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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.

February 2012

- 02 [Energy-efficient Construction](#) Graz (Austria)
- 07 [CERAMICA INNOVA: III Technology–Business Brokerage Event](#) Valencia (Spain)
- 10 [FOODREX Brokerage Event](#) Belgrade (Serbia)
- 23 [BIOINTERFACES 2012](#) Erfurt (Germany)
- 23 [BLACK SEA FORUM: INCREASING TRADE AND INVESTMENT TO REACH GROWTH](#) Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 24 [International Wine Brokerage Event 2012](#) Belgrade (Serbia)
- 27 [Mobile World Congress Brokerage Event 2012](#) Barcelona (Spain)
- 28 [Trade Mission to Poland \(Warsaw\)](#) Warsaw (Poland)
- 29 [III Business Meetings on Environment and Energy](#) Valencia (Spain)

March 2012

- 01 [expoEnergy 2012 - Brokerage Event](#) Wels (Austria)
- 01 [Brokerage event at IPACK IMA in the field of packaging](#) Milan (Italy)
- 06 [ENEX 2011 - Matchmaking event](#) Kielce (Poland)
- 06 [CeBIT Future Match 2012](#) Hannover, fairground (Germany)
- 08 [Successful R&D in Europe - 4th European Networking Event](#) Düsseldorf (Germany)
- 13 [CFIA RENNES 2012](#) RENNES (France)
- 21 [Ecobuild Matchmaking event - 21 March 2012](#) London (United Kingdom)
- 26 [Nanolsrael 2012](#) Tel-Aviv (Israel)
- 27 [Nano Update 2012](#) Helsingborg (Sweden)
- 28 [ANUGA Foodtec 2012 workshops and brokerage event](#) Cologne (Germany)
- 28 [LAVAL VIRTUAL 2012: International Networking Day](#) LAVAL (France)
- 28 [Company Mission - Sustainable Construction in Germany](#) Stuttgart (Germany)
- 29 [Smart Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Power](#) Birmingham (United Kingdom)

April 2012

- 24 [Hannover Messe: Technology Cooperation Days on Energy Efficient Factories & Industrial Production](#) Hannover, Germany
- 24 [European Seafood Exposition - Partnering Brokerage Event 2012](#) Brussels (Belgium)

May 2012

- 08 [Brokerage Event @ Technology Exhibitions Week](#) Milan (Italy)

June 2012

- 06 [Innovat&Match2012](#) Bologna (Italy)

Useful links

[Enterprise Europe Network](#) [DG Enterprise](#) [EU-Services](#) [Portal-for-SMEs](#) [Your-Europe-Your-Business](#) [Cordis](#) [US-EU-match](#) [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](#)

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14th CeBIT Future Match 2012, Brokerage Event, 6-10 March 2012, Hannover, Germany

With an exhibition area of roughly 450,000 m², up to 700,000 visitors CeBIT is the world's largest computer expo. Since 1999 it has enabled exhibitors/visitors at the fair to find partners for cooperation, e.g. for product development, research & development, joint ventures, manufacturing, marketing, licensing agreements. Companies, universities & research institutes in the ICT sector are invited to use the opportunity to establish new cross-border contacts for future cooperation. You can register and establish valuable contacts during CeBIT 2012. Free entrance tickets to the fair are included. Registration for the event is now open until Feb 20th and the catalogue of technology profiles is expanding every day. Have a look at <http://www.b2match.com/futurematch/profiles> and find out if profiles are of interest for you. Please keep in mind that the deadline for registration is Feb 20th, followed by making meeting requests until February 27th. Your confirmed meetings will take place at our booth in hall 9, C 50 respecting your time disposal at the fair. **More...** www.futurematch.cebit.de ; matthias.wurch@zuv.uni-hannover.de ; joanna.einbock@zuv.uni-hannover.de

Hannover Messe Technology Cooperation Days on Energy Efficient Factories & Industrial Production, 23-27 April, 2012, Hannover, Germany

The brokerage event takes place from 24-26.04.2012 in parallel to the Hannover Messe 2012, the world's leading showcase for new industrial technologies, materials, product ideas. It is the place to obtain latest industrial know-how. The brokerage event, organised by Enterprise Europe Network Niedersachsen (NBank), the network's Sector Group Intelligent Energy and partners of the Enterprise Europe Network, goes to its 11th edition. It is the place to acquire new technologies, concepts, solutions, to find partners for commercial agreements, research & technology cooperations. Target group: SMEs, large companies offering or requesting innovative technologies, tools or services, materials, concepts to improve energy efficiency, Universities, Research Institutes, Technical Consultants, potential partners for research, technology and innovation projects (EU FP7 or other).

