



SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Promote your events and initiatives with ERRIN and increase your visibility!

The Secretariat would like to remind all ERRIN members that they can benefit from ERRIN network support for their planned events and initiatives to increase their visibility and attendance rates. Co-branded events will be featured in the news and events section of this website and in the e-alert. The ERRIN staff will actively participate in the organisation of such events. To qualify for ERRIN co-branding, events and initiatives should be of general interest to the ERRIN membership and be in line with ERRIN's strategic goals and its work programme.

For more information please contact the ERRIN Secretariat at communication@errin.eu

ERRIN refreshes its look – new image brochure available

Print copies of the new ERRIN image brochure are available from the Secretariat. The new brochure, in CD cover format, explains ERRIN in a nutshell and contains quotes from ERRIN members. It is designed to refresh the look of ERRIN, while building on the familiar 5-icon ERRIN signature logo. A roll-up and a media-wall with the new ERRIN design will also be available soon.

WORKING GROUP CORNER

Feature: Health Working Group Update (Nanotech brief)

The EuroNanoMed ERANET Initiative has launched the first call for proposal that will be opened the 25th May 2009
EURONANOMED Partners and the Veneto EU office (Health Working Group leader) organized a press conference to announce the launch of a first call for project proposals on 25 May 2009 in the field of nanomedicine for organizations active in the 18 countries/regions participating the to initiative. The total budget will be around 15-20 million euros. Deadline to submit applications will be on the 1st September 2009. For more information on the call; please visit the EuroNanoMed website www.euronanomed.net

The EuroNanoMed project is aimed at fostering the competitiveness of European Nanomedicine actors through the support to trans-national collaborative RTD projects between academic laboratories, companies, especially SME's, and clinicians/ public health setting, in the field of Nanomedicine, using a bottom up approach. EuroNanoMed will develop coordinated European-wide programmes based on 2 common joint trans-national calls and funding: this is the launch of the first call.

Christos Tokamanis, EC Head of Unit for Nano- and Converging Sciences and Technologies opened the press conference with a presentation on the policy of DG RTD for nanosciences and nanomedicine focusing on the importance of the ERANET initiative in enhancing an effective use of resources for research and in fostering a better coordination of the activities of public authorities, research centres and industry.

[A report for ERRIN members is available online.](#)

PARTNER SEARCHES

Eco-Innovation - Fundación CARTIF

To Diversify and commercialise a technology to treat industrial wastewater with high pollution

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

Please see our Event Calendar for more forthcoming events.

If you wish to circulate any information about your events or partner searches in the next E-Alert, do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

If you wish to post your partner searches on the ERRIN website, please fill in the [online template](#) and email it to communication@errin.eu

For more news on Research and Innovation, please visit our Director's [i-blog](#)



ERRIN News

Swedish EU Presidency R&D priorities (22 April 2009): ERRIN meeting report available

The upcoming Swedish presidency, starting on 1st July, has an ambitious agenda. At the core of their programme are the process of ratifying the Lisbon Treaty, climate change, the EU budget, the Lisbon strategy and the Union's response to globalization. Several of these topics touch upon research and innovation issues. Adding to this, the Swedish Presidency has two specific priorities in the areas of research and innovation: bringing the European Research Area forward, particularly by improving its governance, and working towards a European Innovation Plan. The latter involves facilitating the use of Structural Funds for research purposes. A report of the ERRIN event and debate held on 22 April 2009 at the Swedish Permanent Representation is available on the [ERRIN website](#), where ERRIN members can also find the Power Points. Thanks again to Madeleine from South Sweden for organizing and to our speaker for their highly appreciated input.

Short round-up of ERRIN activities for 2009

In order to update you on our activities, please find a list of past and forthcoming key activities of the network. Do not hesitate to contact the relevant contact person if you wish to know more. You can also visit the ERRIN website where more information is available.

We had a strong start into the year and events were numerous over the past few months:

- A series of three project development training sessions, organised by the ERRIN Project Working Group (sylvia.schreiber@region-stuttgart.de)
- 3 practitioner events:
 - Energy Working Group (huntingford@regioncentroitalia.org; daniela.mazzarino@regioncentroitalia.org)
 - ICT Working Group (richard.tuffs@westmidlandsineurope.org; segolene.martin@brplpc.org)
 - Biotech Working Group (pinna@lom.camcom.it)
- A briefing event on calls for entrepreneurship education organised by the Innovation Funding Working Group (paul.harris@wheb.ac.uk)
- A briefing on the Swedish Presidency R&D priorities organised by the ERRIN Secretariat in cooperation with the South Sweden EU office (communication@errin.eu; Madeleine.koskull@sydsam.be)

Activities of Working Groups got reinforced through:

- A successful re-launch of the Transport WG, the new leader is the EU Valencia office (Gmartinie@delcomval.be)
- The launch of a new WG on Science in Society (anna.sibilla@unioncamerepiemonte.be)

Strategic project development featured high on the ERRIN agenda:

