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

December 2010

- 01 Precision Fair + Brokerage Event 2010 Veldhoven (Netherlands)
- 01 AgroMatch matchmaking at Agromek 2010 Herning (Denmark)
- 01 <u>Salon Pyme</u> Santiago (Chile)
- 02 5th Slovenian Forum of Innovations Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 07 Technology World in partnership with UK NanoForum London (United Kingdom)
- 08 Pro'Energy on Energaïa: Technological Business Meetings on Renewable Energies Montpellier (France)
- 09 Innovation for Food Safety Brokerage Event @Food Safety Congress Istanbul (Turkey)
- 10 Brokerage Event on Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Istanbul (Turkey)
- 10 Wines of Portugal Conference and Brokerage Event Porto (Portugal)
- 15 "CALABRIA 2020 TO INNOVATE, TO GROW" Lamezia Terme (CZ) (Italy)

January 2010

- 12 InnoBuildTech at BUDMA 2011 Fair Poznan (Poland)
- 25 <u>BE2WEEN@TERRATECT/ENERTEC 2011</u> Leipzig (Germany)
- 26 <u>SMM Istanbul 2011 International Partnering Event</u> Istanbul (Turkey)
- 26 Biomass Business Talks 2011 Graz (Austria)

February 2011

- 02 MicroMountains iNNOVATION fORUM for Micro Technology 2011 Villingen-Schwenningen (Germany)
- 04 Life Sciences Brokerage Event Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
- 10 <u>b2fair SME Forum 2011</u> Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 14 Mobile World Congress Brokerage Event 2011 Barcelona (Spain)
- 16 EGÉTICA-Expoenergetica: Technology & Business Cooperation Event Energy, Water and Wastes Valencia, Spain

March 2011

- 02 Ecobuild match-making event 2011 London (United Kingdom)
- 18 BUD-GRYF & ENERGIA Brokerage Event for Construction and Energy Sector Szczecin (Poland)
- 25 WOOD Meetings 2011 Namur (Belgium)
- 30 AERODAYS 2011 Brokerage Event in Aeronautics Madrid (Spain)

April 2011

- 13 NANOSCIENCE AND MICRO-NANOTECHNOLOGY BROKERAGE EVENT 2011 Bilbao (Spain)
- 14 CHEMIKA 2011 Szczecin (Poland)

May 2011

18 "Unlocking the Potential" - a regional b2b networking event Valletta (Malta)

November 2011

07 BATIMAT - Sustainable construction matchmaking event Paris (France)

 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-Competitivness&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
 EU law
 EU's Information Society: Thematic Portal

<u>Presentation of the Enterprise Europe Network</u> <u>What is a Network Partner?</u> <u>Find your local Enterprise Europe</u> <u>Network partner</u> <u>You are looking for a Commercial or Technology partnership ?</u>

EUREKA Events

- Everything You always wanted to know about EUREKA/EUROSTARS, Leoben, Austria, 7 December 2010
 We will be able to present EUREKA, Eurostars and Pro-Factory to high qualified people from the University of
 Leoben, representatives from Universities, research institutions, companies (mainly) from the Styrian region.
 We can consider this as a fantastic opportunity for people from EU to come, meet Austrians, other colleagues, in
 order to prepare project proposals for the coming Eurostars cut-off date 24 March 2011.
 More... philippe.loward@ffg.at; eureka@ffg.at
- <u>Hannover Messe 2011</u>, 04- 08-April-2011, Hannover (Deutsche Messe AG) / Germany
 The 13 leading trade fairs that make up HANNOVER MESSE 2011 will present a unique crosssection of key industrial technologies. This event is one of the world's leading showcases for industrial technology.
- <u>Smart Systems Integration 2011 SSI 2011</u>, 22-23-March-2011, **Dresden / Germany** SSI 2011 is a European conference & exhibition on integration issues of miniaturized systems MEMS, MOEMS, ICs and electronic components, it is a international communication platform for research institutes, manufacturer.