[Industrial Automation](#)

[MobiliTec](#)

[Industrial Supply](#)

[IndustrialGreenTec](#)

[Energy](#)

[Digital Factory](#)

[CoilTechnica](#)

[Research & Technology](#)

More... <http://www.hannovermesse.de/en/homepage> ; steven.amenda@nbank.de

26th NBIA, International Conference on Business Incubation, Atlanta, Georgia, 6-9 May 2012

NBIA's International Conference on Business Incubation is the premier educational event for incubation industry professionals, featuring more than 60 practitioner-based sessions running concurrently over three days. The conference also provides valuable training and networking opportunities that aren't available anywhere else. It's the perfect opportunity to convene as a staff, learn new and innovative tools and techniques, and collectively brainstorm on how to improve your program.

Attending NBIA's conference for professional development is the best way for both you and your staff to return to work with renewed energy, new ideas and new contacts for help and support.

So [join NBIA](#) today and take advantage of all this year's conference has to offer, including in-depth [Preconference Institute workshops](#), educational sessions, incubator tours, keynote addresses and other activities.

More... <http://www.nbia.org/events/conf2012/index.php> ; education@nbia.org ; [Click here](#) ; or call (740) 593-4331.

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 new 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****[BG150325-04-20110720019](#)**

Bulgarian company experienced in provision of services in legal, financial & real estate fields is looking for partners from the EU countries. The company offers trade intermediary services, outsourcing activities, establishment of joint venture with foreign companies.

[DE150226-01-20110720021](#)

German tax advisory company offers a complete package of services related to taxes, accounting, payroll administration. The company is looking for a Polish cooperation partner in order to support together German clients in Poland and Polish clients in Germany in tax and accounting issues.

[PL150282-02-20110720024](#)

Polish small enterprise operating on virtual reality IT market is offering outsourcing services. Company is looking for a partner for subcontracting who wants to share some production. Company offers subcontracting high quality products and services like visualisation 3D and 2D, animations, creation PC games or online games.

Business Requests

[UK225410-01-20110720032](#)

A UK company that provides a web-based remote monitoring telemetry, control application would like to appoint value added resellers (VARs) who are systems integrators, able to distribute this equipment and systems across the EEN.

[RU000003-03-20110630008](#)

Russian company specializing in development automation systems for portable trade and other software for cell phones is looking for trade intermediary services and joint venture creation.

[ES150205-04-20110627021](#)

Catalan company founded in 2003 specialized in the development of IT solutions, has developed a self-service, agile Business Intelligence (BI) software that analyzes unlimited volumes of data instantly, with light server. They are looking for new distributors (VARs specialized in Business Intelligence Solutions mainly) in the whole Europe to become resellers partners and add value to their customers with the Catalan company solutions.

[RS225341-04-20110619001](#)

Medium sized Serbian company, specialized in printing and publishing activities, is looking for trade intermediary and is offering reciprocal production cooperation.

[UK225410-01-20110606035](#)

This UK SME based in South West England has developed a unique and fully protected method of reducing the possibility of wooden posts such as fence posts, poles, utility poles and hop, vine and fruit tree supports from rotting off at ground level. The company already sells the product across the UK and Europe but is now looking to appoint distributors across Europe.

[DE150263-01-20110418005](#)

A German start-up company specialised in solar energy is looking for a commercial partner to establish a production partnership for their solar cooker. Joint-venture is an option.

Technology Offers

[Innovative knee brace for elderly people](#)

A SME based in the North East of Italy has developed a device which reproduces the real movement of the knee, with a variable rotation centre. It has been tested on elderly people to treat certain types of osteoarthritis with good results.

[System and method for remote voice therapy](#)

Croatian research group has developed remote voice therapy solution for providing treatment to a patient with a mental illness. System is based on a communication, network interface backed with database of pre-defined voice instructions.

[Hybrid and Organic Photovoltaic Technologies](#)

An Italian SME has developed a Dye Solar Cell, polymer photovoltaic technologies. These technologies allow for easy integration in portable electronics, buildings, enabling applications that are not possible with traditional photovoltaics.

[Automated human cell monitoring system](#)

A German laboratory with experience in nano analytics has developed a device for automated measurements of the transepithelial/-endothelial resistance (TER) and capacitance (C_{cl}) of cell layers. It is designed for impedance spectroscopy on barrier-forming cells.

