



Secretariat Announcement

New office location for ERRIN Secretariat

Please note: The ERRIN Secretariat has moved to a new location and our phone numbers have changed!

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Call for FP7 Draft Work Programmes

The Secretariat is currently collecting FP7 Draft Work Programmes in order to analyse them and make a synthesis of future funding priorities available to our members.

We have already collected the following WP:

- Health
- Security
- Space
- Transport
- Regions of Knowledge
- Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies
- Food, Agriculture, Fisheries and Biotechnologies
- Activities of International Cooperation

If you have any Draft Work Programme to share, please contact the ERRIN Secretariat as soon as possible or send them to communication@errin.eu.

ERRIN and Copenhagen Climate Change Summit - Briefing - call for good practice examples, 29 May 2009, 9.00-10.00, Scotland House, 6 Rond Point Schuman, 1040 Brussels

The EU aims towards achieving a comprehensive climate change agreement in Copenhagen, calling upon a doubling of R&D in low carbon and adaptation technologies in all sectors by 2012 and a quadrupling by 2020. There are also a number of other points concerning financing for low carbon technologies and boosting R&D and innovation.

ERRIN has an interest in supporting the European Commission in this call for increased investment in low carbon technologies. The planned ERRIN policy statement should be accompanied by a number of good practice examples from ERRIN member regions showing R&D projects within our regions and demonstrating how we are engaging internationally and how this benefits regional skills, jobs, health, etc.

This briefing will explain the background of this ERRIN initiative and the call for good practice examples.

You can submit your best practice at martin.wegele@errin.eu before June 22nd.

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

Pinnacle Seminars for EU funded projects

Pinnacle Public Relations is launching a new series of training seminars designed especially for staff who are working on EU funded projects or programmes.

Since 2005, Pinnacle PR successfully delivered PR and communications training to over 2,000 staff from ERDF funded programmes.

Pinnacle brings years of experience in PR, media and communications as well as track record in working across Europe with ERDF funded programmes.

We will offer these at our training facilities in Brussels and London from July 2009. Please check our website

www.pinnaclepr.net for details of dates.

See the PDF Document attached for more details or contact the ERRIN Secretariat communication@errin.eu.

- ◆ Please see our [Event Calendar](#) for more forthcoming events.
- ◆ 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 & Events

ERRIN Briefing: Lisbon in Practice - Regional Attractiveness for Investment in Research and Innovation, 8 July 2009, 14.00-17.00, West Midlands in Europe, Av. Auderghem 22-28, 1040 Brussels

The 2009 Ernst & Young survey of European attractiveness ranked 'making innovation easier and supporting R&D investments' in third place for foreign investors' minds and it is clear from a policy level there is an increasing recognition that regions need to be much more aware of their research and innovation offer in a competitive global economy. This seminar will shed light on the importance of R&D and innovation for regions wishing to enhance their attractiveness.

Three leading thinkers in this field will present their opinions and open up a debate on how regions can both develop and promote their R&D and innovation competences to retain and attract investment.

1. European attractiveness survey. Marc Lhermitte of Ernst & Young will present the main results of their recently published 2009 survey, highlighting in particular the role of countries'/regions' research and innovation capacities for investor's decisions.
2. Regional Growth Project: Ben Gardiner of Cambridge Econometrics will present the milestones of the first year of this 4-year project, which aims to identify the best and worst-performing regions in Europe (<http://www.euregionalgrowth.eu/>).
3. Lessons from the EC's Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development: Vincent Duchêne and Geert Steurs of Idea Consult will present lessons from their ex-post evaluation of FP6 with a particular focus on lessons learned for promoting regional innovation.

[Agenda and Registration online](#)

Project Development Workshop for the next INTERREG IVB North West Europe Call, 17 June 2009, 14.00-17.00, West Midlands in Europe - 22-28 Avenue Auderghem, 1040 Brussels

Objective

This event will provide ERRIN members based in the North West Europe section of the Interreg IVB programme the opportunity to brainstorm potential projects and find partners for the next call September 2009.

