremony](#) "Syndication and Co-investment: Partnerships and Vision for the Future", Organised by EBAN - the European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and other Early Stage Market Players (INSME Member), Warsaw, Poland
- 17th-18th May 2011, [Building and defending IP value](#), European Patent Academy within ip4inno, Berlin, Germany
- 18th-19th May 2011, [ICIC 2011-International Conference on Innovation Clusters: "The Innovation Cluster in an Era of Convergence and Open Innovation"](#), Ministry of Knowledge Economy & the Korea Innovation Cluster Foundation (KICF), Daejeon, Korea
- 23rd -26th May 2011, [7th INSME Annual Meeting on "Competitiveness, Culture and Cross-Border Co-operation" - Assisting SMEs to Grow, Innovate and Reach International Markets](#), Organised by the INSME Secretariat in collaboration with EPROCA (European ProClusters Association), Helsinki, Finland
- 24th -25th May 2011, [SBA Conference "Mobilising SMEs for the Future of Europe"](#), Hosted by the Hungarian Presidency of the EU, Gödöllő, Hungary
- 25th -26th May 2011, [2nd EU Russia Innovation Forum](#), University and City of Lappeenranta, Lappeenranta, Finland
- 25th-26th May 2011, [IP in business practice](#), EU Patent Academy within the framework of ip4inno, Munich, Germany
- 26th May 2011, [International Training Programme on "Access to research and innovation for SMEs: challenges and tools"](#), Organised by the INSME Association, Helsinki, Finland
- 26th May 2011, [International Training Programme on "Increasing global competitiveness of SMEs: tips and tools"](#), Organised by EPROCA- the European ProClusters Association (INSME Member), Helsinki, Finland
- 30th May -3rd June 2011, [4th Global Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship](#), infoDev, the Finnish Government, Helsinki, Finland
- 23rd -24th June 2011, [Regions for Economic Change Conference "Exchanging good practice between Europe's regions"-Annual Conference "Fostering Smart & Sustainable Growth in Cities& Regions"](#), EC, Brussels, Belgium

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

Smart Sensors Systems	11-14.04.2001	Delft (NE)
Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits	14.04.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Electron Microscopy: recent progress in methodologies and new applications	28.04.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Polymer Microfabrication (2 days)	03-04.05.2011	Karlsruhe (DE)
Smart Textiles	18.04.2011	Belgium
Virtuoso AMS Designer V9.2	19/27.04.2011	Fr / De
Electron Microscopy: New Applications in Micro and Nanotechnology	28.04.2011	Switzerland
Advanced Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC-v7.2	03.05.2011	France
New Trends in Nano-Electronics	05.05.2011	Switzerland
Surface Analysis with AFM	06.05.2011	Germany
Extended Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v9.1	06.05.2011	France
Nano - Engineering	09.05.2011	Switzerland
Cantilever based Sensors for Nanoscience	10.05.2011	Germany
Analog Modeling with Verilog -A v7.2	11.05.2011	Germany
Virtuoso Spectre Circuit Simulator	16.05.2011	Germany
Behavioral Modeling with Verilog-AMS V2.3	18.05.2011	UK/ Sweden
Advanced Digital Physical Implementation flow - IDESA	23.05.2011	Spain
Laser Micromachining	25.05.2011	Austria
Formal Analysis Advanced With Incisive Formal Verifier	25.05.2011	Germany
Photon Detection and Counting Techniques	27.05.2011	Switzerland
Wafer Bonding	16.06.2011	Zurich (CH)

More... <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; More FSRM courses

GK SOCLIFE - Scholarships

SOCLIFE is an interdisciplinary Research Training Group at the University of Cologne which offers, a structured doctoral program at the Faculty of Management, Economics & Social Sciences. It is sponsored as a prestigious Research Training Group by the German Research Foundation. Recently, the SOCLIFE board consists of 14 active professors from the faculty. They have the task of advising/deciding on SOCLIFE activities, supervising SOCLIFE PhD students.

