

ERRIN e-alert 10/2010, 15 Mar – 19 Mar 2010

New members

ERRIN is pleased to welcome the **European Advisors Institute (EAI)** as an associate member to the ERRIN community.

EAI is a national NGO based in, responsible for regional development, development of innovation and entrepreneurship implementation. EAI has a broad range of activities but its main activity is offering accredited training programs for European Fund Advisors in Poland, which include an important focus on innovation strategies and processes and related evaluation.

[Contact details](#)

Working group updates

Quick view: Forthcoming WG meetings

Health

25 Mar 2010, 9.30 – 13.30, Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, Rue des Aduatiques 71-75, 1040 Brussels

Energy / Climate Change

25 Mar 2010, 14.30 – 17.30, West Midlands in Europe, Av. d' Auderghem 22-28 (Smart regions – how can we get there?)

Transport

15 March 2010, 14.00, Briefing on GREEN CARS. Representation of Eszak-Alfold Region, Square Vergote 5, B-1200

22 March 2010, 14.00, Briefing on LOGISTICS. Representation of Canary Islands, Avenue Livingstone 21, B-1000

22 April 2010, Practitioner Event for Regions of Knowledge Call, Boulevard Bischoffsheim 11, 2nd Floor, B-1000

+++ Innovation Funding group: Expression of interest for EIB briefing+++

Following a proposal from Valencia to organize a seminar on EIB financing and how to use the different instruments (e.g. Jessica, Jeremy, Risk Sharing Finance Facility) for funding regional innovation projects, the IFWG proposes to all members interested in participating in such a seminar and which may have good practices/experiences to share to contact the task leader Javier Fernandez at the Valencia EU office at jfernandez@delcomval.be. Following sufficient interest a briefing/seminar will be organized before the summer, possibly during the SME week. A separate briefing/seminar on venture capital has also been proposed for after the summer.

+++Health Working Group: Next meeting+++

The **Health WG** scheduled its **next regular meeting** for **25 March from 9.30**. The meeting will be hosted by Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, Rue des Aduatiques 71-75, 1040 Brussels. [More information and agenda](#).

+++Update Biotech Working Group: Meeting on 4 March+++

Practitioners can submit their interest in the FP7 2011 KBBE and Health Draft WG [online](#).

+++ Update Transport WG: Briefings and preparation for the RoK call+++

The focus of the ERRIN Transport Working Group for the coming months is to facilitate project submissions for the next Regions of Knowledge Call. In the run-up to a **project building practitioner event** scheduled for **22 April 2010, 10.00 – 16.00**, the **TWG holds two preparatory briefing sessions** on:

(1) GREEN CARS , 15 March 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, Representation of Eszak-Alfold Region, Square Vergote 5, B-1200

(2) LOGISTICS , 22 March 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, Representation of Canary Islands, Avenue Livingstone 21, B-1000
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[More information](#) on all 3 events

Event announcements

+++European Sustainable Energy Week 2010+++

78 key events will be staged in Brussels during 5 days from 22 to 26 March 2010. We would like to highlight the following seminars:

22 March 2010:

Marine Renewables: Turning the tide, 16.00, Scotland Europa, Rond Point Schuman 6, B-1000

23 March 2010:

Electromobility in Action, 18.00, Representation of Baden Württemberg to the EU, Rue Belliard 60-62, organized by Stuttgart Region

Smart Cities and Regions, 9.45, Committee of the Regions, organized by DG TREN
ICT for a Sustainable Low Carbon Economy, 14:30, Charlemagne, organized by DG INFSO

24 March 2010:

Urban Mobility, 14:30, Charlemagne, organized DG TREN

ManagEnergy Annual Conference 2010, 9.15, Charlemagne, organized by the DG ENERGY and EACI

Workshop on Funding for Local Authorities and Energy Actors under of the ELENA Facility, 14.30, Committee of the Regions JDE70 room

EERA and how energy research contributes to a low-carbon society, 14.00, University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11, organized by Capital Region of Denmark

[More information, agendas and registration](#)

Secretariat Announcements

+++ Call for expressions of interest: Join ECOLINK+ Business Club+++

The objective of this call for expression of interest is to promote eco-innovation in regions by identifying suitable members of the **ECOLINK+ Business Club** for emerging and promising eco-innovators.

