

ERRIN e-alert 3/2010, 25 Jan – 29 Jan 2010

Secretariat Announcements

+++ Junior officer - placement into the ERRIN Secretariat: To bridge the temporary absence of our Research and Communications Officer, who will do a 6 month traineeship in DG REGIO's Innovation Unit, ERRIN is seeking a placement of a junior officer from one of its Member offices into the ERRIN Secretariat in Brussels.

The desired profile includes:

- at least 1 year working experience working with EU and regional research and innovation issues
- experience in working in an EU/international environment
- excellent communication skills, very good spoken and written English, good French
- proactive approach, reliability, attention to detail
- very good interpersonal skills
- excellent computer skills (proficiency with MS Office software)
- experience in dealing with administrative issues and office management
- experience with newsletter writing/editing would be an asset

Key duties and activities:

- Support the organisation of ERRIN events
- Update ERRIN events calendar and website content
- Research information on upcoming calls and update ERRIN call calendar
- Prepare/update external communication material
- Draft ERRIN call factsheets
- Take notes/minutes of ERRIN meetings
- Draft weekly ERRIN newsletter
- Give presentations on ERRIN activities and benefits of membership
- Liaise with ERRIN members, potential members and EU Institutions
- Assist the ERRIN Director in ERRIN office and membership management
- Draft ERRIN event invitations, prepare mailings to members
- Update ERRIN contact lists
- Other duties as assigned

ERRIN is offering a standard Belgian contract limited to 6 months (preferably 15.2.2010 – 15.8.2010). Salary will be depending on experience and qualifications. Interested members are kindly asked to send a CV and a letter of recommendation to communication@errin.eu. Deadline for applications is Friday, 29th January 2010 +++

+++ Update ERRIN Management Board: The ERRIN MB met on 20 January at the Helsinki EU office to discuss/decide about planned [ERRIN public events for 2010](#), dates for the two ERRIN AGMs, a request to ERRIN to join a project submission and a number of ERRIN organizational and strategic issues. It also received the reports of the policy and project working groups. As usual, according to ERRIN rules, the minutes will be published and will be made available to ERRIN members, as soon as they will have been approved by the MB at their next meeting, which is scheduled for 21st April. Minutes of the meeting from 14 Dec 09 are now available [here](#) +++

+++ Update ERRIN Open Days Consortium Facilitation Meeting: A group of ERRIN regions met on 20 January, hosted by Arnhem Nijmegen City Region, to discuss possible cooperation concerning a joint Open Days event. The participating members outlined their interest in a number of themes to which they would like to participate. Please [see this list for more info](#). One clear interest emerged for an event on “Cohesion to Innovation”, addressing the issue of how to use ERDF and FP in the regions in a synergetic way. While there were several regions interested in possibly co-leading, no member could be found for a lead. ERRIN members interested in leading such a consortium are kindly invited to contact the Secretariat at communication@errin.eu. There was also a lot of interest in the Secretariat proposal to do an event on regional innovation indicators, possibly in cooperation with CPMR, however it was suggested to do this rather as a separate or side-event or cooperate directly with the CoR on such an idea. The Secretariat will follow-up on this suggestion. +++

+++ In this context, please also note that the North East England office in Brussels is putting together 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 +++

+++ Potential ECC sub-group on waste management: Our member, the Oslo Region would be interested in taking part/leading a group on waste/water management, potentially anchored in the Energy Climate Change Working Group. They intend to organise a kick-off meeting inviting key EC speakers, waste and water management industry and regional policymakers. Interested members should contact the ECC Working Group leaders, xtsitiridou@westmidlandsineurope.eu or d.mazzarino@regioncentroitalia.org +++

+++ Reminder – ERRIN endorsement quote/info on projects: The ERRIN Secretariat is planning a new page on the ERRIN website with endorsement quotes of members. Last year we 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.

