

ERRIN e-alert 5/2010, 8 Feb – 12 Feb 2010

Secretariat Announcements

+++**Kick-Off meeting of ERRIN fast-track network:** Making Knowledge Work (MKW), an INTERREG IVC project and fast-track network under the Regions for Economic Change Initiative, had its kick-off meeting this week (3 February) in Eindhoven. The project is led by Eindhoven/Brainport and has 12 regions as well as ERRIN as a partner. MKW analyses and transfers successful actions that stimulate the take up of innovative ideas and knowledge in the regions. It aims to bridge gaps in the innovation chain through concrete policy action by way of regional action plans and follow-up investments. The project is a strategic project for ERRIN and will, ultimately, benefit all ERRIN members. It will deliver, among others, a policy mainstreaming guide and a web platform/knowledge base to showcase regional good practice, based on a standard format, in the field of knowledge valorisation (getting research to innovation), regional innovation profiles and a who is who of regional innovation actors, that will be opened to all ERRIN members and operated by ERRIN after the end of the project.+++

+++ **FP7 Work Programmes 2011 – Share and receive!** The Secretariat would like to those members who have shared draft FP7 Work Programmes with us. So far we have received Research Infrastructures, Space, Environment, Health, NMP, KBBE and People. We still need Energy, ICT, Regions of Knowledge, Security, Transport and Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), Science in Society and Research Potential, Research for the Benefit of SMEs. If you have any of those Draft FP7 WP please share them with us. We will synthesize them into Fact Sheets, which you can send to your practitioners for quick scan of next year's FP7 funding opportunities. Please email them to communication@errin.eu, or if you want to share a paper copy, let us know. We will, of course, treat this information confidentially and not reveal our sources.+++

+++ **Update ERRIN Working Group Programmes:** We need to upload the amended Work Programmes for 2010 in the working group sections on our website. WG leaders are kindly asked to provide that information based on last year's format. Please submit your WG programmes asap to communication@errin.eu. This will allow those ERRIN members, who are not involved in your group to find out what you are going to focus on in 2010. We thank the Science in Society, the Health and the ICT Working Group Leaders for having submitted theirs already. We still need Biotech, Transport, Energy/Climate Change and Innovation Funding and FP8. We understand, of course, if some of you still need some time to discuss this within your working groups, at the next meeting, but we would like to receive them ASAHP (as soon as humanly possible).+++

+++ **Endorsement Quotes:** We are looking for endorsement quotes from ERRIN members to be published on our website. 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. Don't hesitate! Send your quote now to communication@errin.eu! +++

ERRIN Quote of the week:

"ERRIN is an excellent forum where the North East can combine efforts with other regions who are outstanding and active in the field of research and innovation."

Kathryn Griffiths, Interim Director North East England EU Office

Working Group updates and meetings

+++The **Energy/Climate Change WG held a successful practitioner event** this week (4 February) just after the IEE Info day. This was the second practitioner event organised in view of the forthcoming IEE call 2010 (follow-up to the PE on 24 November 2009). Again, more than 40 participants attended, working on bringing forward their project ideas into concrete submissions in the fields of: 1) Biogas, 2) Biomass, 3) Energy efficiency in buildings, 4) SME/Ecolabel. Each of the groups chose a person responsible for writing a more detailed description of the project idea to be circulated among all ECCWG members asap. Group members will stay in touch, further developing their idea multilaterally, with a possible follow/up meeting alongside the European Sustainable Energy Week in March, when the final version of the IEE programme will be published. A fifth group that came out of the PE in November and is working on social aspects had a dedicated separate project development meeting on 4th and 5th of February and will report back asap.+++

+++The **Energy and Climate Change Working Group** scheduled an event "Smart Regions – How to get there?" to be held on 25 March 2010, 14.30 – 17.30, venue tbc. The event will be organized within the framework of the [European Sustainable Energy Week](#). The event will be a 3 hour pm event with three thematic sessions. Following a call among ERRIN members to submit their regional best practices last week, the draft agenda is currently being finalized and will be circulated asap.+++

+++The **Innovation Funding Working Group** has scheduled a meeting on 11 Feb 2010, 9.30 – 11.30, Welsh Higher Education Office, Rond Point Schuman 11, Brussels. The meeting will discuss and fix concrete actions for the Work Programme 2010 around the main axes skills development (innovation and entrepreneurship), university-business and working with SMEs (access to finance, etc.). PLEASE NOTE: Since this meeting will assign responsibilities within the WG, it is necessary to limit the participation to officer level. An agenda will be circulated asap. +++

+++The **Health Working Group** has **scheduled an event on 2 March 2010, 9.00 – 16.45**, South Tyrol EU Office, Rue de Pascale 45-47, Brussels on **"The Hospital of the Future"**. Background, based on the [ERRIN Health Working Group Briefing paper "The innovative and sustainable hospital for the 21st century: connecting the dots."](#) While we are all familiar with hospitals, and value innovation and demand high quality healthcare, the hospital itself is in many cases an institution that remains largely unreformed. Indeed, increased demands have been placed on hospitals and they continue to be central to all healthcare systems. The core to the Challenge is to explore the future role of hospitals and their ability to anchor care, good management, research and innovation, and in this way appear as a "model company" showing effective use of public money, demonstrating sustainable development and at the same time contributing to regional advantage. [More information](#). This is a public event, supporting our outreach activities and showcasing

best practice from ERRIN region. ERRIN members are guaranteed a seat if they register until 12 Feb at stagiaire@southdenmark.be, providing their name, title and organisation. Please note that due to limited seat capacity, participation is restricted to Officer and Head of Office level. +++

Other announcements

+++ **EC call for experts in eco-innovative services:** ERRIN was notified that DG ENT will set-up an Expert Panel on Services Innovation. The Commission is specifically looking for experts with a clear technical grasp of the dynamics of service innovation. This is not only addressed to members of the KIS-IP but also to members of the ECO-IP, to which ERRIN is a member through being a partner in ECOLINK+. Service Innovation experts, and particularly those with a focus on eco-innovation services or eco-service research are encouraged to apply. The mandate will be to explore how policy challenges can be addressed, at which level and through which policy means. This high-level strategic panel aims to produce recommendations that will significantly impact on the services innovation in the EU agenda. The call is open until 26 Feb 2010. More information on the [Europe Innova website](#)+++

+++ **Verbatim protocols of EU Commissioners – designate.** Following the hearings of the designated Commissioner's Commissioners at the European Parliament, the verbatim protocols are not available for download on the EP website, please follow [that link](#).+++

Events

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. [More information](#)

5th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 16-17 Sept 10, Athens: The Conference, co-chaired by the Paris Chambers of Commerce, addresses both entrepreneurship and policymaking. The conference aims to be a meeting point for research initiatives seeking to shed light on how policy-making may foster or impede entrepreneurship. In particular, the event focuses around the questions of 1) environmental policies and ecopreneurship, 2) entrepreneurship and development /innovation policies, 3) entrepreneurship in new technologies and risk management and 4) entrepreneurship and regulatory issues. Submissions for papers are welcomed from both researchers as well as regional practitioners and organizations working in that field. [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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