[COORDINATION METHOD AND SOFTWARE SYSTEM BASED ON MULTIPARADIGM ARCHITECTURES](#)

A Spanish research group has developed a coordination method and software system for multiparadigm architectures. This functionality is highly applicable to a wide range of different domains, but it is particularly useful to overcome common problems in mobile systems (ubiquitous systems).

Technology Requests

[Novel Approaches to Separate Water Vapor from Air](#)

A large US company is looking for proposals for novel technologies that can efficiently remove water vapor from conditioned air in passenger aircrafts. They are interested in contract manufacturing, supplier agreement, contract research, proof of concept leading to scale up to manufacturing, joint development.

[Expertise in culturing freshwater algae \(Chlorella\) sought.](#)

A Dutch SME is looking to start culturing freshwater algae (Chlorella). As much of the necessary expertise is still lacking, collaboration is sought in setting up a fresh water culture system.

[Novel compounds, pathways and processes in industrial biotechnology](#)

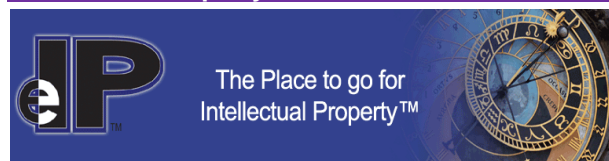
A UK company develops efficient processes in industrial biotechnology. They have clients in sectors such as

biochemicals, biofuel, pharmaceuticals.

Technology for production of a thin stone film

A German company uses natural stone and artificial stone for a large variety of applications. The company is searching for a thin stone film for new applications.

Intellectual Property



ip4inno, more training materials on IP strategies for business advisors, technology transfer professionals

The European Commission and European Patent Office are extending the project to June 2012. It can deliver more training materials on IP strategies for business advisors, technology transfer

professionals, other intermediaries for supporting SMEs and others to excel at innovation.

More... <http://www.ip4inno.eu/>

ip4inno virtual classroom lessons (VCLs) from the EPO, (for free)

The European Patent Office (EPO) is offering four free VCLs over the internet starting February as a prelude to four 2-day workshops later in the year. These interactive internet tutorials introduce just a taster from the 21 modules which cover much more than simply "how to register rights", but rather discuss the business context in which IP can be commercialised. Other modules on IP licensing, valuation, financing, enforcement provide a complete picture of the role IP plays in protecting, encouraging innovation. For more information on VCLs, to register, please follow these links:

20 February, VCL (1 hour) How to convince SMEs that IP matters http://application.epo.org/ipcal/i_event.php?id=10180

27 February, VCL (1 hour) Business strategies for enforcing patents http://application.epo.org/ipcal/i_event.php?id=10181

5 March, VCL (1 hour) IP in the ICT sector http://application.epo.org/ipcal/i_event.php?id=10182

12 March, VCL (1 hour) Biotechnology patents, http://application.epo.org/ipcal/i_event.php?id=10183

More... Recordings from two of last year's VCLs can be seen at [ip4inno homepage](#).

Search Matters - EPO, The Hague - 19 & 20 March 2012

We are contacting you as a previous participant or invitee to EPO events on patent searching matters. We are pleased to announce that our annual "Search Matters" seminar is open for registration. In response to participant feedback we are **increasing** the number of workshops available from four to **six**, whilst still offering eight lectures on EPO search tools and services. The choice of twenty-four workshops includes popular favourites from previous editions, as well as brand new workshops, e.g. on traditional knowledge databases, Russian & Indian prior art, and climate change mitigation technologies. Guest lecturer Dr Jon Orwant will present the latest advances in Google's machine translation project and explain how this will revolutionise patent searching in the near future.

We are also offering the chance to view the plenary lectures and six of the workshops via the internet - so if you are unable to join us in person and network with your peers, you can still register for our **webcasts**. Registering for the webcasts can be made right up until the date of the seminar itself.

The registration fee for those attending six workshops will be 300€. For a higher registration fee of 600€, delegates can exchange two of their workshop choices for an afternoon meeting one-to-one with an EPO patent examiner to discuss specific searching issues in their own technical field. Places for this option are strictly limited - so again our advice is to book early. For those watching the webcasts over the internet, the charge will be 150€. Places are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations to attend will close on 24 February 2012, if not already sold out.