6th PRIT Paris Region Innovation Tour, Paris, 13 December 2010

- PRIT is an annual event dedicated to EU clusters and their member organisations. Jointly organised by the <u>7</u> major regional clusters ('pôles de compétitivité') of the lle-de-France Region, PRIT is dedicated to innovation policy-makers, clusters/their members (SMEs, private groups, public labs). It consists of conferences, workshops, exhibitions, business meetings, social moments with the objective aimed to meet, establish dialogue, discuss business opportunities, potential future R&D collaborations under EU research & innovation programmes.
- With a strong International dimension. We set a target of 30% of international participants with presence of EU partners, decision-makers, the EC, representatives of the EU Innovation & Technology Institute (EIT), KICs.
- A focus on key R&D fields: Health, Sustainable City, Mobility & Transports, ICT and Digital Content, Finance, Environment & Climate change, Aeronautic and Space.
- The opportunity to present your cluster on exhibition and/or during the *Talk&Walk* session (3 minutes/3 slides).

If you are an international cluster stakeholder, operational employee/member you may qualify for the guest of honor programme including free entrance, accommodations, more! Please download our material for more details: http://www.prit2010.com/doc/PRIT2010-Cross-Cluster-Event-Dec-13-2010.pdf More... www.prit2010.eu ; todd@prit2010.eu ; Tél.: +33 6.72.18.49.55

TECHINNOV 2011, 10 February 2011, Paris Orly

Take part in the biggest Innovation and Research and Developement Business Event in Paris

• A Well-Targeted event: Meet laboratories/professionals within pre-arranged meetings (19 appointments in one day). • Offer: The participation fee is only 140 euros, all-inclusive: we assure you a customised schedule, access to the on-

line/PDF catalogue, to the conferences, Flash presentations, workshops as well as to the Coffee Break service.

• A chance to promote your know-how: Besides your pre-organised meetings, the Flash Presentation allows you to demonstrate your technical knowledge to a competent audience: more than 1,000 professionals.

70,000 Skilled prospects, 6,000 Pre-organised meetings, 40 Presentations, 8 Theme-based workshops. **More...** http://www.techinnov-orlv.com/EMAIL/UK/Email 2 UK.html

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ConVerve special offer towards all Partners for the use of B2B Match for their brokerage events

Brokerage events provide an ideal seedbed for contacts, partnerships between SME's in EU. But event organisers face a challenge: how to provide an effective platform for participants to make contact, transfer knowledge, discuss cooperation? **How to match the right person?** Participants at EEN brokerage events often have trouble finding out about each other's specialities and identifying those who could be interesting contacts for them.

The challenge for the organiser is to enable participants to make the maximum possible number of useful contacts with partners whose interests complement their own. And the whole process needs to be concentrated in space and time.

B2B-Match – everything you need in one solution:

- Web based participant registration form
- Administrator management, rights assignment, integration of project partners as profile validators
- Participant Database Management (insert, edit, delete participant)
- Recommendation Modules

• Public list of registered companies which have been validated implemented in project web page and / or own organization web page

- Profile search (company, person, product/service), extended profile search (both for registered companies and admins)
- Unique Matching routine (recommendations who to meet with)
- E-mail mass mailings to all members or subsets (validators, participants)
- Export features to export data to various file formats (excel, xml, PDF)
- Online-evaluation with online-questionnaires
- Event Content Management System for updating the event website
- PDF-Schedules (connected to E-mail module)

Please see also some recent brokerage events setup with the newest version of our software.

More... <u>www.mobile.b2bmatchmaking.com</u> ; <u>www.lifesciences2011.b2bmatchmaking.com</u> ; <u>info@converve.de</u>

The EU FET - Future & Emerging Technologies Conference & Exhibition, 4-6 May 2011, Budapest, Hungary

Calls for sessions, exhibition and posters are now open on the fet¹¹ conference web site!Call for sessions:OPENCall for exhibits:OPENCall for posters:OPENCall for posters:OPEN<td

4th Cluster Forum Baden-Wuerttemberg, 6 December 2010, Stuttgart, Germany

Baden-Wuerttemberg invites cluster practitioners to its 4th Cluster Forum on "Global visibility through clusters – marketing and branding of cluster initiatives"

Read more...

Food Cluster Initiative conference, December 8-10, 2010, Ghent, Belgium

How to build successfully regional clusters? How to find support?

