



Submit your regional initiatives/good practices on Open innovation

The forthcoming ERRIN AGM on June 11 will be focusing on Open Innovation. The Secretariat is collecting examples from ERRIN members of strategies/initiatives/practices designed to stimulate and facilitate OI in the regions such as:

- ◆ Regions providing enabling environments/"eco-systems" for open innovation, in which firms operate, triple helix actors interact, and citizens/users get involved (e.g. living labs),
- ◆ setting new parameters for education (e.g. breadth vs. depth)
- ◆ promoting culture change to support open innovation, promoting collaboration and networks
- ◆ leading by example with regard to stimulating innovative public services and public procurement,
- ◆ linking SMEs up to larger corporate players such as Multi-National Enterprises (MNEs), through science and innovation parks
- ◆ creating IPR pools, creating the trust base for SME –MNE interactions
- ◆ scouting and identifying promising technology and unused patents, promoting a global orientation, nurturing spin-outs and spin-offs.

A limited number of these regional good practices will be presented at the event, subject to selection by the Secretariat and Board. For the rest and depending on feed-back, we are planning to publish these regional examples in a brochure to be made available as background material to the event.

For background information and downloading a template for submission [please click here](#)

Please send your contribution before 23 March 2009 at communication@errin.eu

Reminder

Declare your interest in 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.

Suggestions so far received: Nanotechnology, food/food clusters, environment/climate change, sustainable construction, industrial design.

Send us your 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

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 with you and include your contribution in the presentation.**



ERRIN Secretariat News

SAVE THE DATE: ERRIN Policy Briefing: R&D Priorities of the Swedish Presidency, 22 April 2009, 10.00-13.00, The House of Cities, Municipalities and Regions, 1 Square de Meeûs, 1000 Brussels

The ERRIN Secretariat in partnership with the EU South Sweden Office is organizing a policy briefing session on the forthcoming Swedish EU Presidency. Several representatives from Sweden, including Bjarne Kirsebom (Minister for Research and Development at the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU) will visit the ERRIN network to present and discuss with ERRIN members the research and innovation related priorities of the Swedish presidency agenda.

More information and a draft agenda will soon be posted on [the ERRIN website](#).

More information: communication@errin.eu

Research Connection, 7-8 May 2009, Prague, Czech Republic: ERRIN answered to 2 DG RTD related calls for proposals

ERRIN recently answered 2 DG RTD calls for proposals targeting potential exhibitors or organizers of a 'Forum' session at the forthcoming Research Connection event organised by the EU Czech presidency in Prague.

A grouping of 5 ERRIN member regions is pulling resources together to be present at this conference under an ERRIN flag:

- AD EUropa (Castilla y Leon)
- West Midlands in Europe
- Friuli Venezia Giulia
- Eszak Alföld
- CCI Piemonte

The same group, followed by the Lodz region, also applied to organize a café style seminar entitled '*ERRIN regions bridging the gap: involving regional stakeholders in European research and innovation programmes*'.

The secretariat is following up on both applications and will keep members updated on developments. If you wish to know more about this initiative, please contact us at communication@errin.eu

ERRIN New Partnership with the SERI: European Research and Innovation Exhibition, 3-5 June 2009

The ERRIN Secretariat and the SERI (European Research and Innovation Exhibition) have recently signed a partnership agreement.

The SERI is the leading professional and international fair dedicated to Research & Innovation. This year's fifth edition will take place in Paris (Porte des Versailles) on 3-5 June 2009.

The SERI offers the following opportunities for ERRIN members at a preferential rate:

- An individual exhibition stand
- A joint exhibition stand with other ERRIN regions
- A 1.40 hour slot for a conference/workshop

The ERRIN logo and a short description of the network will be included on all communications issued by the SERI.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, do not hesitate to contact the ERRIN secretariat at farha.brahmi@errin.eu.

FUNDING NEWS

ERRIN Training Session 3: "Before the call, after the call – who is who behind the scenes" (consultation/ evaluation), 3 March 2009, Brussels

The ERRIN Project Working Group has organized its final training session of Project Development Support. [All presentations are available online](#).



ERRIN EVENTS

ERRIN Transport and Space Joint Working Group meeting

Date: 10 March 2009

Time: 9.30-12.30

Venue: Fundación Comunidad Valenciana – Región Europea, rue de la Loi 227, 1040 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

OTHER EVENTS

Cooperation between Regions and Chambers

Date: 11 March 2009

Time: 14.00-17.00

Venue: The House of the Hungarian Regions, 5 Square Vergote, 1200 Brussels

[Information, agenda and registration](#)

Final Conference Procure Project

Date: 16-17 March 2009

Venue: Bureau Bourgogne Franche-Comté Europe, Rue d'Arlon 55, 1040 Brussels

[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](#)

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.

PARTNER SEARCHES

European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals 2007-2013- Universidad Valencia – CSIC

Generating models for young muslim migrants to facilitate their access to health services

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

Daphne III Programme - Valencia Local Police Department

HERA – Actions to prevent gender violence, to minimize its consequences and to implement a police management approach in order to avoid secondary victimization

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

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