More... www.epo.org/search-matters

Research

Horizon 2020: Stimulating SME research and innovation

Horizon 2020, the EU's new research framework programme, is to provide substantial support for SMEs to facilitate their innovative contributions in the research domain. SMEs are to have a pivotal role in achieving the overall objectives of Horizon 2020, the forthcoming framework programme for research and innovation (R&I) in the EU.

To facilitate this role, a dedicated instrument will be set up to strengthen the innovative capacity of SMEs in order to boost their competitiveness in European and global markets and to promote company growth.

Read more...

Forthcoming FP7 Events

- [Towards a global initiative on gene-environment interactions in diabetes/obesity, Brussels, 2012-02-09](#)
- [8th Italian Research Conference on Digital Libraries, Bari, Italy, 2012-02-09](#)
- ['International human microbiome congress', Paris, France, 2012-03-19](#)
- [9th International Cross-Disciplinary Conference on Web Accessibility, Lyon, France, 2012-04-16](#)
- [11th Annual Workshop on the Economics of Information Security, Berlin, Germany, 2012-06-25](#)
- [Research & innovation collaboration in the food sector', Brussels, Belgium, 2012-01-09](#)
- [Conference on gas generation & migration and the implications for the performance of geological repositories for radioactive waste disposal, Luxembourg City, 2013-02-05](#)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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More... www.eib.org/rsff ; www.eif.org ; http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=esfri

EU: "Small Business, Big World a new partnership to help SMEs seize global opportunities"

The priority for EU is to overcome the crisis boosting competitiveness & growth. Major markets such as China, India, Russia, Brazil, with strong growth rates, potential represent significant opportunities for EU companies. Internationalisation is the step SMEs need to take, to seize these opportunities. The EC released the long-awaited Communication on Internationalisation of SMEs, regarding a new strategy for the internationalization of EU SMEs.

More... <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/765&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en> ; [Communication](#)

Partner Search

A Romanian invention search for a company interested in testing and production

A Romanian invention, inventor engineer property, offers a new technical solution to adapt the internal combustion engine power the vehicle load and road conditions in order to decrease fuel consumption and reduce pollution.

The solution can be used both for new cars as well as existing ones, by changing the propeller. Advantages of new technology refer to a continuously variable compression ratio and cylinder capacity in a compact engine, poly-cylindrical, maintaining the traditional construction of the crankshaft and joints, and a good dynamic balancing.

The proposed business type license agreement, technical cooperation or joint venture agreement.

References: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZ0QO_NgNow ; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAM9zKEAQ6E>

Contact: Mr. Adrian Laculiceanu, levlarsan@yahoo.com

Partner Search - Bulgaria - patent pending invention "A Device for Precise Adjustment of Sewer Shaft Height"

The invention refers to a device for precise adjustment of sewer shaft height and will be implemented in the building of sewer shafts on the streets in built-up areas. The goal is achieved through a device, which consists of a ring and a collar, connected through a greased thread. There are apertures in the collar structure, which allow it to be turned with a metal lever until it reaches the needed shaft height fixed by the lid. The collar is equipped with two gills, which are fitted into the asphalt road surface, thus preventing the device from turning when vehicles pass over the sewer shaft lid.

The advantages of this invention concern the fact that each subsequent change of the level of the shaft lid, due to new repair or roadwork can be made precisely, without the need to shatter the old cement bed, which saves time. Thus the level of the street sewer shaft lids can be exactly the same as the level of the pavement.

Contact: Dipl. Eng. Koycho Mitev, Ruse, Bulgaria, tel: +359899103367, e-mail: bg.patentservice@gmail.com

IN TECH Blue Energy – New Environment Friendly Technology

Brand new, innovative electricity producing system based on open river's flow usage: "UNDERWATER SCREW TURBINE" characterized by high efficiency, work flow (24 h * 365 days per year):

- possibility of setting up on all rivers whose speed exceeds 1.5 m / s

- main characteristics : easy to install, low maintenance costs, quick investment return

For **more info** visit <http://www.in-tech.us/> or **contact** company – e-mail: in_tech@net.hr

Eureka Project Partner Search from Romania

We are the National R&D Institute for Textiles and Leather from Romanian and we are interested to participate in the Eureka project in order to provide our knowledge in the filed of Textile-clothing Engineering and Fashion.

Research thematic addressed within the institute, according to the requests of updating and performance increase of sectors in the textile-leather industry, contributes to the developing of a sustainable development strategy of these branches, based on innovation and correlated with the main technology trends at EU level.

