

ERRIN e-alert 7/2010, 22 Feb – 26 Feb 2010

Secretariat Announcements

+++ERRIN website updates+++

We are continuing to improve and fine-tune the ERRIN website to make our communication interface more user-friendly and improve the quantity and quality of content as well as the marketing of the network to wider audiences. We have just added a new section on endorsement quotes and restructured the 'About ERRIN section', we updated the 'Planned Events' and the ERRIN Work Programme 2010, where we included more information on the planned activities of the ERRIN working groups, as we received it from the WG leaders. Next week we will update our news section to highlight relevant policy developments at EU level. Your additional input/information is welcome, in particular as concerns the events calendar, the working group sections (send us your documents) as well as any other relevant information you would like to share with us and other ERRIN members. Please visit www.errin.eu.

+++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 draft FP7 Work Programmes for 2011. Thanks to this exercise, the Secretariat could prepare two fact sheets on NMP and on Health that are available already on the [Funding Area](#) of our website. The rest of the WPs will follow asap. However, we still need the following draft WPs: Energy, ICT, Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Research for the Benefit of SMEs, Security.

If you have any of those Draft FP7 WP please share them with us. 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.

+++ Call for expressions of interest: Become host of an ECOLINK+ event and showcase eco-innovation expertise in your region+++

A call for the expression of interest for the organisation of **trans-regional meetings aimed at showcasing local companies active in the area of eco-innovation** and how they can be supported in a regional context is now open. The call is for 7 of these meetings, 3 in 2010 and 4 in 2011.

The call is addressed to: regional innovation agencies and development agencies, chambers of commerce, other public or private innovation support providers like

cluster organisations, incubators or similar, who are engaged with supporting eco-innovation companies in their regions to grow and internationalise.

They are called upon to express their **interest to become local partners and hosts of 1 trans-regional event on supporting eco-innovation together with the ECOLINK+ consortium (META Group, Europe Unlimited, EBN, ERRIN and EURADA)**. Members organisations/regions of ERRIN, EBN and EURADA with expertise and good practices in eco-innovation are specifically encouraged to submit their applications.

The call will be open until 30 June 2011. Responses must consist of at least two participants as specified above from **two EU regions**. Expression of interest should be sent by email at ECOLINK+@meta-group.com. [More detailed information](#) concerning the call.

+++ 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:

“Building regional innovation systems and generating innovative projects in Central and Eastern Europe is important and should be based on EU-wide experience and excellence. ERRIN is the gateway for learning how to best do this and it helps us to create a new European vision for our region.”

Marta Völgyine Nadabán, Deputy-Director
INNOVA Eszak-Alföld Regional Innovation Agency

Working Group updates and meetings

Forthcoming Working Group Meetings/Events - quick view (all Brussels):

Biotech

25 Feb 2010, 11-13.00, Lombardy Chambers of Commerce, Pl du Champ de Mars 2, Br.

FP8

22 Feb 2010, 14.30 – 16.30, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Rue du Commerce 49, Brussels

Innovation Funding

25 Feb 2010, 14.00 – 16.00, Welsh Higher Education, Rond Point Schuman 11,

Health

2 Mar 2010, 9.00 – 16.45, South Tyrol EU Office, Rue de Pascale 45 – 47
("Hospitals of the Future" event)

10 Mar 2010, 10.00 – 12.00, venue to be confirmed

Energy / Climate Change

25 Mar 2010, 14.30 – 17.30, West Midlands in Europe, Av. d' Auderghem 22-28

+++Policy Group Update: Research and innovation in the Structural Funds – a report being prepared by the European Parliament

Lambert van Nistelrooij MEP is preparing, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) of the EP, an own-initiative report on the topics of innovation in Structural Funds and the synergies between Structural Funds, CIP and FP7. Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS is shadow rapporteur in the ITRE Committee. Mr. van Nistelrooij intends his report to focus on the innovation strand of the guidelines concerning the Operational Programmes (OP). In particular he will:

1. analyse how the indicative framework of the Community Strategic Guidelines 2007-2013 and in particular the Guideline 1.2 on "Improving Knowledge and Innovation for Growth" was followed by MS and regions in their National Strategic Reference Frameworks (NSRF's) and Operational Programmes

2. analyse the synergies between cohesion policy and the framework programmes related to knowledge and innovation, i.e. the CIP and FP7.

Calendar. M. van Nistelrooij intends to have his report adopted in the REGI Committee in April for a vote in plenary in May.

In parallel with this, CORTÉS LASTRA MEP, in the REGI Committee too, is working on a report through which he intends to draw some recommendations on the contribution of cohesion policy to EU 2020. A hearing, at which Juan Manuel Revuelta (Valencia Region, ERRIN chair) and Françoise Chotard (Ile-de-France, Leader MB Policy Group) will be speaking on behalf of ERRIN, has been scheduled for 23 February. Their input into the EP's deliberations will be very much based on recent ERRIN statements (see: Policy Group).