The Research Training Group SOCLIFE regularly offers scholarships for prospective doctoral students in the social and economic sciences. It is sponsored as a prestigious "Graduiertenkolleg" (Research Training Group) by the German Research Foundation. Selected students will be funded with a scholarship of €1,103 per month for 3 years and provided with travel grants for the visiting of conferences, summer schools etc.

More... <http://studentexpert.blogspot.com/2011/03/gk-socliffe-scholarships.html>

EU Workshop: Measuring Tools and Evaluation Techniques for EU Funds, 20–21 June 2011, Berlin

Our experts will lead this interactive workshop and work together with you on the following subjects:

- Toolkit consisting of different types of indicators best suited for your project

- Techniques for setting measurable goals and good quality indicators
- Counterfactual impact evaluation and its practical use
- Cost-benefit analysis and alternative approaches

More... Please [click here](#) to find detailed information! For direct online registration please [click here](#).

EC: Financing Eco-innovation Final Report

The objective of the study is to gain a better **understanding of financing issues faced by eco-innovative SMEs** in their early stages, as well as those faced by their investors, in order to allow an improved design of instruments in support for eco-innovation at the European and national levels (particularly in light of the new financial framework after 2013).

The Financing Eco-innovation Final Report was carried out by EIM (<http://english.eim.nl/>), the Oxford Research for the European Commission- DG Environment.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/published_files/0211_final_report_eco_innovation.pdf

Using EU Research & Development Funds - Programmes & Projects, 4-5 July 2011, Maastricht

This 2-day seminar guides participants into the mechanisms that govern EU funded research and innovation. It reviews all the budget streams (FP 7, CIP, EIB), explains how to present and implement research projects, to manage consortia, clear IPR issues, to improve transfer to SME. It also analyses particular issues such as (i) the interaction with Structural funds programming, the assistance from JASPERS, (ii) the State Aid issues which are related to research. It compares different experiences from Members States at national as well as regional and local levels.

More... [Website](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Programme and information](#)

Delivering Better SME and Enterprise Support through EU Programmes, 7-8 July 2011, Maastricht

European enterprises and SMEs play an important role in promoting growth, reinforcing competitiveness and boosting employment; Europe must therefore develop a more entrepreneur-friendly environment and better SME support programmes. Indeed, business competitiveness can only be enhanced if action is taken in a vast number of policy fields: efforts towards implementing the Small Business Act, the SME Performance Review; plans to develop appropriate business support services; efforts to cut red tape; and effective EU programmes to support SME development. This two-day seminar will provide participants with a better understanding of the opportunities and the funding programmes Europe offers for business, as well as the importance of SME development for policy makers, public administrations, whose task it is to set the right framework for enterprises.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)

Supporting the Programme Monitoring Committees in EU Structural Funds, 9-10 June 2011, Maastricht

The aim of this seminar is to examine the functioning of Programme Monitoring Committees and to improve their crucial role in delivery of the Structural Funds for 2007-2013. Key elements of the seminar include: how to ensure quality and efficiency of Operational Programmes; how to improve decision-making on project approval, in particular on project selection criteria; how to enhance assessment, monitoring and remedial actions; how to link up with regional and thematic sub-committees; and how to improve the general functioning, the composition and partnership with socio economic actors, civil society within Programme Monitoring Committees.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)

EU on the Internet, finding your way through the Information Jungle, 20-21 June & 10-11 October 2011 Maastricht

This two-day course provides participants with a comprehensive, structured guide to a wide-range of free and commercial internet resources dealing with EU issues. The working sessions allow participants to improve/update their knowledge of EU information sources. This course will offer demonstrations of the most useful websites/databases, combined with ample opportunities for participants to develop hands-on expertise by exploring the websites themselves in order to find targeted information. At the end of the training course, the participants will have:

- a good knowledge of the key EU information sources and search techniques;
- practical experience in using the main EU and non-EU websites and databases;
- a toolbox for finding EU targeted information.

More... [Programme](#) | [Online registration](#) | [Complete information package](#)

Romanian Association for Technology Transfer and Innovation

12, Stefan cel Mare street, Craiova, Dolj county, Romania;
phone: +40-251-412290; +40-251-412775; fax: +40-251-418882;

e-mail: office@ipacv.ro; web site: www.arott.ipacv.ro