Within the institute, the following strategic directions are targeted:

- the tackling of complex researches having a multidisciplinary character, in niche domains of a high scientific level: smart textiles, interactive products; knowledge-based smart textile materials with tailored properties, for protective applications; invasive/noninvasive medical devices of high-tech textile materials; environment protection: eco – technologies, waste water treatment, biotechnologies, clean-technologies for textile industry; information technologies used in textile field; textile articles meant for special destination; design and anthropometry

- the intensifying of the contacts and partnerships with the research, university and economic medium

- the getting in line with the objectives of the Technology Platform for Textiles & Clothing, those of EU Research Area.

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A German SME is looking for a partner for Eureka project

A German SME is looking for a partner for the development of an IT matching tool allowing to determine closeness of content between 2 profiles / projects. Linguistic methodologies of onthology and semantics should be integrated. In the next step, a function for international multilingual matching will be implemented.

The partner should be specialised in semantic software development with Java background and provide the language / semantic know-how for the co-development of the matching engine. Overall aim and objective of the proposed project: the company provides a platform for the matching of freelance project developers and clients looking for specialists. It currently covers the following sectors: - IT ; - Consulting ; - Creative ; - Engineering ; - Medical ; - Fashion
If you are interested please: office@ipacv.ro

Partner search request by a Turkish SME / EUREKA / TR-RO Joint Call

In the framework of the EUREKA Turkey-Romania Joint call, they are looking for a Romanian partner which has expertise with regard to developing user-friendly software tools for the visualization and handling of large matrices.

Contact details are: ASIM.EGEMEN.YILMAZ@ENG.ANKARA.EDU.TR of E.D.Y. R&D SERVICES LTD.

Romanian company search for partners in construction field

Simplu Cons 2004 SRL is a company with 100% private shareholders, founded in 2008, its main field of providing complete solutions for thermal/bituminous waterproofing membrane PVC membrane, supply, installation of construction materials needed for industrial buildings/commercial/residential (trapezoidal sheets, sandwich panels with polyurethane foam core, mineral wool, steel structures). The company has developed sustainable partnerships with suppliers of materials, general contracting firm. Among these are: Knauf Insulation mineral wool, Rockwool Romania for Atlas Corporation & Romsteel extruded, expanded polystyrene products, Danosa (Spain), Siplast (France), Soprema (France), Bauder (Germany) for bituminous membranes, Sika (Germany), Protan AS (Norway) for PVC membrane, Ruukki Romania, trapezoidal plates, sandwich panels, Steel Cladding Systems Ltd., Serena 94 SA, Conarg Construct ,Romcristal - general contractors for various works of thermo-hydro and roofs with tin type tile.

All employees hold certificates authorized applicator of the most important producers of insulating material. The company participated as a supplier of roofing solutions, complete systems or thermo-hydro, manufacturing, assembly services to great constructions. The company search partners to participate at tenders and constructions base on his expertise.

Contact: Mr. Eugen Feraru, Tel:+40 721 276078, eugen.feraru@simpluconstruct.ro ; www.simpluconstruct.ro

Partner search request from Turkey

Acronyme and title: Location Based Multimedia Messaging Platform Enabler. Keywords: Location, messaging, mobile application, LBS, GPS, Geo-tagging, Distributed System, Platform. Type of Project/Funding scheme: Eureka Program.

The development of location-based projects is still too complex for many existing companies: they are required to rely on either the services provided by the operator or the capabilities offered by different handset platforms.

With this project we propose to develop a system consisting of a server platform and multiple mobile client components. This system will provide an easy to use API that will allow third party developer to add location based features to their existing services or build completely new ones, therefor growing the location based development eco-system.

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A Romanian Company are interested in purchasing declassified steel

I am a candles manufacturer from Craiova, Romania and I am interested in purchasing declassified steel sheets of 0.15 mm thickness, necessary to produce candle caps. Yellow color is preferable, but not compulsory. We would be interested if there is any possibility of purchasing this product (the sheets) from you in quantity of 500-1,000 kilos/months.

Contact: Mircea Nastase, tel: +40 723 366 633, mirceavn@yahoo.com

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards

Eurostars: 8th Eurostars Cut-Off

[EUREKA's Eurostars Programme](#) is the first EU funding/support programme dedicated to R&D performing SMEs. Eurostars is open to any existing technology and market! The Eurostars project involves at least 2 legal entities from 2 [Eurostars member countries](#). Eurostars brings your innovation fast to the market! The result of the project must be in the market within 2 years of its completion. Next Deadline: 01 March 2012.