The NWE priorities are listed below but this workshop is primarily interested in innovation. Innovation projects should aim to produce transnational partnerships which can enhance the region's capacity to innovate and facilitate the development of knowledge-based activities. Preference will be given to projects which can develop cross-sectoral synergies and facilitate the creation, demonstration and above all, the application of knowledge.

Project activities should be clearly linked to territorial development and not solely focus on networking within the specific scientific/business sector, for which, the interregional cooperation strand is more appropriate. The Programme will not support research and development or academic networking which is not linked to actions or demonstration projects.

1. Capitalising on innovation.
2. Environmental challenges
3. Connectivity
4. Strong and prosperous communities

Methodology

All regions in the North West Europe Area in the ERRIN network will be invited and are invited to send project suggestions to ERRIN and also bring project ideas to the meeting. It is recommended that each region is represented by a Brussels representative and a practitioner(s) from the region.

[Agenda and Registration online](#)



ERRIN EVENTS REMINDERS: PLEASE REGISTER NOW

ERRIN Copenhagen Climate Change Briefing, 29 May 2009, 9h00-10.00 at Scotland House Europa, Rond Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

ERRIN invites interested members to join a briefing on an ERRIN contribution to the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference. A planned ERRIN policy statement should be accompanied by a number of good practice examples showing R&D projects within our regions and demonstrating how we are engaging internationally and how this benefits regional skills, jobs, health, etc. This short meeting will explain the background of this ERRIN initiative and the call for projects. Further details will soon be available online.

[More information and registration](#)

Post 2010 Lisbon Strategy: Focus on Innovation and Clusters! A (joint) Network event of the Lisbon Regions Network and ERRIN, 18 June 2009, BIP (Brussels Info Point – www.biponline.be), Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels

In 2009 the current Lisbon Strategy will end its 10 year-run, in the midst of the most severe economic slump the European Union has witnessed since its foundation in 1957. The European Commission will present a new strategy at the end of 2009. This new strategy will have to face up to the challenges of severe economic restructuring and job losses. Investment in economic clusters combining innovation, education and research are key elements to bring Europe's knowledge economy back on track and should feature prominently in the new strategy. Such investment should be accompanied by regional innovation strategies that enhance competitiveness through upgrading innovation policies, infrastructure and the regional talent pool.

This seminar will contribute to thinking on the future Lisbon Strategy and promote an opportunity to members of the two networks to both understand and shape future EU policy in this area. Two high-level EU policy experts will share current thinking on research and innovation challenges and discuss the role of regions in developing better innovation strategies. The seminar will also showcase two good practice examples of regional innovation highlighting the 'triple helix' roles of companies, universities and research institutes and public administrations.

The seminar will be followed by a networking reception providing an opportunity for members of both networks to meet and discuss.

[More information and registration](#)

Better approaches to commercialisation of R&D - How to make more of your regional R&D investments? 25 June 2009, West Midlands in Europe, Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28, B-1040 Brussels

It is widely recognised that too few projects initiated under both national as well as EU funded research projects are commercially exploited. This is particularly true for environmental and clean energy technologies, which involve above-average public funding and where the R&D-base is highly fragmented. Yet, regions and the EU at large can only benefit from research results if these are transferred from laboratories to the market as licensed technologies or newly created technology-based companies.

This ERRIN seminar, organised in cooperation with Greenovate! Europe, will inform ERRIN members about FP7 project opportunities for environmental technologies and familiarise ERRIN members with tested commercialisation methodologies. It will also enable ERRIN practitioners to discuss opportunities for their projects with commercialisation experts in moderated roundtable sessions.

