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New Members

Region of Murcia

Located at the south-eastern coast of Spain, the Region of Murcia has a population about 1,4 million inhabitants. It is one of the fastest growing regions in Spain, with a dynamic economy focusing on agro-food, metal, chemicals and furniture. Tourism also plays an important role in the regional economy. The region devotes substantial investment to RTD & innovation (€ 247.556 million in 2007, 0.92% of regional GDP) in the framework of its 2nd Science and Technology Plan (2007-2010), which provides a solid base for technology transfer to the existing knowledge-clusters. The regional RTD&I system includes more than forty actively involved stakeholders (universities, technological centres, research centres, and public foundations) with clearly defined objectives, and currently employs 5,755 people working full-time (3,979 researchers).

Secretariat Announcements

ERRIN INTERREG IVB Central Europe Workshop

Veneto Region will host the ERRIN INTERREG IVB CENTRAL EUROPE project brokerage event. This is the third workshop of its kind, after ERRIN's workshop on North-West Europe (June 2009) and South-East Europe programmes (September 2009). The focus will be on providing a project development platform and establishing better thematic coherent coordination of the proposals submitted. This can help to avoid fragmentation and to ensure a higher rate of success of the projects relating to innovation. There are also obvious synergies in exchanging project ideas between different programme areas. ERRIN members from the CE region are kindly invited to join this session. The workshop will have two parts. An information session with the Italian National Contact points and a session to present and brainstorm on project ideas. The event will take place on 20 October, 9.00-13.00, at Veneto Region, Avenue de Tervuren 67, 1040 Brussels. Participants are asked to check beforehand with their regional practitioners on possible project ideas and cooperation interests. Please consult the [Events Calendar](#) to download the Project Idea Form.

Working Group updates

++++The **Innovation Funding Working Group will meet on 26 October 2009**, 15.00-17.15, at the Welsh Higher Education Office, Rond Point Schuman 11, 1040 Brussels, for a full Working Group meeting including all its sub groups. Among others, the meeting will discuss the group's work plan for 2010. Possible lines of action such as FP7 SiS project submission, a closer cooperation with DG EAC, the liaison with the Spanish EU Presidency and cooperation with the CPMR network on a potential ESPON application will be discussed. The European Cooperation in Science and Technology will present the COST Open call for research networks. Further to that, the achievements of the Working Group in 2009 will be stressed and a future outlook of the role and the mandate of the group shall be discussed. The ERRIN Secretariat will present its resources to further streamline the activities of the Working Group++++

++++The **Biotech Working Group will meet on 21 October 2009**, 14.30-16.30, at the Lombardy Chamber of Commerce, Place du Champ de Mars 2, 1000 Brussels. The aim of this meeting is to provide a follow-up on the past Regions of Knowledge and INCO events. Also co-chair should be

nominated. Interested members are asked to express their interest. The group will also discuss its priorities for 2010. Future involvement in FP7 or INTERREG IVC programmes will be discussed++++

++++The **Health Working Group will meet on 22 October 2009**, 9.30-13.30 at the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Rue du Commerce 49, 1000 Brussels,. The meeting will provide an update from the sub-groups on Healthy Ageing, Cancer and Health Technologies. Mr. Stephane Horgan, Head of Unit, DG RTD F.1. Friuli Venezia Giulia Region will present their health and research priorities and projects. The WG Leader will present an initiative on the "ideal hospital/hospitals as drivers for regional innovation". The group will also organise a regional practitioners' meeting on Alzheimer and Healthy Ageing on 5 November 2009, 14.00 – 16.00, hosted by West Midlands in Europe, Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28++++

++++The **FP8 Task Force will meet on 27 October 2009** at the Capital Region Denmark EU Office (Rue de Luxemburg 3, 4th floor). This meeting will update members about the progress achieved on the different WG activities, such as the regional/national mapping, the institutional mapping, the network mapping and the contribution to the EU Consultation on R&D Programmes Simplification. The group will also discuss its planned training seminars for ERRIN members SME engagement in future R&D programme and on Big Challenges and long term R&D drafting of priorities. Further activities to be discussed are a planned event focusing on future of EU Research and Development policy, for a small group of invited experts from across the EU and the planned approach to drafting/commenting on the European Commission FP8 position papers and Communication++++