Adressed topics: key experiences in cluster building, the role of the different stakeholders in building successful clusters, the impact of food clustering, funding schemes to further support the capacity building efforts of regional clusters, the future strategy of the Food Cluster Initiative...

Read more...

Paris Region Innovation Tour 2010 : Cross Clustering Place for Pace, 13 December 2010

PRIT is THE occasion for European clusters to discover innovative projects currently being developed, and also to explore new methods of collaboration. This year, the focus will be on developing international innovative collaborative projects in the heart of Europe. See what Greater Paris Regions talents and other International Clusters have to offer! Read more...

Smart Cities InterClustering Labs, 26-27 January 2011, Brussels

Help your cluster become a global player on the Smart Cities market! The InterClustering Labs is a special 2-days workshop for clusters. Participants start with the real life case study of their cluster's strategy. Then, using the complementary competencies of other participating clusters, they all build together a Smart Cities "consortium" of clusters, enabling everyone to gain a stronger position in that market. **Read more...**

Creative Industries InterClustering Labs, 2-3 February 2011, Brussels

Europa InterCluster is organising a special 2-days workshop for clusters. Participants start with the real life case study of their cluster's strategy. Then, using the complementary competencies of other participating clusters, they all build together a Creative Industries "consortium" of clusters, enabling everyone to gain a stronger position in that market! Read more

Cluster Tour in Sweden on Sustainable Construction, 9-11 February 2011, Sweden

The Cluster Tour is a 3-days trip to Sweden, mainly around Stockholm. It will allow you to meet key actors in sustainable construction from all over the country, and learn more about the best concrete Swedish achievements in that field. Read more...

International Cluster Conference, 25 March 2011, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Exploring – on the basis of concrete and successful experiences – the mechanisms of cluster initiatives and their role as drivers of firms, regions and nations competitiveness. **Read more...**

Boost your cluster thanks to the Danish Cluster Facilitator Training Program

The purpose of this cluster training programme is to boost your cluster initiative. The program takes you through the core aspects of running/participating in a successful cluster initiative. You can shop in the modules, can enroll in all of them. Read more...

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

You are un 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: <u>office@ipacv.ro</u>; web site: <u>www.ipacv.ro</u>.

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Contractual agreements for transfer of technology... <u>more</u> I patent my innovative products or processes? ... <u>more</u> How do I determine if my product is patentable?... <u>more</u> What are the costs of patent protection?... <u>more</u> Economic benefits flow from the exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights in innovative products and services. This is critical in sectors such as ICT where companies need to bundle many existing technologies, therefore require a range of IPRs, including patents, utility models, designs, trademarks,copyrights (covering original creative works/ software), commercial strategies such as trade secrets or confi dentiality agreements. IP support is currently provided through the IPRHelpdesk and cooperation with national patent offices, but SMEs need stronger assistance for efficient use of intellectual and industrial property protection to have a level playing field with larger companies.

The EU Patent should dramatically reduce the cost of patenting in Europe, particularly for SMEs. As part of the EU 2020 strategy, the EU aims to reach agreement on the EU patent before the end of 2010.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/business/competingthrough-innovation/protecting-intellectual-property/index_en.htm

Search Matters Seminar - EPO, The Hague, 14-15 March 2011

Places are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations to attend will certainly close on 11 February 2011, if not already sold out. We are also offering the chance to view the plenary lectures and four 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. We are offering eleven lectures on a range of search topics, and up to four workshops (from a choice of twenty-four) on a variety of general search and classification issues, or on specific technical areas such as biotechnology, chemistry, telecommunications and computing.

More... http://www.epo.org/topics/ip-events/patent-event-search/search-matters.html

SMEs

Business Offers

RU000003-03-20101109055

The Russian company specialized in marketing and internet marketing research of Russian market, creating and promoting Web-sites offers subcontracting, trade intermediary services and joint venture creation.

RU000003-03-20101109057

Russian company specialized in engineering solutions for continuous industrial productions offers trade intermediary services, requires franchise and subcontracting.

ES150204-06-20101028035

Spanish company working in the naval sector is looking for trade intermediary services and also offers sales/acquisition of a part of it (industrial premises).

