



## ERRIN Secretariat Announcements

### Call for "Platform Members" for a planned Pro-Inno Partnering Forum Bid

ERRIN, in cooperation with an existing consortium of core regional partners is submitting a bid for the Pro Inno Partnering Forum. The Forum will offer an open platform for Innovation Support providers to improve and modernize innovation support in EU regions and countries. The fixed core-partnership for the project, which according to the call text is limited to 7 regions includes North Denmark, Lombardy, Valencia, Pays de la Loire, Stuttgart Region, Slovenia, Eszak-Aföld).

**The Secretariat is now looking for regional innovation service providers, such as cluster organizations, regional or innovation agencies, funding agencies that would like to be associated to a bid as "platform members".**

**To be registered as Platform Member does not require any resource commitment**

**What is required is a simple declaration of interest (by email) to signal that you intend to participate in this initiative and benefit from its activities, such as the planned twinning scheme, where you may be eligible for getting funding.**

Interested Innovation Service Providers in your regions are kindly requested to point to any previous experiences in being a partner to the first generation of Pro-Inno/Europa-Innova projects.

They should also indicate from which of the 5 actions outlined below they are most interested in benefit from as a region.

1. A reflection group of high level representatives representing public authorities responsible for the development and management of innovation support services and/or cluster programmes.
2. Peer Reviews through visiting programmes to assess current support mechanisms of public agencies and their service providers in search for better practice.
3. A Good Practice Exchange/Twinning scheme that will test transferability of 5 to 7 cases, focusing on three main categories of innovation support, namely innovation vouchers, internationalisation and growth.
4. Preparation/facilitation of a staff exchange scheme
5. Quality management measures/tools to support agencies to leverage and increase the quality and effectiveness of their services.

**Regions that answer this call by 30 January will be listed in the proposal to be submitted to DG ENT by the core group of regions by 12 February. You are invited to send an email to [claus.schultze@errin.eu](mailto:claus.schultze@errin.eu) (Subject space: "Request to be included as Platform Member for the Pro-Inno Partnering Forum")**

### The new ERRIN Science in Society and Human Resources Working Group is up and running

The ERRIN Science in Society and Human Resources Working Group is now officially launched and it will have its first meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009, for more information [click here](#).

The ERRIN web section dedicated to the Working Group is under construction.

If members wish to participate in the forthcoming meeting or if they have questions about the future activities of the Working Group, they can email [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu) or [anna.sibilla@unioncamerepiemonte.be](mailto:anna.sibilla@unioncamerepiemonte.be).

### Open Days 2009

The Secretariat is collecting interest from members who would like to participate in the Open Days 2009 under the ERRIN Flag. **An exploratory meeting will soon be organised.**

Please email [farha.brahmi@errin.eu](mailto:farha.brahmi@errin.eu) by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** if you wish to participate.

## PARTNER SEARCHES

### Leonardo Mobility Programme – West Midlands in Europe

West Midlands Rural and Environment Learning and Development Fund

Please find the Partner search attached.

### Life Long Learning (Leonardo) 2009 - South Denmark EU Office

[Free Circulation of Competence](#)

Downloadable Partner Search

### Life Long Learning (Leonardo) 2009 - RTC Northwest (UK)

Advocacy in Europe

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

**Do not hesitate to send your partner searches at the ERRIN Secretariat to circulate them with the E-Alert. If you wish to post them on the ERRIN website, please fill in the ERRIN Partner Search Template and email it to [farha.brahmi@errin.eu](mailto:farha.brahmi@errin.eu)**



## ERRIN EVENT

### **ERRIN meeting: Research Connection 2009**

Date: 2 February 2009  
Time: 10.00-12.00  
Venue: West Midlands in Europe Office, 22-28 Av. Auderghem, 1040 Brussels  
For more information please email [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu)

### **ERRIN Science in Society Working Group Meeting**

Date: 9 February 2009  
Time: 10.00-12.00  
Venue: Wales House, Rond Point Schuman 11, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **ERRIN Energy Working Group-Practitioners Event**

Date: 12 February 2009  
Time: TBC  
Venue: Tuscany EU Office, Rond Point Schuman 14 (8th Floor), 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **ERRIN ICT Working Group and Lisbon Regions Network**

Date: 13 February 2009  
Time: 9.30-14.00  
Venue: West Midlands in Europe, 22-28 Av. d'Auderghem, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **ERRIN Management Board Meeting**

Date: 19 February 2009  
Time: 14.00-17.00  
Time: 15.00-17.00  
Venue: This is a meeting for Management Board members only  
For more information please email [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu)

### **ERRIN Energy Working Group Meeting: Renewable Energy Directive - 20/20/20/10 in 2020 what does it imply? With Head of Unit Mr Hans van Steen, DG TREN**

Date: 20 February 2009  
Time: 11.00-12.30  
Venue: Espace Interrégional Européen Bretagne / Pays de la Loire / Poitou-Charentes, 14 Rond-point Schuman, 4th floor, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