[More information and registration](#)

OTHER EVENTS

2009 International Medtech Symposium

Date: 21-23 June 2009

Venue: MTIC, University of Herfordshire, UK

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

Innovation at the service of regions and cities

Date: 22-23 June 2009

Venue: The Hague, Netherlands

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

Key Driver for Customer Orientated Design

Date: 2 July 2009

Time: 14.30-17.30

Venue: Wales House, 11 Rond-Point Schuman, 1040 Brussels

[More information, agenda and registration](#)



PARTNER SEARCHES

CIP- IEE-2009 – CEMOSA

Efficient Energy Performance of Buildings

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

CIP-IEE-2009 – Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

WINDTURB: Electricity production and energy storage through a wind turbina generador

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

CIP-IEE-2009 LIUC University (Italy)

Energy Efficient Technologies in Manufacturing 2ETIM

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

CIP-IEE-2009 – One North East UK

Efficient Energy Performance Buildings

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

CIP-IEE-2009 - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

BIOFUEL – Bioenergetic agriculture to generate clean energy

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CIP-IEE-2009 - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

Marine Water desalination using renewable energy

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

CIP-IEE-2009 ADEuropa Foundation – Regional Government of Castilla y Leon

Integrated PROMotion of Energy Services Companies (PROESCOs)

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Eco Innovation-CIP-EIP - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

Textile Materials for Sustainable Buildings

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Eco Innovation-CIP-EIP - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

CompostPack

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Eco Innovation-CIP-EIP - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

EcoFoodInnovations

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Eco Innovation-CIP-EIP - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

Material recycling of waste to produce secondary raw materials

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Eco Innovation-CIP-EIP - Fundacion Comunidad Valenciana – Region Europea

Passive Energy Efficiency in Buildings using inorganic thermal insulation

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WORKING GROUP CORNER

Feature: Science in Society Working Group

Gender and Research: Idea for an Application

At their last meeting the SiS Working Group discussed an idea for an application on Gender and Research proposed by the Free Hanseatic city of Bremen EU Office (Martina Hilger). A representative of the European Platform of Woman Scientists (EPWS) was also present as it wishes to participate in such a bid together with ERRIN members.

The SiS call is expected to be published in 30 July 2009, a draft work programme is already available on the ERRIN intranet ([under the Science in Society Working Group Section](#)). The provisional budget for Gender: change in research organisations/universities (**Coordination and Support Action**) is of **€ 4,5 million**. The aim of the project was not defined during the Working Group meeting; however, according the draft work programme, **the involvement of university decision makers will be essential.**

Several ERRIN members present at the meeting expressed their interest in the project idea. The SiS Working Group will circulate documents within the next two weeks in order to assess the interest of other ERRIN members in such a bid, and will organise a **SiS Practitioner's meeting by September 2009 to build a project proposal.**

If you wish to know more about this project idea, you can already contact the ERRIN Secretariat at farha.brahmi@errin.eu.

++++**Energy Working Group:** ERRIN Energy Working Group Practitioners Event, 24 June 2009, 14.00-18.00, West Sweden's Brussels Office, Sweden House, Rue de Luxembourg 3, 1000 Brussels. For more information and registration, please contact Jessica Huntingford at huntingford@regioncentroitalia.org. +++++

++++**Biotech Working Group:** ERRIN Biotech Working Group Meeting, 29 June 2009, 14.00-16.00, Lombardy Region, 2 Place du Champ de Mars, 1050 Brussels.

The meeting will be focused on the preparation of next ERRIN CEBR joint meeting on Region of knowledge. As you might know, next ROK call for proposal will be published on July 30th. Health will be the topic for 2010 Work Programme. Considered that the final draft Work programme is already available it is important to start building the consortia in order to build strong proposals mobilizing the 3 components of our research driven clusters. The consortium building session involving regional practitioners will take place on July 10th (and not on July 14th as originally announced) so I recommend you to announce this date to your people back home to guarantee the participation of your practitioners. Please confirm your participation to the meeting sending an e-mail to pinna@lom.camcom.it. +++++