More... [EUREKA NCPs](#) ; [Eurostars Programme](#).

5th Call for proposals - AAL Joint Programme: ICT-based solutions for (self) management of daily life activities of older adults at home

The AAL JP Call 5 aims at the development of ICT-based solutions which enable, sustain older adults to continue managing their daily activities in their home. This call aims also at ICT-based solutions which support informal carers in their assistance. The call will be launched end of February 2012, with a proposal submission deadline end May 2012.

The Information event ("Info Day"), will take place on **13th March 2012**, in **Brussels**. All potential proposers are strongly advised to come to the information event, and those wishing to attend should register their interest by sending an e-mail to Jacqueline.Teller@aal-europe.eu before **24th February 2012**.

More... www.aal-europe.eu ; [AAL National Contact Persons](#) ; Jacqueline.Teller@aal-europe.eu

Open calls for proposals related to innovation and competitiveness

Political area	Title	Deadline	More
Education	Tempus IV – 5th Call for proposals	2012-02-23	link
Energy	TEN-E-2012 call for proposals	2012-02-29	link
Enterprise	EUROSTARS-2011-8	2012-03-01	link

Research	COST call for proposals	2012-03-30	link
Transport	TEN-T-2011 call for proposals	2012-04-13	link
Education	EACEA/42/11	2012-04-30	link
Maritime Affairs	ERA-NET MARTEC II - Open call for proposals	2012-04-30	link
Energy	CIP-IEE-2012	2012-05-08	link
Space	Call for GMES experts	2012-05-11	link
Health & Consumer	E-Rare-2 JTC 2012	2012-05-24	link
Energy	Eurogia+ Call 08	2012-05-25	link
Environment	Expert evaluators Eco-innovation	2013-09-30	link
Energy	Expert evaluators for Intelligent Energy Europe	2013-09-30	link
Research	Eureka : Euripides call for expert	2013-12-31	link
Education	EACEA/21/08 Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Asia Region	2020-10-31	link

Celtic-Plus Call 2012 Call calendar

In 2012 Celtic-Plus will launch again two calls for the submission of fully defined project proposals. The new call submission dates will now better allow to synchronised your proposals with eventual EU-FP7 proposals including their evaluation results. Please note that the call dates for call submission have been adjusted as follows:

- Spring Call (2012-1): Submission deadline 21 May 2012; labelling until end May
- Autumn Call (2012-2): Submission deadline 15 October 2012; labelling end November

More... <http://www.celticplus.eu/Project-calls/Call-2012/call-2012-information.asp>

Policy

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More... www.eib.org/rsff ; www.eif.org ; http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=esfri

Extra support for small companies through structural funds

The aim is to use structural funds as a guarantee for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to gain access to credit. The new measure allows investing in enterprises at any stage of their normal business activity and not only at the time when they are established or are expanding, as was the case until now.

This measure is of particular importance in times of lack of liquidity for enterprises and public budgetary constraints.

At the end of 2010, €7.4 billion of combined European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and national contributions (public and private) were invested in enterprises using financial engineering instruments in 15 Member States.

Around €1 billion of ERDF resources were committed to guarantee funds. These tools allow a clear multiplier effect of EU funds of around 6 times: i.e for every €16 of resources "blocked" to cover losses plus any guarantee fees and interest subsidies, an amount of €100 is guaranteed for enterprises.

The decision expands the scope of interventions of these instruments, providing much needed relief to SMEs in a period of economic crisis and restrictions to credit.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/instruments/index_en.cfm

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More... <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/765&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en> ; [Communication](#)

Events

TII Conference, Sustainability, Innovation Services for a Smarter Economy, Copenhagen, 25-27 April 2012

The conference is organised in collaboration with ProTon Europe, at Aalborg University, as a first step on our path to enhanced cooperation between the two associations. To all knowledge transfer, innovation support practitioners from around the world it offers a vibrant meeting place for sharing experience, exchanging ideas, building/strengthening the profession. The conference theme for 2012 contains two buzz words - "sustainability" & "smart economy". Sustainability has several meanings: durable, green and cost-effective/affordable.

A smart economy combines the successful elements of the enterprise economy, the innovation or ideas economy while promoting a high-quality environment, improving energy security and promoting social cohesion.

The smarter economies of the future will be those that can achieve this combination of attributes.

