

ERRIN Biotechnology Working Group – planned focus of activities 2010

<p>Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest</p>	<p>The working group focusses on different issues connected to technology based on biology, especially applied to agriculture, food science, bio-based materials and medicine. The ambition is to help to overcome fragmentation and to reach a critical mass at EU level in terms of networking, partnering opportunities and bio cluster promotion. The group works in the framework of Europe Innova Biotech Clusters and in close cooperation with CEBR (Council of European Bio Regions – http://www.cebr.net/) given that most of ERRIN WG's members are also members of CEBR.</p> <p>The main aim of this cooperation is to interconnect biotech support activities across Europe, to create links with regional practitioners and to animate regional bio-communities. The group supports Brussels representatives in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing coordinated and up to date information on Biotechnology events and initiatives at European level; ▪ Building trusted relations between Brussels representatives from different regions; ▪ Supporting Brussels representatives in gaining mutual knowledge of actions and experiences from other European regions; ▪ Supporting networking activities and project development among regional practitioners; ▪ Building capacity among Brussels representatives and practitioners in terms of European cooperation in the field of biotechnology. ▪ Circulating partner searches among practitioners on relevant calls on biotechnology. <p>The group works with a bottom up approach and is open to expressions of interests in topics from all group members.</p>
<p>Structure (Chair/Co-Chair, subgroups, if applicable)</p>	<p>The Brussels Office of Unioncamere Lombardia will chair the Biotech Working Group in 2010 in close cooperation with CEBR (European Council of Bioregions). The Working Group is co-lead by Veneto Agricoltura which is responsible subgroup on Food/Food clusters.</p> <p>The Biotech Working Group divides tasks among members to support active participation of. Members are, for instance, tasked to lead specific themes of cooperation for organising specific events, identify specific calls of interest and for provide intelligence/information on specific issues or programmes.</p>
<p>Strategic context 2010</p>	<p><i>Please provide outline or bullets on the strategic EU-level context the WG will be operating in 2010. Which are main EU-level political/practical developments/calls to be expected that</i></p>

	<i>merit the WG attention.</i>
	<u>To be added</u>
Planned focus and form of activity 2010. What are the WG plans in terms of project development?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Emerging biotech regions group please add explanation 2) Developing mentoring schemes for emerging biotech regions 3) Lobbying for the FP7-KBBE-2012 Work Programme 4) Food cluster ?

Numbers

Number of regular participants at WG meetings	
Planned number of TWG meetings	
Planned number of conferences with external participants	
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU COM	
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable	
Planned number of projects arising from the co-operation within the TWG	
Closer co-operation with other health related networks and / or observatories	3