



ERRIN European Regions
Research and Innovation Network

ERRIN THEMATIC WORKING GROUP TEMPLATE

Title of WG:

ERRIN Working Group on Nano Technologies

Lead partner, proposed chair/co-chair, if relevant:

Lead:

Brainport Eindhoven – Ms Bernadette Bergsma
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Co-lead: Piemonte Region Brussels
Ms Susanna Longo

Core group:

Eindhoven/M2i

Piemonte Region

Twente University

Aim/Objectives:

The ERRIN Nano technology Working Group will have a broad scope of ambitions, ranging from policy influencing to exchange of information to facilitating the development of joint European projects in the field of nano technologies. In short, the priorities for the WG can be described as follows:

- b **Pre-Acquisition related activities** – the WG looks at identifying potential funding opportunities and supporting the formation of project consortia.
- b **Communication and Knowledge exchange** – the WG looks at forwarding information from the EU to the members, among others on issues concerning legislation and its impact, and sharing information between the members, looking at learning from each other through best practice exchanges. For this latter, the WG will establish a set of priority themes in the course of 2010 to be addressed in 2010 and 2011
- b **Policy development** – The WG will follow closely the developments coming out of Brussels with a specific focus on the emerging thinking in the European Commission on innovation and on the shape of the next R&D Framework Programme.

Main activities (if relevant include or annex detailed work plan):

Following the discussions with prospective members of the group in the beginning of 2010, the WG proposes to focus on the following objectives for the first year of activities:

- b **Pre-Acquisition related activities** – In its first year of activities the WG aims to submit at least 1 proposal in the context of ERRIN, aims to be at the start of at least 1 project emanating from the WG and aim for 1 proposal in the context of the CSA
- b **Communication and Knowledge exchange** – The WG expects to organise 4 information oriented meetings in Brussels, geared towards experts in the field in the course of its first year of activities. The WG members aim to also contribute structurally to the ERRIN news flow, by, among others, sharing information gathered by participating in nano related events.
- b **Policy development** – Establish a small set of ERRIN priorities by using 1 strategic meeting in Oct 2010 with the nano-community to define 4-5 main topics where ERRIN will focus for impact. Furthermore the WG will lobby on the CIP programme and the CSA under NMP 2012-13 to ensure that our ideas are included.

Planned start/kick-off:

October 2010 (tbc)

Support required from ERRIN Secretariat:

Mainly communication of meetings