IT150361-02-20101029020

Italian company specialized in the accompaniment and in the assistance of its customers through services of Tourist Guide is looking for Trade Intermediaries in Europe, America and Russia.

PL150261-06-20101108010

A Polish company specializing in production of wooden elements and briquette is looking for trade intermediaries.

PL150261-06-20101108015

A Polish company specialised in assembly and sale of windows, aluminium elements in houses and buildings, doors, garage doors, etc. is offering trade intermediary to companies who would like to sell their product in Poland. <u>PT150230-01-20101108031</u>

Portuguese company specialized in production and trade of olive oil is requiring trade intermediary services.

Business Request

Company from Scotland is looking for a distributor for their product(s) in Romania.

A background about the company: it markets a portfolio of innovative consumer healthcare products in Central and Eastern Europe, Scandinavia and the CIS. They sell a range of branded medical devices, over-the-counter medicines and food supplements via a network of distributors and affiliated companies.

Current product innovations in the Ear, Nose and Throat category have lead to strong sales across a broad spectrum of markets. This should be repeatable in Romania offering good revenue and profit streams to the local company.

In sum the client is looking for a company to act as a distributor for one or more of the company's range of over-thecounter (OTC) products through the pharmacy channel with the support of medical representatives visiting General Practitioners, Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) specialists and possibly also paediatricians.

Contact: Anis Mourad, Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow, Email: <u>anis.mourad@scotent.co.uk</u>; Tel: +44 (0)141 228 2522 Web: <u>www.enterprise-europe-scotland.com</u>

Looking for manufacturers (precision milling of aluminium castings) Romania

Looking on behalf of a Scottish company for manufacturing partners who can offer improved efficiency with precision milling of aluminium castings (waveguide and other related components) up to 5kg maximum weight. The company supplies Diplexers, Couplers to the major global telecom companies. It is a high quality company and look for the same features in their partners.

Casting capability; Available capacity Customer orientated; Pays attention to detail Proactive and open communicators Experience in machining waveguide compents Good understanding and ability to communicate well in English Focus on quality through complete business end to end process Availability of electroless nickel and silver plating Excellent engineering knowledge and practices exercised

Contact: Tracey Ward, European Knowledge Transfer Executive, Enterprise Europe Scotland, Tel: +44 (0)141 2282252 ; Mob: +44 ()07879085873; email: tracey.ward@scotent.co.uk

A Company from Turkey, search for the following issues

- 1. Engineering and design work for 500KV and 220KV High Voltage Energy Transmission Lines (HVTL). Contact with engineering companies having experience in HVTL is required.
- 2. Tower manufacturing companies with reference in HVTL. (special interest for companies in Ukraine, Makedonia, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania)
- 3. Conductor manufacturing companies, certified by EN
- 4. HVTL izolator manufacturing companies

Contact: EEN-Anatolia and Mr. Ugur Yuksel, Director of Procurement, email: ugur.yuksel@lotus-enerji.com

Technology Request

PS-FP7: Telemedicine Without Barriers (TWB)

Spanish IT company and Health applications, is currently looking for partners, to build a consortium for its project "Telemedicine Without Barriers". The project is an effort towards the implementation of systems for routine use, guided by meeting the current health needs which are highlighted improved access and continuity of care with efficiency targets cost/benefit for general users.

PS: FP7-ICT – Project partners sought for project on semantic technologies for effective technology transfer

A Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences and a German SME is seeking for a consortium or partners that will submit a project under the current call in FP7-ICT-2011-7, objective 4.2 Language Technology.

Non-Toxic Molding Materials with Room Temperature Cure

A large US company is looking for proposals for non-toxic materials that can be molded and cured at room temperature. They are interested in product development agreement, research agreement, product acquisition agreement, license or supply agreement.

Technology for developing Microgranules/Microcapsulated

An Italian company that extracts oil from every kind of vegetables and mixes it with juice of aloe is looking for a technology to insert its products in the following market segments: cosmetics, food, agriculture, self-medication, veterinary and for application in different sectors.