Knowledge transfer & innovation support intermediaries have an essential role to play in the quest for sustainability and a smarter economy. This is sure to spark some fascinating insights and lively debate during our conference. We invite you

therefore to consider contributing to our speaking programme, to submit a short outline (approximately 10 lines) on your chosen topic and the insights you would like to present.

On the basis of the contributions we receive we will build a programme of 6-8 parallel sessions.

We look forward to receiving an outline of your proposed contribution by **15 February 2012**. Please send it to Mrs Christine Robinson attention at tii@tii.org. More details about the conference as well as the on-line registration facility will be available on the TII website later this month.

More... www.tii.org

The 5th ISPIM international Innovation Symposium, Seoul, Korea, 9-12 December 2012

Companies/nations are searching for effective ways to stimulate innovation. Companies need new offerings to secure competitive advantage in changing global markets, nations need new policies to restore and advance economic growth. National policies meet company strategies in stimulating scientific research, technology development, managerial innovation. These systems have produced significant socio-economic development and corporations with world-class technology and know-how.

Crafting successful policies, strategies raises some important questions: How should we enable managers, entrepreneurs to explore new opportunities? How can we design an effective climate for new ventures? How do we select the 'right' scientific opportunities? How can we advance fast technology development? How should companies be encouraged to innovate? Effectively answering these and related questions is crucial for stimulating innovation.

Submissions from academic, research, consulting, industry, intermediary and policy organisations are encouraged and should focus on the following general themes or Symposium Focus Theme:

- Science & technology challenges for innovation
- Collaboration for innovation (incl. Open Innovation)
- Creativity & idea generation
- Entrepreneurship, business models & financing innovation
- Innovation training, education & learning
- Methods, tools & measurement for innovation
- Networks & clusters of innovation
- Public sector & social innovation
- Strategic foresight, strategic agility & future orientation
- Sustainability in innovation

More... <http://symposium.ispim.org/index.php/home/call>

Industry Meeting, Integrated Information & Control Systems for Smarter Enterprise, Bucharest, May 24-25, 2012

The theme of the IICS Workshop associated to INCOM'12 is "Instrumented, Interconnected and Intelligent Manufacturing for Smarter Enterprise", bringing into discussion the state-of-the-art, existing technologies, enterprise solutions, best practices and future trends for sustainable manufacturing through agile shop floors, supply chains, service oriented architectures and integrated information and control systems.

Well-known industrial leaders, solutions providers, integrators of automation & information systems are expected on site, for best practice presentations and exchange of ideas in two main areas: (i) the development of integrated engineering, product life-cycle management and (ii) IT systems and their impact on firm's performances or process management.

More... www.iics.cimr.pub.ro

OPTIM, Emerging Power Electronics Circuits for the Advancement of Renewable Energy Generators & their Increased Utilization, May 24-26 Brasov, Romania

This special session is focused on advances in power electronics circuits for interaction with renewable energy sources. Topics include photovoltaic systems architecture, central/string/module integrated inverters, MPPT schemes, algorithms, dc-dc optimizers, wind generators, fuel cell interfacing circuits, etc. Papers will be reviewed for inclusion in IEEE journals.

More... <http://www.info-optim.ro>

2nd Innovation for Financial Services Summit, Luxembourg, 19-21 September 2012

This event will deal with innovation in financial services under all of its possible forms. This allows covering a large spectrum of the research, practitioner activities in innovation for financial services. Submissions from academic, research, consulting, industry, intermediary, policy organizations are strongly encouraged, should focus on the following themes:

- Defining & understanding innovation in the financial sector
- Effects of organizational innovation in the financial industry
- Measuring innovation in financial services
- Methods & tools for innovation-financial services sector
- Open Innovation & collaboration-financial sector
- Stimulating financial innovation through regulation
- Sustainability in finance
- Other topical issues in innovation in financial services

More... <http://luxsummit.ispim.org/index.php/home/call> ; Deadline is 17 April 2012.

Bridging Research in Ageing and ICT Development Conference, Prague, 28 May 2012

The final BRAID Conference will take place, along side the IFA 2012 Conference. BRAID welcomes abstracts from scientists, researchers, practitioners in the field of ICT and ageing. To present a paper at the BRAID conference, an abstract of the proposed paper must be submitted. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via email to the following email address: submission@braidproject.org

More... <http://www.braidproject.eu/>

15th International Conference on Quality & Service Sciences, QMOD-ICQSS, 5-7 September 2012, Poznan, Poland

QMOD-ICQSS has become one of the world's leading scientific conferences within the fields of quality, and business excellence. On behalf of the organizers we are pleased to invite scientists, business and industry representatives to participate in the event that will be hosted by **Poznan University of Technology**.