- ERRIN involvement as partner in the submission of a FP-SiS project A CIP bid of our Biotech WG in cooperation in cooperation with CEBR (pinna@lom.camcom.it)
- A bid for the DG ENT Partnering Forum, with ERRIN facilitating the consortium building (communication@errin.eu)
- Involvement of ERRIN as partner in FP7 bids by other consortia with ERRIN responsible for dissemination (communication@errin.eu)

Policy Work:

- The submission of an ERRIN position on the Cohesion Policy Green Paper (communication@errin.eu)

Finally, here are some activities that we have lined up for the rest of this first half-year:

- An ERRIN/ECSITE workshop and a stand at the DG RTD Research Connection in Prague on 7-8 May (communication@errin.eu)
- A briefing on Green Public Procurement on 11 May organised by the secretariat in cooperation with the SDI Group (communication@errin.eu; daniele.dipillo@sdigroup.eu)
- A practitioner event on regional strategies for the internationalization of SMEs and Clusters on 12 May organised by the Innovation Funding Working Group (ana.cuadrado@adeuropa.org)
- A briefing on the next ROK call on 14 May organised by the Innovation Funding Working Group (krista.huhtala-jenks@westfinland.be)
- The ERRIN spring event on Open Innovation on 11 June (communication@errin.eu)
- A joint event with the Lisbon Regions on Post Lisbon Strategy on 18 June organised by the ERRIN Secretariat (communication@errin.eu)
- A briefing on successful commercialization support with a focus on Eco-Innovation on 25 June organised by the ERRIN secretariat (communication@errin.eu)



ERRIN EVENTS

FEATURES

ERRIN/SDI Group Briefing on Green Public Procurement, 11 May 2009, 14.30-16.30, Rond-Point Schuman 6, Brussels

By spending around 16% of the European Union's GDP, public authorities can potentially influence the market supply side towards 'greener' goods and services. But only a small minority of public organisations systematically considers environmental criteria when selecting suppliers, service providers and contractors. A lack of awareness about the role that Green Public Procurement (GPP) can play and a lack of information on the possibility of including environmental requirements into tendering procedures are some of the barriers of a wide-spread use of GPP.

This ERRIN Briefing, in cooperation with SDI Europe will present "GPPinfoNET", the Green Public Procurement Information Network, and inform ERRIN members about the role of GPP in regional economic development and innovation policies. Participants will learn about the role of GPP within the European strategy for sustainable consumption and production, how GPP can stimulate regional innovation and competitiveness, the contribution of regional networks to the diffusion of GPP.

[Please visit the ERRIN Event Calendar for a detailed programme and registration.](#)

Regional Strategies for the Internationalisation of SMEs and Clusters: An Exchange Event, 12 May 2009, 9:30-15:30, South Denmark EU Office, Avenue Palmerston 3, Brussels

Organized by ADEuropa Foundation – Regional Government of Castilla y León, the representation office of Basse-Normandie and England's Northwest in Brussels on behalf of the ERRIN Innovation Funding Working Group. This event which will take place during the 1st European SME week is aimed at bringing together regions that have an interest, and are active in, getting businesses and clusters within their territories to cooperate and trade on a European, international and global stage. It is targeted specifically at experts in charge of internationalisation activities of both SMEs and clusters, and participation will be prioritised for these individuals who have can significantly contribute to the debate. Due to limited seating a maximum number of 50 applicants will be considered.

Participants will learn about the nature of the tools and activities happening within a wide variety of regions across the EU. Moreover, there is opportunity to exchange on what is taking place within their areas of work.

[Please visit the Event Calendar for a detailed programme and registration.](#)

ERRIN Briefing on Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Research Infrastructure, 14 May 2009, 15.00-17.00, Eindhoven EU office, Av Palmerston 3, Brussels

This briefing will provide information on past and future calls within the Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Research Infrastructure strands of FP7. Mr. Ciaran Dearle and Mr. Christos Profilis, from DG RTD, will present preliminary results of the recently closed calls and inform ERRIN members about the priorities of the future calls for Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Research Infrastructure, expected to be published after the summer.

The briefing is organised by the ERRIN Working Group on Innovation Funding, more specifically, by its sub-group 1 on Innovation under EU research and regional policy, led by West Finland European Office, the Government of Catalonia Delegation to the EU, Bourgogne/Franche-Comte EU Office.

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ERRIN EVENTS

ERRIN Project Working Group Meeting

Date: 28 April 2009

Time: 14.00-17.00

Venue: Stuttgart Region House, Blvd Clovis 39, 1000 Brussels

This is a management board members meeting only.

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Renewable Energy Info Day

Date: 29 April 2009

Time: 14.30-18.00

Venue: EACI, Auditorium, Madou Tower, 1 Madou Plaza, Brussels

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

Innovation Funding WG meeting with Roger O'Keefe

Date: 4 May 2009

Time: 14.00-16.00

Venue: VLEVA, Kortenberglaan 71, 1000 Brussels

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

Second PRO INNO Europe Annual Partnering Event

Date: 12-13 May 2009

Venue: The Van Nelle Design Factory, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

[More information, agenda and registration](#)