Technology Offers

A Romanian University have developed a new technology: TELEMON, Integrated system for real-time telemonitoring of patiens, elderly people; Key worlds: e-Health, telemonitoring, embedded systems, (bio)signal processing, elderly people **Contact:** Prof. dr. eng. HARITON COSTIN, "Gr.T. Popa" University of Medicine and Farmacy Iasi, e-mail: <u>hcostin@gmail.com</u>, tel: 40-0232-21.41.46, 40-0232-21.35.93, www.umfiasi.ro

Skateboard with special undercarriage

A Hungarian SME developed skateboard for the purpose of sport and hobby. Main advantage: because of its flexible undercarriage-support, it protects the ankle and knee joints of the sportsmen during jumping, while arriving on the floor.

Advanced mechanical separation and dewatering of coarse particles from raw sewage influents to small sewage treatment plants

An Austrian SME developed a simple and cost-effective machine to separate coarse particles from raw sewage before the biological treatment step. A "pelletising-strainer" can be installed in an existing continuous sewer pipe.

Rapid Assessment of Marine Pollution (RAMP)

A significant UK based marine research organisation has developed a cost-effective approach for the rapid detection, monitoring and assessment of man-made pollution upon the marine eco-system. This organisation is seeking to cooperate with partners or joint venture partners to further test and develop this technology and promote it to end-users as a commercial product.

Internal combustion engine with accumulation chamber

The Polish innovation company patented a internal combustion engine with accumulation chamber. This technology is unique by the fact that the accumulation chamber has been embodied into an engine head.

Numerical simulations of high energy impacts

A high-tech Dutch engineering company has a special focus on numerical simulations of velocity impacts, using explicit finite element technology. The company has a track record with the simulation of ship collisions, vehicle crashes, bird strike on aircraft and various defence related applications, like ballistic impact and armour penetration.

Emptying equipment of marine septic holding tanks

A small company in South East Sweden has developed an innovative system for emptying of marine septic holding tanks. The main advantage for the end user is that, due to its mechanical functionality, it provides an automatic and quick emptying solution with a handle free from sewage and other non wanted debris.

Research / Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Report "Interim Evaluation of the Seventh Framework Programme"

Following the practice of previous major FP evaluations, the FP7 interim evaluation was carried out by a group of international, independent experts, based on an extensive database of statistical and other evidence. The report provides a detailed assessment of the implementation of FP7 so far and presents 10 recommendations for improvements. **More...** http://ec.europa.eu/research/evaluations/index_en.cfm?pg=fp7

Commission launches public consultation on future funding to boost EU competitiveness and innovation

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the successor to the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme 2007-2013 (CIP). The CIP is the main EU budgetary instrument targeting competitiveness outside the research and skills areas.

Its main priorities are SMEs, access to finance, innovation (including eco-innovation), take-up and use of information and communication technologies (ICT), energy efficiency and renewables. Read more ...

What is Innovation? Points of vue (2) from LinkedIn, Group: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- What is Innovation? Why is this vital in any economy especially in turbulent times like ours? How can it create value to customers? How can it make your business more competitive? How can it promote excellence for individual employees and the teams? How can it promote social justice? For maximum effectiveness.
- INNOVATION is doing new things.....which are based on creativity.....CREATIVITY is thinking up new things.
- Research look at the market for new technologies, products and services, the market look at research as solution for competitivness, to create added value to customers, to make the business more competitive.
- Once Peter F. Drucker explained this in specific terms...innovation is the specific tool of entrepreneurs, the means by which they exploit change as an opportunity for a different business or a different service. It is capable of being presented as a discipline, capable of being learned, capable of being practiced. Entrepreneurs need to search purposefully for the sources of innovation, the changes and their symptoms that indicate opportunities for successful innovation. And they need to know and to apply the principles of successful innovation.
- "The development of something new from its earliest beginning to its ultimate completion", "the creation of new products and/or services", "a new idea", "something novel". It involves the 4Ps: People, Product, Process, Press (environment)
- Innovation is cute business-like persons posting cute questions and answers that seem like ideas. Sort of the MBA version of "leadership", theft behind equations. We all have seen 13trillion dollars taken from pensioner old people and given to banks in mandated zero interest rates that banks now borrow at (not us ordinary people, and mom gets no interest in her lifetime savings). That is between 300 billion dollars and 1 trillion dollars a year government welfare for banks AFTER all the bail outs already given to them. Innovation is what lost us all that \$13 trillion (we have NOT paid for yet). Innovation is what the professor who taught theft to those MBAs taught them. All that theft hiding behind Porter and Jensen and Fama and Chistensen models and equations. All that hiding theft. All that novelty. All that financial engineering brilliance. All that eliteness. All those boats. All those worshippers of the system they thieve in. All those primates wanting to be the primate at the top of the tree with the biggest definite banana. A cute spectacle. A cute little question--what is air, what is up, what is innovation. The intellectual depth of modern business at work. Thrilling mental adventures around each highly sold corner. Wowie!
- For some research on the matter, check out "Four Levels of Innovation," an article by Kris Miner, MBA in the Graziadio Business Review at http://gbr.pepperdine.edu/2010/10/the-four-levels-of-innovation/

