



## Reminder

### Secretariat launches call for new working group themes

ERRIN has currently 8 Working Groups (Innovation Funding, Transport, Space, Health, Energy, Biotech, ICT, Science in Society). These working groups are key to providing thematic leadership, structuring the information, knowledge exchange and boosting project development within ERRIN.

Since ERRIN is keen to absorb and capitalize on additional interest and ambitions of its members, the Secretariat has launched a call for expression of interest on new issues and themes, which could be either addressed by the existing Working Groups or lead to the establishment of new ones.

Every member is kindly invited to [submit](#) to the Secretariat:

- Themes or issues of interest not sufficiently covered by the existing ERRIN Working Groups (e.g. Nanotechnology, International Cooperation, Environment)
- Other potential areas where cooperation through ERRIN could add value

As a follow-up to this consultation, the Secretariat will facilitate a meeting between members interested in a specific theme/issue and/or organize specific seminars.

### Call for project examples to be promoted at the "Research Connection 2009" (Prague, 7-8 May)

The Commission has contacted the ERRIN Secretariat in their search for examples of projects, where different EU funding instruments have been successfully used/combined to deliver different parts of one project or different phases of a longer-term project. They would like ERRIN to present such projects (if existing) at the Workshop on "Synergies between Research and Regional Policy" within the framework of the "Research Connection 2009" event.

**Background:** The Commission's DGs have recently published a funding guide, which includes (fictional) scenarios for complementary financing, such as projects funded by SF first, followed by FP7 or CIP or the other way round. This guide is available at (see p.13ff for the scenarios):

[http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home_en.html)

ERRIN has long demanded that synergies between the different programmes should be improved. We have, for instance, highlighted this in the [ERRIN Discussion Paper on Synergies between the Structural Funds and the Framework Programmes](#) in September 2007. However, the best starting point to work for more synergies is to find practical examples of projects that have successfully combined different funding streams. Likewise negative experiences with trying to do this are also instructive to better identify the existing barriers and possible solutions to overcome these.

**So, if you want to contribute to better synergies between future programmes and you are aware of any such positive or negative examples in your region please contact the Secretariat by **Friday 13 March 2009**, so we can follow up**

## ERRIN Response to the Consultation on the European Commission's Green paper for Territorial Cohesion COM (2008) 616 final

ERRIN has submitted a response to the consultation on the European Commission's Green paper for Territorial Cohesion this week.

The Secretariat would like to thank the team of the Policy Working Group meeting for their work, as well as all the members of the network who send their feed back on the circulated draft versions.

### Key points

1. Territorial cohesion involves a proactive regional policy promoting sustainable balanced economic, environmental, social and scientific development. Territorial cohesion is not a one-size fits all approach. Regions should be free to determine their own potential and the strategies required to achieve their objectives.
2. The future success of Europe will be based on competitive regions developing their knowledge economies. All regions must aim to develop their regional potential by investing in research, innovation, skills and entrepreneurship – thus developing a European capacity to engage fully in the global knowledge economy.
3. Territorial cohesion must integrate the European Research Area and its vision 2020 which includes the modernisation of research, education and innovation systems.
4. European funding should be increased to support research, innovation, entrepreneurship and skills development so that all regions can maximize their endogenous capacities and build partnerships with other regions in order to build a stronger European knowledge economy.
5. More European resources should be devoted to a more flexible interregional cooperation with more emphasis on thematic cooperation to share best practice between regions and to support innovative projects with a high European added value.

[The document is available online](#)



## ERRIN EVENTS

### **ERRIN Project Development Training Session 3**

Date: 3 March 2009

Time: 9.00-13.00

Venue: South Denmark Office, Av. Palmerston 3, 1000 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

### **ERRIN Health Working Group Meeting**

Date: 4 March 2009

Time: 10.00-12.30

Venue: Veneto Region Office, Avenue de Tervuren 67, 1040 Brussels

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Creativity and Innovation Conference & Exhibition**

Date: 2-3 March 2009

Venue: Charlemagne Building, 170 Rue de la Loi (Wetstraat), 1049 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

### **European eParticipation Day 2009**

Date: 4 March 2009

Time: 9.00-17.00

Venue: Charlemagne Building of the European Commission, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

### **New Materials Forum**

Date: 5-6 March 2009

Venue: ADEIT – Fundación Universidad-Empresa de Valencia, Plaza Virgen de la Paz 3, 46001 Valencia, Spain

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

### **Final Conference of the EC RiskBridge Project**

Date: 26 March 2009

Venue: Scotland House, Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

## PARTNER SEARCHES

### **Intelligent Energy Europe – Stavanger Kommune**

SUS-STAIN: Spreading models for sustainable cities within the Covenant of Mayors (CoM)

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

### **ICT for Energy Efficiency – Full On Net, Spain**

ESSCAPE (Energy Saving Software based on Cloud Computing for Adjustable Processing Environments)

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

### **CIP-ICT-PSP-2009-3 – Etruria Innovazione SCpA**

SEB project – Social housing Energy Benchmarking

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

### **Actions in the field of urban mobility – Municipality of Odense**

SafeTurn

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## FUNDING NEWS

### **ERRIN Innovation Funding Working Group Meeting: European Commission briefing on current calls related to entrepreneurship education**

The Innovation Funding Working Group under the leadership of the Welsh Higher Education Office (Paul Harris), and hosted by West Midlands in Europe, organised an information session on European Commission calls relating to entrepreneurship education. [More information on this meeting](#)

Presentations of Simone Baldassari and Typhaine Beaupérin are [available online for ERRIN members](#).

### **ERRIN Energy Working Group Meeting: Information Session on the EU Renewable Energy Directive, 20 February 2009, Brussels**

The ERRIN Energy Working Group organised an information meeting on the Renewable Energy Directive as an integrated part of the Climate Package. [More information on this meeting](#)

[Mr Hans van Steen Presentation available online](#)

### **INNO-Learning Platform: Call for expressions of interest for public innovation funding agencies to participate in pilot testing of peer review and exchange of good practice activities**

The INNO-Learning Platform is launching a call for expressions of interest for public innovation funding agencies to participate in the pilot testing of methodologies with regard to the following activities:

- (1) peer reviews between innovation agencies on the provision of innovation support services to innovative SMEs;
- (2) transnational exchange of good practice between innovation agencies based on a twinning concept.

The complete call can be downloaded [here](#).

The call is open to representatives from countries eligible under the EIP (Entrepreneurship and Innovation programme) of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programme (CIP).

Up-to-date information on participation in the EIP for non-EU member countries is available [here](#).

### **New EU Funding Opportunities in Health**

The European Commission has published the Work Plan 2009 for the implementation of the second programme of Community action in the field of health. The publication of the Work Plan was followed by the publication of calls for proposals. The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) published calls for proposals for projects, operating grants, conferences and joint actions. The calls present new funding opportunities for the European organisations active in the area of public health. The total budget available for the execution of the 2009 Work Plan is 48.2 million euros.

All proposals should address important problems in the European public health and be in line with the Commission's priorities expressed in the Work Plan. The successful proposals should concentrate on aspects of public health that cannot be achieved on a national level. They should ensure a significant impact across the EU. The deadline for submission of proposals is 20 May 2009.

More about funding for projects:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/projects.html>

More about funding for conferences:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/conferences.html>

More about operating grants:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/grants.html>

## ERRIN Secretariat News

**The ERRIN Activity Report 2008 Term 3 is now available online:**

[You can download it here](#)

The ERRIN Secretariat is constantly updating its Call Calendar and Event Calendar. Please notify us at [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu), if you would like us to add or correct any call-related information or upcoming events.

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