This work in the EP is very much in line with the Commission's agenda preparing the WIRE (Week of Innovative Regions in Europe) event in Granada on 15-17 March, where ERRIN will be contributing to two workshops through its Chair and through Sylvia Schreiber (Stuttgart Region, MB member) and where, in addition, ERRIN will be present with a stand. An expert group on synergies between structural funds, CIP and FP7 has been launched that will meet for the 1st time alongside the WIRE event. This is a very important policy debate for the Network and ERRIN will of course make sure that it provides inputs in these various initiatives. +++

+++The **Energy and Climate Change Working Group** is organizing a seminar during the [Sustainable Energy Week](#) with the title "[Smart region – how to get there?](#)" scheduled for **25 March 2010, 14.30-17.30**, at West Midlands in Europe, Av. d' Auderghem 22-28. This event will give an enlarging spectrum from smart cities

through smart regions to smart Europe. West Midlands, as member of a KIC will have the Climate KIC on board in its agenda. Via W members, a large number of cities and regions are involved that ensures an interesting and wide coverage of European showcases. Practitioners and participants are invited to register [here](#).+++

+++The **Innovation Funding Working Group** is meeting on **Thursday 25 Feb 2010, 14.00 – 16.00**, Welsh Higher Education Office, Rond Point Schuman 11, Brussels. The meeting will discuss the [draft Work Programme 2010](#) (pl. follow this link for main priorities/actions proposed). PLEASE NOTE: Since this meeting will assign responsibilities within the WG, it is necessary to limit the participation to officer level. You can consult the agenda here.+++

+++The **Health Working Group** organises 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.”](#) This is a public event, supporting our outreach activities and showcasing best practice from ERRIN region. ERRIN members are kindly invited to register. Please note that due to limited seat capacity, participation is restricted to Officer and Head of Office level, and will be distributed on a first-come first serve basis.

Background to this event: *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](#). +++

+++The **FP8 Working Group** will have its **next meeting on 22 February 2010, 14.30 - 16.30** at Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, Rue du Commerce 49, 1040 Brussels. The meeting will inform WG members about future FP8 priorities from the view of the European Commission. It will provide a report from the leaders of the different group work packages, i.e. Regional Mapping, Institutional Mapping, Networking Mapping and the EU Consultation on R&D Programmes. It will discuss the outcome and planned follow-up of the last FP8 Policy Event “Share Today to Win Tomorrow” held in December 2009 and the seminar on SME involvement. It is also planned to present the EIT KICs. The meeting will conclude by discussing and planning the group’s work programme for 2010. [Registration](#).+++

+++The **Biotech Working Group** will meet on **25th February 2009, 11-13.00** at Union of Lombardy Chambers of Commerce, Pl. du Champ de Mars, 2 - 1050- Bruxelles. This will be a **joint meeting between ERRIN and CEBR (Council of European Bio Regions)**. It will discuss the content and **implementation of 2010 Work Plan, focusing, in particular on (1) Emerging Biotech Regions**, i.e. bringing together emerging biotechnology regions in Europe and develop targeted international support, understanding biotechnology support needs of emerging regions, identify common needs, define and develop a European platform for support and services (synergies

with ABCEurope). It is also foreseen to organise a related **practitioner meeting in spring** (probably April).+++

+++The **ICT Working Group** has published its [Work Plan 2010](#) on the website to be discussed at the **next WG meeting, 30 March** (date and venue tbc). Further to that, the group will discuss the involvement of ERRIN member regions on the ICT 2010 Conference, 27 Sept 2010. The group has sent an application to get an ERRIN stand and seminar on this major European ICT conference.+++

Events

+++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

[More information, agendas and registration](#)

Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme, Brussels, 23 February 2010

The Helsinki EU Office is pleased to host a briefing session on the recent developments and next steps of the Bonus-169 Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme. The objective of the programme is to enhance the Baltic Sea region research capacity to ensure a more sustainable development of the region. The programme will provide a framework for the coordination of their environmental research by integrating the national research programmes and activities of the 8 Baltic Sea States into a single joint research programme. [More information](#).

High-level event on ICT for Energy Efficiency, 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](#).

Electromobility in Action, Brussels, 23 February 2010

This event in the framework of the European Sustainable Energy Week will be organised by Stuttgart Region, one of our members. Cutting edge industries and research in the field of electromobility will shape Europe`s competitiveness in renewable energies and transport technologies. This high-level event will include keynote speeches and a panel discussion in presence of Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger (tbc) and the Minister of Environment of Baden-Wuerttemberg Tanja Goenner. [More information.](#)

Lisbon Objectives in Education and Training, Brussels, 2 March 2010

Mr. Anders Hingel, EC DG EAC Head of Unit, proposes to meet ERRIN members on Tuesday the 2nd of March at 14h at VLEVA, Kortenberglaan 71, 1000 Brussel to have a discussion on the report on "Progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training - indicators and benchmarks 2009 ". Anders Hingel will also comment on which aspects we may focus towards 2020. [More information.](#)

Mobilising funds for innovation, Brussels, 2 March 2010

This event, organized by the Private Equity and Venture Capital Association, will highlight how venture capital can facilitate the capitalization on inventions and commercialisation of innovative ideas. The Barroso II Commission sets the innovation agenda into the center that enables Europe to compete with the US. This focus can act as an impetuous for risk capitals. The event is scheduled one day before the Commission is expected to discuss the role innovation in Europe 2020. [More information.](#)

Workshop on Path to Research Communication, 3 March 2010

PATH-TO-RES is an Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) project aiming to develop a 7-step assessment tool based on real data from local and regional energy systems, by studying and assessing a number of case studies in European countries. The workshop will be highlighting a number of interesting regional case studies on renewable and efficient energy systems. [More information.](#)

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Digital Classes

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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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