

## ERRIN e-alert 9/2010, 8 Mar – 12 Mar 2010

### New members

ERRIN is pleased to welcome **Turku-Southwest Finland** to the ERRIN community. Please find below a short profile:

Turku and Southwest Finland's innovation strategy focuses on entrepreneurship, effective enterprise-academia-collaboration, open innovation, cluster development and internationalization of SME's. Being a maritime and research-driven city with two major universities Turku is particularly strong in health, ICT, life sciences, material technology, maritime and shipbuilding technologies (maritime cluster). In addition, as a European Capital of Culture in 2011 Turku focuses strongly on the further development of its creative clusters and its creative economy.

### 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, Representation of Eszak-Alfold Region  
22 March 2010,  
22 April 2010, Practitioner Event for Regions of Knowledge Call

#### +++ 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](mailto:jfernandez@delcomval.be). Following sufficient interest a briefing/seminar will be organized before the summer. A separate briefing/seminar on venture capital has also been proposed for after the summer.

#### +++Health Working Group: Hospital of the Future event/next meeting+++

The **Health Working Group** organised 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**". This was the first of a series of "ERRIN Mind Fora", to be organized this year, events that discuss cutting edge issues, present good practice and reach out beyond the ERRIN membership to the R&D and policy community in Brussels. More than 70 participants

followed this invitation. Thanks to the Health Working Group leaders for this fascinating event and thanks to the host for providing the venue and refreshments. A short report and the presentation slides had been posted online in the [ERRIN News & Events section](#). A follow-up with implications for ERRIN project development is in the pipeline.

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+++

The Biotech group held a **meeting** from 11.00 hosted by Union of Lombardy Chambers of Commerce, Pl. du Champ de Mars, 2 - 1050- Bruxelles. Members decided on the content and **implementation of the group's 2010 Work Plan, focusing, in particular on (1) Emerging Biotech Regions**, i.e. bringing together emerging biotechnology regions where there is no critical mass of biotech SMEs, analyse support needs of emerging regions, and develop targeted international support (synergies with ABCEurope, a Europe Innova project). It is foreseen to organise a related **practitioner meeting in spring** (probably April).

#### +++ Update Transport WG: New Chair+++

After an open call published last November and a consultation last week among TWG members, the new WG leader has been confirmed. It is Michelle Perello, representing Canary Islands in the ERRIN network. Co-chair remains Zoltan Balogh of Eszak-Afold. We thank Valencia with Gustavo Martinie and Julian Torralba for their work and look forward to cooperating with Michelle. The group is planning two briefings in March, one on Green Cars (15 March) and one on Logistics (22 March). The briefings will be followed by a Regions of Knowledge practitioner event on 22 April. Please note the dates in your calendar. More info to follow.+++

### 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

+++**ERRIN Web updates**: We refreshed the News section, which now also includes short abstract and links to relevant articles from other sources. The ERRIN Call Calendar has also been updated. Please check this document and let us know by email to [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu) if you have additional information on forthcoming calls relevant for research and innovation that is not yet included in the call calendar.+++

+++**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 draft FP7 Work Programmes for 2011. Seven fact sheets are now online: MP; Health; Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotech; Energy; SSH, Environment and Transport.

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.+++

## Partner Searches

### **CIVITAS CATALIST Programme**

HGV Journeys to / from Tyne and Wear and the EU; Promoting Safety, Information-Sharing and Freight Exchange

[Partner Search](#)

### **FP7 – ICT 2009 - 6**

ICT for Mobility of the Future

[Partner Search](#)

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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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