### **EUREGHA General Assembly**

Date: 5 February 2009  
Time: 12.00-18.00  
Venue: Committee of Regions, room JDE 51, 101 rue Beliard, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **A Cluster Regulation Law: The Veneto Case Study**

Date: 9 February 2009  
Time: 12.30-13.45  
Venue: Unioncamere Veneto – Brussels EU Liaison Office, 67 Avenue de Turvuren, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **Climate Tech - the approach of city regions**

Date: 10 February 2009  
Time: 09.00-14.15  
Venue: EU Commission - Van Maerlant Building, room 1, 2 Rue van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **Agora Talentia - First World Forum on Talent**

Date: 11-12 February 2009  
Venue: Pamplona, Spain  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **ICT for Energy Efficiency Info Day**

Date: 12 February 2009  
Venue: European Commission - Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi (S3) - 2nd floor, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **Intelligent Energy Info Day 2009**

Date: 12 February 2009  
Time: 8.30-14.15  
Venue: Charlemagne Building of the European Commission, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

### **Regions for Economic Change-Networking for Results**

Date: 16-17 February 2009  
Venue: EC Conference Centre "Charlemagne", Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels  
For more information, agenda and registration [click here](#)

## FUNDING AREA

The ERRIN 2009 Calendar of calls overview has been updated

[Document available here](#)

An ERRIN Funding Factsheet for the ICT PSP Call 2009 is available online

Document available here

ERRIN 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Development Training Seminar, 27 January 2009

[Presentations are now available here](#)



## FUNDING NEWS: PUBLISHED CALLS THIS WEEK

### **Entrepreneurial culture of young people, and entrepreneurship education (CIP)**

Identifier: ENTR/CIP/09/E/N02S001-

Publication: 26 January 2009

Budget: € 2 750 000

Deadline: 20 April 2009

### **Regional Biotechnology: Establishing a methodology and performance indicators for assessing bioclusters and bioregions relevant to the Knowledge-based Bio-economy (KBBE)**

Identifier: FP7-KBBE-2009-17087

Publication Date: 21 January 2009

Budget: € 400 000

Deadline: 03 March 2009

## ERRIN NEWS

### **The Commission adopts Lisbon Strategy Recommendations to build a lasting Recovery, 28 January 2009**

The European Commission has adopted "country chapters" and recommendations under the Lisbon Growth and Jobs Strategy to back the European Economic Recovery Plan.

[Read the full article](#)

### **Project Development from Idea to Workpackage (Logframing)**

#### **ERRIN first Project Development Training Seminar, 27 January 2009**

The second ERRIN project development training session took place on 27 January 2009 at the South Denmark EU Office in Brussels.

[Read the full article](#)

News articles and presentations are regularly made available on [www.errin.eu](http://www.errin.eu)

## MORE NEWS

### **The European Commission is to hold the 2009 'European University-Business Forum' in Brussels on 5-6 February 2009**

Key themes will include how to modernise governance structures within universities; how to develop curricula, with a particular focus on entrepreneurship; and how to improve continuing education within businesses. To register and for further information, email [eac-university-business-cooperation@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eac-university-business-cooperation@ec.europa.eu). For Commission information on university-business cooperation, visit [http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/educ/business/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/educ/business/index_en.html)

### **The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) will be holding three seminars on key themes associated with its Knowledge and Information Communities (KICs) initiative**

The aim of the three seminars is to provide potential stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss the themes identified for the first KICs. Each seminar will address one KIC theme: the future information and community society (Vienna, 16 February); climate change adaptation and mitigation (Madrid, 16 March); and sustainable energy (Vienna, 16 February). For more information and to register visit [http://ec.europa.eu/eit/seminars\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/eit/seminars_en.htm)

### **Publication of the Science, Technology and Competitiveness key figures and of the Innovation Scoreboard 2008**

Two important reports were recently published, including comprehensive data related to R&D activities in the EU.

The 2008 Science, Technology and Competitiveness key figures provide data covering the period from 2000 to 2006 and thus allow evaluation of the progress of EU R&D investment and the implementation of the European Research Area over this period. Although it shows many positive elements regarding the development of R&D activities in the EU, it also highlights the fact that national R&D expenditures have stagnated at low levels and are still far from reaching the Lisbon target of investing 3% of GDP in R&D.

The report specifically observes that private R&D investment is still at very low levels compared to the U.S., Japan and China. However, the EU's pool of researchers is growing much faster than any of its competitors, and Europe is becoming increasingly attractive for foreign R&D investments.

The 2008 Innovation Scoreboard published in parallel also acknowledges important progress and includes detailed data that allow evaluation of the developments in each EU country.

#### **Related Links:**

[Press release on the 2008 Science, Technology and Competitiveness key figures](#)

[Press release on the European Innovation Scoreboard 2008](#)

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