

ERRIN e-alert 1/2010, 11 Jan – 15 Jan 2010

Secretariat Announcements

+++New members: ERRIN is pleased to welcome the New Members **South Transdanubian Regional Development Agency, Region Västra Götaland, Turkish Research and Business Organisations (TuR&Bo)** to the network+++

New members:

South Transdanubia

The South Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency Nonprofit Company (STRIA) was established by the South Transdanubian Regional Development Agency (STRDA) and other regional innovation and business support organisations. It is member of the Hungarian Regional Innovation Agency Network. The company aims at improving the region's innovation capacity by providing innovation support services for SMEs and research organisations, by supporting technology transfer and by fostering international knowledge exchange within the ERA. STRIA also provides innovation policy consultancy to STRDA and regional decision makers.

TuR&Bo

TuR&Bo is an international non-profit Association (a.i.s.b.l.) set up in Brussels by the public and private sector institutions representing Turkish Research and Business, i.e. TÜBITAK, TOBB, KOSGEB and TESK. TuR&Bo aims to support Turkish Research and Business actors with regard to their successful involvement in the EU's RTD and enterprise-oriented programmes by providing information, communication, consultancy and training services, networking and lobbying.

Region Västra Götaland

Region Västra Götaland is the regional authority in charge of regional development in Western Sweden. Its innovation strategy rests on three pillars: Entrepreneurship, Innovative SMEs and Research Driven Clusters and a network of regional platforms for interactive R&D and open innovation. It aims at sustaining and increasing the region's innovation capacity. The region is strong in health, ITC and automotive and holds a top European position in terms of R&D investments by businesses.

Other announcements:

+++The **ERRIN New Year's Drink** has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 13 January 2010 from 4.30 pm** in the Brussels Representation of the West Pannon Region, Avenue de Tervuren 84, 1040 Brussels. The Hearing of the designated Commissioner for Research in the ITRE Committee of the European Parliament, scheduled for the same time, [will be livestreamed](#) and should provide for some lively discussion. Please mark your calendar! We shall be pleased to meeting you there! +++

+++To prepare the Open Days 2010 and ensure a more coordinated ERRIN presence, ERRIN members are kindly asked to inform the Secretariat on issues /regional partnerships for the Open Days in 2010. It could be, particularly, interesting for ERRIN's thematic groups to propose consortia/events.+++

+++Besides the MKW (Making Knowledge Work) project, the ERRIN flagship capitalisation project (INTERREG IVC) on mainstreaming good practice in knowledge valorisation, led by Brainport Eindhoven, ERRIN is now involved as partner in another approved European cooperation project, ECOLINK+, a CIP project, to establish an integrated European Innovation Platform for eco-innovation companies. Kick-off for ECOLINK is 25 and 26 January, for MKW it is 3 February. The Secretariat will keep you posted on project developments and opportunities arising from these projects for ERRIN members. We will also add a separate ERRIN projects section on the web in the following days. Please note that with regard to ERRIN project involvement, [ERRIN's internal rules](#) have been amended by the last ERRIN Management Board of 15 December 2009 with an article on "project involvement and support", which outlines the procedure for related MB decisions allowing ERRIN asbl on a case-by-case basis to participate in strategic projects. The amendment of the internal rules also regulates how to deal with requests for project support letters. +++

+++ The European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry (DG ENTR) is seeking to attract leading economists in academia, international organisations, governments and top research institutions to participate in its Economist Visitors Programme. Economist Visitors are invited for a short-term visit (normally for one or two weeks with the possibility of an extension of up to three months) to present and discuss research work and share their knowledge in the area of microeconomics and quantitative methods, namely in the areas of industrial policy and economic reforms. The general aim of the programme is to enhance the overall quality of work done by DG ENTR as well as strengthening in-house know-how by improving its connections with the economic research community. The programme aims to give DG ENTR staff better access to on-going research work as well as to increase exposure to new approaches and insights on issues of relevance for DG ENTR. Economist Visitors will equally have an opportunity to experience the policy-making environment in which DG ENTR operates. Economist Visitors (staying for 1 week in Brussels) receive a weekly honorarium of between €750 and €1250 (depending upon experience), together with a daily subsistence allowance of €92 and an accommodation allowance of €100 per night. Furthermore, the Commission will reimburse travel costs according to current regulations in force. Applications are possible until 30 June 2011. [More information](#) +++

Finnish cluster magazine "Johtotaito" is now called "Excellence" and is published in English. It is published by the European ProClusters Association at: <http://www.eproca.org/executive-magazine/>. The editors are collecting interesting cluster stories for their next edition planned for spring 2010.

Working Group updates and meetings

+++The **Energy and Climate Change Working Group** has scheduled their next meeting for **21 January 2010**, 10.00 – 12.00. The group will discuss the follow-up to the recent Intelligent Energy practitioners' event (24th November 2009). Carla Travagnin, from Sustainable Energy Europe will provide an insight into current Sustainable Energy Europe initiatives. Caroline Thevenot of DG RTD.K.1. will present

the European Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan. Further to that, the group's involvement in the EU Sustainable Energy Week will be discussed+++