Mission accomplished @ the TAKE IT UP Best Pitching Award, Brussels, 19 November 2010

www.takeitup.eu

Partner Search

Danish organization willing to join a consortium for a project proposal within the topic GC.SST.2011.7-1. The European Green Cars Initiative, Specific safety issues of electrical vehicles.

We know it is close to deadline, but we believe we acquire unique competences and are very interested to contribute and become a partner within one ongoing proposal/consortium.

We have the competences to provide a value adding involvement and are ready to act quickly. DELTA is a company with a uniquely practical determination to help get advanced technologies working exactly as intended, bring them to market quickly/efficiently.

We're the people you contact to get complex technological challenges dealt with effectively - and within a manageable budget.

Contact: Torben Holm Pedersen, thp@delta.dk , www.madebydelta.com/senselab

Partner search for FP7 : Challenge 5: ICT for Health, Ageing Well, Inclusion and Governance

Contact: Javier Izquierdo Antón, Cadiz University, Vice-rectorate for R&D, tel +34-956015174, fax +34-956015746, javier.izquierdo@uca.es

Call For Tender / Proposals / Applications / Fundings / Awards Genomica: Call for European stem cell researchers The EU Stem Cell Group is holding an extraordinary call for members. This is an opportunity to join a unique community of leading stem cell researchers from across EU. We have a small number of places available and are particularly keen to hear from researchers working in EEA countries not already represented in the group. Members benefit from:

• An annual, fully funded meeting;

• Work groups for knowledge exchange;

- Specialist data management and analysis tools;
- Access to a specialist training programme.

More... http://www.eurosystemproject.eu/news

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opens Application Tender for Grant Awards

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (B&MGF or the Gates Foundation) is the largest transparently operated private foundation in the world, founded by Bill and Melinda Gates. The foundation is "driven by the interests and passions of the Gates family" The primary aims of the foundation are, globally, to enhance healthcare and reduce extreme poverty globally to expand educational opportunities and access to information technology.

The foundation, based in Seattle, Washington, is controlled by its three trustees: Bill Gates, Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett. Other principal officers include Co-Chair William H. Gates, Sr. and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Raikes.

To make further progress on these commitments, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (B&MGF) encourages Youth organizations, Socio-Cultural Organizations, Community organizations, Educators, Scholars, Researchers, Health Organizations, Professionals, Business Organizations, Decision makers in the public/private sector, Representatives of Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs), Religious organizations, Human Right Organizations & Women Groups, Institutions, Individuals to apply in various categories of the on going grant award scheme for the use of global health, poverty, development, education, information, other projects in Europe, Africa, Asia, North/South America. Interested applicants should contact us by email at our main office for further information on application procedure: info@billmelindagates-foundation.org

Policy

European Commission sets out plans to strengthen the Single Market

In two reports, the Commission has proposed a series of measures to boost the single market. The EU Citizenship Report includes proposals to make peoples' lives easier when they exercise their EU rights to get married, buy a house or register a car in another EU country. To boost growth, competitiveness, social progress, the Single Market Act calls for action to make the lives of companies, consumers and workers easier.

The EU's Single Market is the cornerstone of EU integration. Barriers that once stopped goods from freely flowing from Lisbon to Helsinki have been torn down. While Europeans can be proud of these achievements, businesses, citizens also know that hurdles still exist when they exercise their rights.

