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Secretariat Announcements

+++The ERRIN Secretariat is planning a new page on the ERRIN website with endorsement quotes of members. Last year have already collected some quotes and used for our ERRIN image [brochure](#) but want to give more members the opportunity to tell others why they like ERRIN or highlight a particular success, e.g. a project/projects they got involved through ERRIN. This should help to give a personal touch to the benefits of membership as already listed on the webpage and help to better communicate these benefits. Please see here an example of Lazio Region, on of our members:

“ERRIN is a very stimulating environment, where we have found knowledge, experience, best practices, support, contacts, projects...and friends. Surely one of the more active and useful network in Brussels.” – Cinzia Felci, Head of Office, Lazio Regional representation in Brussels”

Looking forward to receiving your quote a.s.a.p. +++

+++ REMINDER: The **call calendar 2010** is online [here](#). We would like to have your comments on this tool (useful?, if not, how to improve?, is the info correct?). This is a living document, and based on your and our knowledge we will strive to keep this always as updated as possible. So please let us know, if your info is different from ours, if you notice mistakes or if you have new knowledge not yet reflected in the e-alert. That’s what ERRIN is about: You are what you share!+++

+++Website updates:

- The [POLICY GROUP](#) section informs about the work/outputs of the Policy Working Group.
- The [PROJECT GROUP](#) section provides updates about trainings offered by that working group. Further to that, a database with documents related to project management has been set up. [ERRIN PROJECTS](#) highlights all projects, ERRIN participates as a project partner and gives an overview of currently submitted projects.
- Finally, we created a [KNOWLEDGE BASE](#) (thanks to Flander for support). It contains a selection of presentations and innovation policy documents that we consider interesting for our members.

The ERRIN Secretariat kindly invites all members to send us slides and documents they find interesting and want to share with other members through the ERRIN knowledge base.+++

+++Thanks to the ERRIN members that attended our New Year’s Drink. Many thanks to the West Pannon Region for hosting and to North Hungary, South Transdanubia and Eszak-Alfold for co-organising. The next social event in the pipeline could be a summer BBQ. Members interested to host/organise are kindly

asked to contact the Secretariat.+++

+++ To facilitate an ERRIN consortium for the Open Days, ERRIN invites to the Open Days 2010 Consortium Facilitating Meeting on 19 January 2010, 11.30 – 12.30, at the House of the Dutch Provinces, Rue des Aduatiques 71 – 75, 1040 Brussels. Please register directly [online](#) +++

+++ The North East England office in Brussels is interested in establishing a consortium for the Open Days 2010 on offshore energy (wind, ocean). A meeting is scheduled for 25th Jan 2010, North East England office in Brussels, Boulevard St. Michel 80, 1040 Brussels. More information, Anne-Benedicte Genachte, anne-benedicte.genachte@northeastengland.eu+++

+++The CoR is holding the following hearings for CoR opinions:

1) "Preparing for our future: Developing a common strategy for key enabling technologies in the EU" and "Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies: An action plan for Europe 2005-2009." The consultation will take place on 20 January 10, 15-17.00, at the Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99 – 101, Room JDE 70. [More information](#).

2) "Transforming the digital dividend into social benefits and economic growth" and "A public-private partnership on the Future Internet" COM". The consultation will take place at: The Committee of the Regions, room JDE 60, Wednesday 27 January 10, 11–13.00, Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99 – 101, Room JDE 60. [More information](#)+++

+++A new Lisbon Council policy brief on [Wikinomics in Europe](#) will be looking at the way mass collaboration has changed business models, governance, education and the environment in Europe. The author will be Anthony D. Williams, co-author of Wikinomics. The Lisbon Council invites all interested parties to provide examples of Web 2.0 in action from companies, governments and/or other institutions or individuals . For more info contact Paul Hofheinz, paul.hofheinz@lisboncouncil.net, tel. (0)2 647 95 75. +++

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 **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. Please be aware that after the presentation from Bernd Reichert, DG RTD, there will be an opportunity to present case studies or examples of good practice and methodology for ensuring engagement by SMEs in EU R&D funding.

If you are interested in presenting a case study, please contact Luca Polizzi, luca.polizzi@scotent.co.uk for further details. [More information](#)+++

+++After consulting with all ERRIN member and the ERRIN Management Board, the **ERRIN Policy WG** has submitted the "[ERRIN response to the EU2020 consultations](#)" to the European Commission. +++

Event Announcements

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](#)

Regional Living Lab Policy for the Benefit of SMEs, 27 January 2010,

Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and the COLLABS CIP Thematic Network kindly invite you to the "Regional Living Lab policy for the benefit of SMEs" event. This event plans to get the Living Lab community, regional practitioners and the European Commission together to discuss their initiatives, policies and programmes that target SME innovation through the Living Lab approach. This is not a dissemination event; rather it is a focused event that will generate debate and discussion among speakers, panelists and participants in order to provide a set of recommendations to the upcoming European Innovation Plan. [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-Württemberg 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.](#)

EU 2020 Strategy – a joint Think Tanks Meeting, Brussels, 28 January 2010

This meeting co-organised by the Resource Efficiency Alliance and the European Economic and Social Committee will take place after the Commission consultation on the EU 2020 Strategy. This meeting intends to be a place of exchanges between think tanks on the main elements resulting from the European Council conclusions, the Commission consultation and the UN Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change. The conclusions of the meeting will be addressed to the President of the European Commission. [More information.](#)

Benefitting from EU Research Projects - Successful Participation and Commercialisation of Results, Brussels, 29 January 2010

The workshop primarily marks the conclusion of a EU funded project called ECOINNO2SME, which has sought to identify and support SMEs in the environment and eco-innovation arena that have been involved in EU funded R&D projects, but have not been fully able to commercialise and exploit the results of the R&D that has been undertaken. Success stories and good practice examples will be presented and organisations will have the opportunity to be 'matched' with each other to support potential future collaborations, technology development and further R&D activities. [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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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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