Member Announcements

Symposium on Rural Innovation and Universities, Scotland Europa, 29 October 2009

This event will emphasise the liaison between universities and innovation actors in remote rural areas. The event aims at bringing together those involved in regional policy development in rural and remote sparsely populated areas to provoke and probe thought on the role of universities, demonstrating good practice on innovation and creativity, to discuss common challenges and agree on action plans. The event will take place on 29 October 2009, 8.30-18.00, Scotland Europa, Rond Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels. For more information contact: paul.ellison@uhi.ac.uk or marie-prevot@hiepoffice.be

Healthy Ageing: Key Research and Innovation Challenges in Europe, West Midlands in Europe, 5 November 2009

This seminar will be of interest to regional practitioners active in social and health issues related to healthy ageing and related project development (e.g. FP7, CIP, Ambient Assisted Living and the Public Health Programme. The morning session will feature three experts, all involved in EU policy and programmes and highlight examples of best practice from the regions. Practitioners are invited to present and discuss possible project proposals in an informal afternoon project development and brokerage session organised with the ERRIN Health Working Group, 5 Nov, 14-16.00, West Midlands in Europe, Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28.

Competing in the new World – Innovate your way to Success, Birmingham, 10 November 2009

The conference "Competing in the World - Innovate your Way to Success" invites all stakeholders and regional practitioners interested in ICT. The conference will explore innovative ways to business success and present four regional good business practices of SMEs that have faced the current economic climate with success. A facilitated Q&A session will allow for conclusions. Further to that different workshops, such as on web 2.0, mobile technologies, making European funding work, to name just a few, will provide a basis for discussion and exchange of knowledge and expertise. The event will be concluded by conferring the ICT Excellence Award 2009 in overall 11 categories. It will take place in the National Motorcycle Museum, Bickenhill, Birmingham, UK. [More information](#)

CreATE: Connecting ICT Research and Creative Enterprises, Torino, 4-5 November 2009

CRATE is a EU cofunded project under the FP7 Region of Knowledge Programme that aims at creating a JOINT REASERCH AGENDA, a shared research agenda to promote ICT-based innovation in creative industries and provide strategic policy guidance to regions. The project conference, hosted by Regione Piemonte, will discuss the state of the art of ICT innovation in creative industries and cluster development. It will also include a matchmaking event for creative enterprise. The conference will be held 4-5 November 2009, Virtual Reality & Multimedia Park, Corso Lombardia 190, Torino, Italy. Partners are MFG Baden-Württemberg mbH (DE), Regione Piemonte (IT), Steinbeis Europa Zentrum (DE), CSP-Innovazione nelle ICT (IT), Politecnico di Torino (IT), Imaginove Rhône-Alpes (FR), Advantage West Midlands (UK).

Forthcoming Key Events

FP7-SSH-Info Day on Social Platform on Sustainable Lifestyles

Date: 20 October 2009

Venue: Covent Garden Auditorium, Place Rogier 16, 1210 Brussels

ERRIN AGM and "MIND FORUM": "Navigating beyond Lisbon – the regions on course to economic recovery and the knowledge economy"

Date: 18 November 2009

Venue: VLEVA (Liaison Agency Flanders Europe), Kortenberglaan 71, B-1000 Brussels

Other Events

Post-Lisbon and Integrated Strategy Europe 2020

Date: 28 October 2009

Venue: Committee of the Regions, Room JDE 3253, Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels

ICT and Business for an Innovative and Sustainable Economy

Date: 29 October 2009

Venue: Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250, 1210 Brussels

<http://www.ebusiness-watch.org/conference2009/>

Adapting to Climate Change through Eco-Innovation

Date: 23-24 November 2009

Venue: DGI-byen, Tietgensgade 67, 1704 Copenhagen, Denmark

Partner Searches

FP7-REGIONS-2010-1 – University of Vaasa

Social and Health Management

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FP7-ENERGY-2010-7.1. – University of Vaasa

Energy Storage in Distribution Networks and Hybrid Power Plants

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FP7-ENERGY-2010.3.4.-1 – Mediterranean Institute of Microbiology, Marseille

High-throughput micro-algal genomics and transcriptomics

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