Regions may identify suitable members of the ECOLINK+ Business Club for emerging and promising eco-innovators by organising an event with the assistance of the project ECOLINK+. By showcasing a number of local **eco-innovation companies that are successful with the provision of "green" products and/or services**, the regions will get the support of ECOLINK+ to illustrate what they are doing in support of the emergence and growth of eco-innovation companies (for example through cluster management or other regional eco-innovation support measures).

Regions that already can establish a list of suitable candidates without organising such an event may apply directly for considering their eco-innovators as potential club members. This may be the case for regions which already were able to identify suitable candidates through an event, a competition, a survey, a study or whatever other way.

The call will be open until 30 June 2011. Expression of interest should be sent by email at ECOLINK+@meta-group.com. [More detailed information](#) concerning the call.+++

+++**ERRIN web updates.** The call calendar has been updated once again and can be accessed [online](#) (Funding Area). We now also update each week the ERRIN news & events section, where we include short summaries of relevant EU innovation news from other sources. Finally, the ERRIN Standard Slides/Presentation (see: Home Page) have been updated and now include one slide for each thematic working group summarizing their planned activities for 2010.+++

+++**ERRIN venue database:** For the organization of ERRIN events, we would like to create a **venue database** to make it easier to pick the right venue for planned ERRIN events. We count on members' willingness and happiness to host interesting ERRIN seminars free of charge. It would be mostly appreciated if you include your venue by filling in our [online table](#).+++

+++**Nanotech Questionnaires:** To proceed with further discussions on the establishment of an ERRIN Nanotech WG, we kindly remind interested members to return the Nanotech mapping questionnaire that was sent by Piemonte Region at the end of last year. So far we have received four questionnaires. We clearly need more concrete expressions of interest to determine future action.+++

+++ **FP7 Work Programmes 2011.** We would like to again thank those members who shared with us any draft FP7 Work Programmes for 2011. Nine fact sheets are now online: MP; Health; Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotech; Energy; SSH, Environment Transport Science in Society and ICT.

The FP7 fact sheets can be downloaded from the [Funding Area](#) of our website. At the moment we are working on the following fact sheets: Science in Society, ICT. We still need the following draft WPs, if and when available: Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Research for the Benefit of SMEs.

As a next step it will be proposed to the interested working groups to collect expressions of interests of their members to cooperate on the different areas of the planned calls. See as a model, the table placed online by the Biotech WG (see WG updates above)+++

+++ Endorsement Quotes+++

We are continuing our collection of [endorsement quotes from ERRIN members](#) to be published regularly in this e-alert and on our website (see right column on our homepage and the link to our quote collection). So, please tell us why ERRIN is important for you/your region/office and how you have benefited from ERRIN involvement. Please also let us know about successful project submissions that have benefited from the ERRIN network or have been facilitated by one of our Working Groups, and, if possible, refer to this in your quote. If you want to contribute, please send your quote to communication@errin.eu !

ERRIN Quote of the week:

"Errin is an important tool to improve our visibility towards the European institutions, optimize our work and create synergies between different regional experiences. It is also a community of enthusiastic and competent people, where you can enjoy yourself working together and testing and upgrading your skills"

Daniela Mazzarino
Regione Toscana

Partner Searches

FP7 PEOPLE ITN, IAAP, FP7 NMP, FP7 SME; EUREKA, IBEROEKA

Metalgest del Atlántico SL searches opportunities to join a consortium

[More information](#)

INTERREG IVB/Central Europe

Assessing and implementing sustainable management of agricultural effluents and agro-processing industries waste: **AgroBioEf**

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Innovative tourism concepts

Company visits, as a tourism product

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To be added as a contact to the Working Group Mailing lists, please contact the leaders of the relevant ERRIN Working Groups and Task Forces.

If you wish to share any information or announce your events to other ERRIN members through our weekly e-alert, do not hesitate to contact the ERRIN Secretariat.

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