"Businesses and citizens have reaped huge rewards as the EU steadily broke down internal barriers to goods, services and people," said Vice-President Viviane Reding, EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. "My goal today is to make sure that we remove the remaining hurdles that people face when exercising their rights."

Proposals include simplifying requirements for being listed on capital markets and reducing costs for SMEs by simplifying accounting rules and improving their access to public procurement contracts.

More... http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/smact/index_en.htm

Your Europe: A service for all Europeans

We would like to reiterate the information about the new Your Europe portal, the official source of information and assistance to help mobile Europeans understand and defend their EU rights. Your Europe contains all the information citizens and businesses need to know when living, travelling, studying, working or doing business across Europe.

On Your Europe, you will find clear and up-to-date information regarding EU rights, illustrated by many real-life examples. Additionally,

Your Europe gives practical tips and clear warnings on the different formalities that need to be accomplished.

Your Europe also provides an easy access to further sources of help, such as free legal advice or problem solving services, should its users need further personalised assistance. Your Europe is managed by the EC

We encourage you to visit Your Europe, to give us your feedback, and to send the link to your contacts if you consider they would benefit from knowing about this information portal.

You can also insert a link or a logo on your own webpage, or download our short clips.

More... Your Europe, contact us on <u>yepromotion@ec.europa.eu</u> if you would like to know more about Your Europe.

ECB Survey 2010: Better access to Finance For SMEs in the Euro area

The European Central Bank (ECB) survey provides information on the financial situation, financing needs, access to financing of SMEs, compared with large firms, in the six months from March to September 2010. The factors with an impact on the availability of external financing have improved, especially those concerning the economic outlook.

The proportion of SMEs reporting a worsening in access to bank loans, at 24%, almost halved compared to the previous survey, when it stood at 42%. At the same time, 12% of SMEs reported an improvement in access to bank loans, compared with 10% in the previous round.

More... http://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2010/html/pr101022.en.html

Public procurement: SMEs disadvantaged

A new study published by the European Commission has found that SMEs are not obtaining a percentage of public procurement contracts proportionate to their economic importance.

The 'Evaluation of SMEs' access to public procurement markets in the EU' report found that despite winning an estimated 60% of public procurement contracts published in the Official Journal of the EU, SMEs are securing only 34% of the overall

value of these contracts.

This is between 14 and 21 percent lower than their overall weight in the economy.

Whilst medium-sized enterprises are not unduly underrepresented in this regard public procurement access for micro/small enterprises is clearly limited.

Micro-enterprises secured a share of 6% of public procurement contracts, small enterprises 11%, medium-sized 17%. Read more ...

Commission presents Report on how the European Company Statute works for business

The European Company Statute has made it possible for companies to transfer the registered seat cross-border, better reorganize/restructure, to choose between board structures.

However, experience thus far has demonstrated that applying the Statute poses a number of problems. For example, the Statute does not result in a uniform SE form across EU.

Read more ...

Events

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit 2011, 28 February-2March 2011, Washington DC, USA

Last year, more than **1700 executives and innovators** attended the first ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit to **discover** the technologies that will transform our energy economy and **meet** the innovators behind them. Join our nation's energy leaders to learn about ARPA-E's role in commercializing breakthrough ideas and the 121 projects currently receiving funds – that's 84 new projects since the last Summit!

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- HEAR where the DOE and ARPA-E are headed straight from Secretary of Energy and ARPA-E Director.
- LEARN about federal funding opportunities during the pre-conference workshop!

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Solar Conference, 29th March 2011, London, UK

In April 2010 the United Kingdom introduced a feed-in tariff (FiT) spurring dramatic growth in opportunity for the solar and photovoltaic industry. Solar and PV technology is not new to the UK and there has been significant PV activity, albeit with most of the production currently being exported.

The UK already has manufacturers and suppliers in materials, solar panels and a strong research history but the expected increase in business will outstrip the capacity providing opportunities along the value chain.

There is opportunity to develop an industry with a longer term vision than the lifetime of the FiT.

Major business opportunities exist in the whole supply chain, from materials to panel assembly and installation.