+++The **Health Working Group met on Friday, 8th January 2010** at the South Denmark European Office. The subgroups Healthy Ageing & Health Technologies, Future Hospitals and Public Health reported about their progress. Concerning Future Hospitals the WG leader provided presented a [briefing note](#) on the "innovative and sustainable hospital for the 21st century". This new field of activity of the ERRIN health group will be launched on 2 March 2010 with a workshop in the European Parliament. Among others, a speaker from the WHO will present "Health Promoting Hospitals" and Oracle will present a case study about CO2 neutral hospitals. An agenda and invitation will be sent out by the end of January 2010 at the latest. Regions, who are interested to present their related case-studies, are welcome to contact the WG leader. The group also discussed its revised Workprogramme for 2010. Following this, Ingrid Keller, of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers, based in Luxemburg, reported about the timeline, selection criteria and thematic focus of the 2010 calls of the EU Public Health Working Programme. Henriette Hansen, South Denmark and Daniela Negri, Veneto Region presented the EU health projects they are running. Saxony presented the CIP ICT Policy Support Programme. The next meeting of the Health WG will be in March 2010 +++

+++ The **FP8 Task Force will meet on 19 January 2010 at** Scotland Europa, Rd. Point Schuman 6, 15-17.00. The meeting will focus on the Role of SMEs in the Framework Programme. Bernd Reichert, DG RTD, in charge of SME research, and a speaker (tbc) from the European Business Network will present their views, followed by Q&A from the audience.+++

+++The **ERRIN Policy WG** has emailed the "ERRIN response to the EU2020 consultations" to all ERRIN members on 18 December with a reminder on 6 January. Deadline for comments was set for 8 January but may be prolonged depending on the consultation's deadline, which is rumoured to be prolonged after the 15 Jan 2010 (tbc).+++

+++The **Innovation WG, led by Wales Higher Education**, is looking for a co-leader with a strong focus on SMEs and entrepreneurship and, possibly, access to finance +++

Event Announcements

Consultation on the Future of EU Cohesion Policy, Brussels, 12 January

The Committee of the Regions is organising a hearing/consultation to explore the demands and interests of stakeholders on key aspects of cohesion policy beyond 2013. [More information](#)

CIP ICT-PSP Information Day, 14 January 2010

This event will present the 4th call for the CIP ICT-PSP programme. Main funding opportunities will be ICT for low carbon economy and smart mobility, open innovation for future internet-enabled services in smart cities and the multilingual web. [More information](#).

Workshop on Social Inclusion and related technologies, 21 January 2010

This workshop organised by DG INFSO, is a follow-up to some research projects on the use of ICT for social inclusion of Marginalised Youth. It will discuss technology for improving social inclusion and independent living. [More information](#)

EBN 25th Anniversary Reception, Brussels, 27 January 2010

The European Business & Innovation Centre Network (EBN) is a pan-European network bringing together over 200 Business and Innovation Centres (BICs) and similar organizations such as incubators and entrepreneurship centres. The 25th anniversary will be the occasion to highlight the fundamental role of the BICs in the deployment of regional innovation policies. [More information.](#)

The EU Cohesion Policy post-2013 from the Perspective of Metropolitan Regions, Brussels, 27 January 2010

The Baden-Wurttemberg Representation to the EU and the Network of German Metropolitan regions invite to the debate "The EU Cohesion Policy post-2013 from the Perspective of Metropolitan Regions". The panel discussion will benefit from the support of high-level speakers such as Dirk Ahner, Director General of DG Regio, and Rainer Wieland, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Rupert Kawka, German Federal Office for Building and Spatial Planning and Stefan Dallinger, Director of the Metropolitan Region Rhein-Neckar, among others. It aims to exchange views and opinions concerning the new structure of Cohesion Funds. [More information.](#)

CIP Intelligent Energy Europe, Info Day, Brussels, 3 February 2010

The IEE European Info Day for the forthcoming CIP IEE call is a full day event with a plenary session in the morning and a series of thematic workshops in the afternoon. [More information](#)

Conference: Global Challenges – Regional Response, Regional Innovation Capacities in a Global Perspective, Eindhoven, 4-5 February 2010

The city of Eindhoven and Brainport Eindhoven invite to a conference discussing , among others, how regions can retain sustainable competitive advantages in the perspective of a globalising economy. From the programme: Global forces affect places differently, and some centres are better positioned than others.

It has been claimed that we live on a 'flat earth' where geography is no longer important and where talented individuals across the world compete on a level playing field. But the reality is different. Innovation potential and performance is mainly clustered on a regional scale. What is the position of European regions in this respect? Are their strategies all set for the future, or are they in need of new approaches?

In debates around globalisation the EU economy seems to be reduced to a 'quantité négligable' since the main focus lies in the USA and among BRIC countries. Does the EU still have a right to play? How can the EU get its focus right? And what is the role of innovative regions in the EU? How can they drive Europe's economy and what policies are needed to deliver on their potential? These questions are addressed at an international conference on regional innovation capacity in a globalising economy.

ERRIN members are explicitly invited to attend both days of this conference (i.e. also the sessions on 5 Feb that are marked "invitation only"). [More information](#)

High-level event on ICT for Energy Efficiency 2010, Brussels, 23-24 February 2010

This event aims to be a vehicle to drive progress in the transition to an energy-efficient economy and a sustainable society, following the Commission Recommendation on "Mobilising ICT to facilitate the transition to an energy-efficient, low-carbon economy" adopted on October 9th 2009. Discussions will focus on policies and technical advances in the fields of Smart Cities, Smart Buildings, Logistics and Transport, Smart Grids, Smart Metering, Energy Efficient Data Centres, New Business Models on an Energy Liberalised Market and The role of the Media in improving awareness. [More information](#).

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