More... www.ch.lu.se/qmod

Conference on Entrepreneurial Universities, 25-27 April 2012, Münster, Germany

The conference will be an international discussion forum for practitioners/researchers on entrepreneurship, education, where theory and practice are equally emphasised in the programme. Due to the high level of interest and with only 150 registrations possible, registrations for the conference are at a premium. An early-bird registration deadline exists, last till 28th February, we recommend all interested parties to register ASAP

More... <http://www.entrepreneurial-universities.com> ; <http://entrepreneurial-universities.com/index/registration>.

Training Events / Jobs

Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics

[Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v10.1](#), 06.02.2012, Germany

[University of Oxford: Successful RF PCB Design](#), 09.02.2012, UK

[Advanced Analog Implementation Flow - IDESA](#), 13.02.2012, Austria

[Advanced Signoff Power-Grid Analysis with Encounter Power System v8.1](#), 20.02.2012, Germany

[Energy Harvesting](#), 23.02.2012, Freiburg, DE

[University of Oxford: Systems Engineering Fast-Track](#), 25.02.2012, UK

[Basic Introduction to CMOS Image Sensors](#), 01-02.03.2012, Lausanne (CH)

[Smart Materials in Robotics and Microtechnology](#), 12-13.03.2012, Lausanne (CH)

[Reliability and Test](#), 26-27.03.2012, Zurich, CH

[Wafer Bonding](#), 29-30.03.2012, Zurich, CH

More... <http://www.fsrn.ch/e/formAgenda.php> ; [More FSRM courses](#) ; <http://www.eurotraining.net/view2.php?pk=2&pg=0>

5 Mar [#06 Linearisation and Modelling Techniques for RF Power Amplifiers in Modern Communications Systems](#) Spain

5 Mar [#19 RF and Microwave Circuit Design y Applications and Theory](#) Spain

5 Mar [#56 Power Integrity: Advanced Design and Characterization](#) Spain

5 Mar [#58 Modern Digital Modulation Techniques for Wireless, Satellite, and Wireline Communications](#) Spain

5 Mar [#91 Applied Radio Design: From System Architecture to PCB Implementation](#) Spain

5 Mar [#48 From LTE to LTE Advanced - 4G Wireless Networks](#) Spain

14 Mar [Formal Analysis Advanced With Incisive Formal Verifier v10.2](#) Sweden

15 Mar [Advanced Signoff Power-Grid Analysis with Encounter Power System v8.1](#) France

19 Mar [University of Surrey: Emerging Technologies in Mobile Communications](#) UK

26 Mar [#14 Digital Camera Systems](#) Denmark

26 Mar [University of Surrey: Satellite Communications](#) UK

26 Mar [#86 RF Component and System Measurements](#) Denmark

26 Mar [#70 High-Speed PCB Design for EMC and Signal Integrity](#) Denmark

26 Mar [#12 Embedded Data Converters](#) Denmark

26 Mar [#81 Modulation, Coding, and Iterative Techniques for Optimal Detection in Wireless Communications](#) Denmark

28 Mar [#27 Advanced Radio System Architectures](#) Denmark

02 Apr [Logic Equivalence Checking with Encounter Conformal EC v10.1](#) Germany

16 Apr [#08 Advanced RF Power Amplifier Techniques for Modern Wireless and Microwave Systems](#) UK

16 Apr [#26 Radio System Design - Theory and Practice](#) UK

16 Apr [#20 Advanced Course on Image Sensor Technology](#) UK

16 Apr [#11 Digital Signal Analysis Techniques: Time, Frequency, and Spatial Algorithms](#) UK

16 Apr [#41 3GPP Long Term Evolution - Radio Technology](#) UK

17 Apr [#57 Synchronization and Interconnect in Multi-Clock Domain Systems-on-Chips, SoC](#) UK

19 Apr [#42 3GPP Long Term Evolution - Radio Protocol and Architecture](#) UK

23 Apr [Smart Sensor System Course 2012](#) The Netherlands

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e-Learning Case Studies

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[Employee Engagement means everyone - Ian Brownhill](#)

[e-Learning Case Study - PLAN](#)

[What makes bad e-learning - Robin Hoyle](#)

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