More... www.solar-uk-conference.co.uk

International Conference on Computer & Management CAMAN, Wuhan China, 19-21 May 2011

This conference is sponsored by IEEE Wuhan Section, Hunan University, Wuhan University, Engineering Information Institute and Chongqing VIP Information Co.,Ltd..

All papers accepted will be indexed by Ei Compendex and ISTP.

More... www.camanconf.org/2011/; sub@camanconf.org

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More... http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=conferences

3rd International Product Safety Week, 1-3 December 2010, Brussels, Belgium

The EC is organising events under the umbrella of the International Product Safety Week in the Centre Albert Borschette. **More...** <u>http://www.enterprise-europenetwork.ec.europa.eu/public/calendar/home.cfm</u>

Workshop on Integrating TELEMEDICINE in the National Health Services, Bruxelles, December 16 2010

More... scientific.ambbruxelles@esteri.it

Training Events / Jobs Calendar of training courses in nanoscience and electronics Des processus de production, des machines et des moyens de mesure 14.12.2010 Neuchâtel (CH) **Micro-Optics** 14-15.12.2010 Lausanne (CH) **Body Area Networks** 16-17.12.2010 Neuchâtel (CH) Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits 16.12.2010 Lausanne (CH) On-line Course : Mechanics of Microcantilevers 12.2010 On-line On-line Course : Introduction to Microcantilever Applications 12, 2010 On-line 12.2010 On-line Course : Microcantilever Deflection Measurements On-line Conception des guidages flexibles 25.03.2011 Neuchâtel (CH)

Tolérancement des assemblages: revoir la conception	30.03.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Comment synchroniser GPAO et R&D ?	03.05.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)
Design et réalité industrielle	04.05.2011	Neuchâtel (CH)

More... http://www.fsrm.ch/e/formAgenda.php

Calendar of training courses in project management, regional and SMEs development

Start-up Creation in the Field of Microsystems, December 6, 2010, Vienna, http://www.fsrm.ch/doc/c118.php

Finance in FP7, 7 December 2010, Cambridge, UK, www.singleimage.co.uk

Coordinating FP7 R&D Projects, 8 Dec 2010 Cambridge, UK, www.singleimage.co.uk

WINNING FP7 BIDS, 18 January 2011, Cambridge, UK, www.singleimage.co.uk EU Funding for Utilities Energy, Water, Waste, Transport, 31 Jan – 1 Feb 2011, Berlin, Click here

EU Funds Policies, Regulations and Management, 7-8 February 2011, Berlin, Click here

Workshop Cost-Benefit Analysis for EU Projects, 17-18 February 2011, Berlin, Germany, Click here

Budgetary management, financial control, obligations for EU funded projects, 28.02-01.03.2011, Berlin, Click here More... Cordis Europa Events ; Selected Events 2010

The new webpage of Archiva Zootechnica (AZ), a quarterly English journal published by INCDBNA

The web site are focused on animal production related topics. You can download the full-text articles (free of charge). Potential authors can find information on the instructions, submission of manuscripts, reviewing process, etc. If you are interested to publish, you can send your manuscripts to archiva@ibna.ro. Reviewing process usually takes 2 - 4 months.

More... http://www.ibna.ro/en/arhiva/arhiva.php.

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Postdoc position in nuclear reaction modelling

The nuclear reactions group at Uppsala University is looking for a postdoc to work on nuclear reaction modeling within the MACRO project. The MACRO project aims at using the Total Monte Carlo (TMC) method for reactor applications. The applicant is expected to extend an existing nuclear model code [TALYS] for assessment of nuclear data uncertainties. In this project we work in close collaboration with Arjan Koning and Dimitri Rochman from NRG Petten, The Netherlands. More... http://www.personalavd.uu.se/ledigaplatser/2796postdocENG.html

Training courses in SMEs Danagement and Development, Galilee Management Institute, Nazareth, Israel

- SMEs Management & Development, 15 February 2 March 2011
- Sustainable Tourism: Management, Development and Marketing, February 2011 •
- Human Resources Management, July. 2011; Project Management, March 2011
- Public Administration and Civil Service Management, January and June 2011

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