Independently, we are also indicating any hints on successful project submissions that have benefited from the ERRIN network or have been facilitated by one of our Working Groups, as potential members always ask this same question relating to how many projects do members get out of ERRIN, which the Secretariat has difficulties to answer for lack of data. Looking forward to receiving your quote/info concerning projects a.s.a.p. Don't hesitate! Write now to communication@errin.eu! +++

+++ REMINDER – call calendar 2010: Please check out our [call calendar 2010](#). 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 we will strive to keep this as updated as possible, with your help. So please let us know, if your info is different from ours, if

you notice mistakes or if you have new knowledge not yet included in the table.
That's what ERRIN is about: You are what you share! +++

+++ Forthcoming CoR hearing: "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](#) +++

Working Group updates and meetings

+++The **Energy and Climate Change Working Group met on 21 January 2010**. Carla Travagnin, Sustainable Energy Europe, invited ERRIN members to make use of their communication services to promote sustainable energy projects, events in Brussels and the regions. The group, with COM support, decided to cooperate on a joint ERRIN event in the framework of the European Sustainable Energy Week, focusing on "From Smart Cities to Smart Regions". Thomas Jensen, South Denmark EU Office, presented a progress report on the work of the offshore energy subgroup, which will focus in the coming months on putting together a joint Open Days event on offshore wind (see also: Secretariat announcements). Caroline Thevenot, DG RTD, presented the European Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan and was suggesting concrete ways for ERRIN regions to enter into dialogue with the DG RTD and contribute. Jean-Marie Bemtgen, DG RTD, shared his thoughts on the role of cities and regions in the SET-Plan. Presentations slides can be downloaded from the [ERRIN website](#).+++

+++ The **FP8 Task Force met on 19 January 2010** at Scotland Europa, Rd. Point Schuman 6, 15-17.00. Bernd Reichert, DG RTD, SME unit, presented an overview on the FP7's SME instruments and shared his thoughts on their success rate and how to further improve SME participation in the FP and knowledge valorisation in the regions. Following that, Scotland Europa and Navarra presented regional case studies for boosting SME participation in EU R&D funding, and Leonardo Pincinetti, Europe for Business Ltd, in his advisory capacity to the FP8 group, presented a number of concrete cases/projects, where SMEs participation has been successfully facilitated. Presentations slides can be downloaded from the [ERRIN website](#).+++

+++The Health Working Group has **scheduled an event on 2 March 2010 on "Reinventing the Hospital for the 21st Century"**. The conference is based on the Health Working Group Briefing paper "[The innovative and sustainable hospital for the 21st century: connecting the dots](#)". This cutting-edge event will feature speakers from DG Sanco, European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (Hope), World Health Organisation (WHO), as well as other international health experts, An agenda will be circulated next week.+++

+++ The **Transport Working Group will meet on 28 January 2010, 11.00 – 13.00**, Valencia Region European Office, Rue de la Loi 223, Brussels. The meeting will provide a follow-up to the group's mapping of regional transport clusters. The group will also discuss the preparation of a planned regional practitioner's event in spring. They will also explore themes for submitting a proposal to the INTERREG IVC calls.

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Event Announcements

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.](#)

Benefiting 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](#)

From the Crisis to Economic Recovery – the Role of Higher Education Institutions and Business Co-operation, Brno, 2-3 February 2010

This event, jointly organized by DG EAC, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic and the Masaryk University in Brno invites all regional stakeholders and policymakers particularly from the Central European regions. [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](#)

EU 2020 – Regional Actors for Growth and Innovation, Brussels, 3 February 2010

The event, organised by Eurochambres and the Assembly of European Regions aims at exploring the future EU 2020 strategy from a regional and business perspective. Besides that, members of Eurochambres will present successful implementation examples of the current "Growth and Jobs" strategy, highlighting success factors and potential partnerships. [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 négligeable' 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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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.

NEW: [ERRIN membership signs](#) for your office can now be ordered!

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