



### Secretariat Announcement

## ERRIN Office Warming, Friday 17 July, Av. Palmerston 23, 1000 Brussels

The ERRIN Secretariat invites you to a **drink** reception at its new office on 23 avenue Palmerston on Friday 17th July starting at 16.00 (until about 19.00). Please confirm your attendance before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu).

## The Geography of Talent: Regional Approaches to boost Creativity and Innovation

ERRIN has been invited to participate in a tent exhibition in front of the EC Berlaymont building during the Open Days 2009 organized by DG Regio.

Following its successful application, ERRIN will present 4 to 5 interactive exhibits from its member regions at its stand. The Secretariat has already collected some examples of projects to be potentially displayed at the stand. These include results of open innovation initiatives such as an interactive game for children, prototypes designed by students and interface tools to learn and interact.

ERRIN members wishing to participate can contact the ERRIN Secretariat before July 17<sup>th</sup> to submit a regional project demonstrating the variety and richness of approaches in boosting regional creativity and innovation.

Key requirements:

- The project must be Creativity and Innovation related
- Projects should be presented in an interactive way
- No use of traditional information materials (e.g. brochures and leaflets)

For more information, email [communication@errin.eu](mailto:communication@errin.eu)

## ACES Awards – Nominate University Spinouts from your Region Today

The ACES awards organised by Science Business with a coalition of leading European universities, multinational corporations and foundations gives public recognition to those researchers, engineers, professors, students and government officials in Europe who have done the most in 2009 to foster a culture of enterprise on campus.

This can be through taking the risk of launching a spinout company, developing a discovery into a marketable innovation (at the risk of the tenure-track publication record), or promoting policies that create a receptive environment for entrepreneurship on campus.

Why submit a nomination?

- Promote your region as a hub of innovation
- Gain publicity for inward investment
- Gain recognition for successful policies

For more information or to submit your nomination visit the ACES site at <http://www.sciencebusiness.net/aces> or call +32 2 304 7577

## A NEW INNOVATION STRATEGY FOR REGIONS: Improving the effectiveness of innovation policy and innovation-related public spending at regional level. OECD Background Note on Issues and Methodology

The OECD and the European Commission have undertaken a joint research project entitled “A new innovation strategy for regions: Improving the effectiveness of innovation policy and innovation-related spending at regional level” aiming at taking stock of the different approaches to supporting innovation at regional level. On the basis of a review of current policies and implementation mechanisms, the project will lead to identification of best practices and recommendations for improving policies in this field. The project is being undertaken in close co-operation with the Inter-American Development Bank, which is launching a parallel study on regional innovation systems in Latin America.

The project is being organised around three broad “modules” that cover key themes that have been identified as of particular interest for regional policymakers. These modules will use a mixture of quantitative analysis, cross-national comparative research and case studies illustrating good practice. The modules are:

1. The role of public investment: measuring policy impact and performance at the regional level
2. Collaborative mechanisms at the regional level.
3. Multi-level governance and funding.

**An International Experts Workshop to initiate the project took place in Paris, France, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.** [A background note to this workshop is available on the ERRIN website](#), providing a summary of the project’s scope and introducing some of the key issues discussed at the workshop. This paper also gives an overview of the project’s milestones.



## EVENTS

### **Invitation to Consultation Debate of the Business Panel on Future Innovation Policy, 22 July 2009, 16.00-18.00, The Business Europe Office, 168 Av Cortenbergh, 1000 Brussels**

DG Enterprise and Industry established the Business Panel earlier this year to provide inputs from a business perspective on priorities for future EU innovation policy. The Panel seeks a public consultation on its recommendations before it is due to complete its work by early Autumn 2009.

Europe Unlimited and Business Europe invites all ERRIN members to participate in their Consultation Debate of the Business Panel on Future Innovation Policy.

The Consultation Debate will be preceded by inspiring key notes on innovation. Please check out the programme.

**The debate will be limited to 60 participants, ERRIN members are invited to register as soon as possible, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

## REMINDER: ERRIN Events

### **Lisbon in Practice - Regional Attractiveness for R&I Investment, 8 July 2009, 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 FDI decisions. In line with these findings, policy actors are increasingly aware that regions need to be much more aware of their research and innovation environments and offers in a competitive global economy.

**To open up a debate on how exactly regions can both develop and promote their R&D and innovation competences to retain and attract investment, ERRIN has invited a group of leading thinkers in this field to present their findings and new initiatives and exchange their views on this topic:**

#### **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 FP6:**

**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.

#### **4. A new innovation strategy for regions:**

**Andrew Davies of the OECD** will present this new OECD/European Commission project, which is to take stock of the different approaches to supporting innovation at regional level and aims to help improve the effectiveness of innovation policy and innovation-related spending at regional level.

[More information, agenda and registration](#)



## PARTNER SEARCH

**CIP-ICT-PSP-2009-3bis - Etruria Innovazione SCpA**  
IDEM/EU – Interactive DEMocracy in Europe  
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## FUNDING AREA

### 2009 FP7 Work Programme Funding Factsheets

Funding Factsheets on the Forthcoming FP7 calls are being compiled by the ERRIN Secretariat in order to facilitate project development. Factsheets are downloadable online and more information concerning draft work programmes can be obtained by contacting the ERRIN Secretariat at [farha.brahmi@errin.eu](mailto:farha.brahmi@errin.eu) or call +32 495 28 29 46

The Following factsheets can be downloaded from the ERRIN website (under Funding area):

Energy FP7 Draft Programme 2010 Call

[Environment FP7 Draft Programme 2010 Call](#)

[Regions of Knowledge FP7 Draft Programme 2010 Call](#)

[Security FP7 Draft Programme 2010 Call](#)

### Regional aspects of FP7

If you are interested in learning more about the research activities in your area, the European Commission – DG Research-website provides a map where you can click on the different countries to discover FP7 at work. Then "drill down" to discover projects by region within a country.

[40 new "Research Potential" projects added](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

#### 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](#)

#### Renewable Energy & Clean-Tech - Tools for Regions

Date: 20-21 July 2009

Venue: Östersund, Sweden

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

#### ERRIN Biotech & International Cooperation Briefing

Date: 23 July 2009

Time: 9.30-12.00

Venue: Lombardy Region EU Office, 2 Place Champ de Mars, 1050 Brussels

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

#### Conference on Container Security

Date: 10 September 2009

Time: 14.00-19.00

Venue: Town Hall of Bremen, Germany

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

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**WORKING GROUP CORNER**  
**Feature: Biotech Working Group**

**ERRIN/CEBR: RoK Joint Project Development Day, 10 July 2009, 10.30-16.00, Lombardy Region, 2 Place du Champ de Mars, 1050 Brussels**

ERRIN & CEBR are launching a project platform for the Regions of Knowledge call 2010 only open to ERRIN & CEBR Members. This event is addressed to leading or emerging clusters wishing to build a focus around specific topics. To meet the eligibility criteria of the call, the inclusion of three organizations within any cluster is important and it is critical that the triple helix (regional authority, business side and Research level) is involved.

The call will fund up to 5 proposals and ERRIN & CEBR would very much like to help bring together consortia that complement each other and create a harmonised approach to bringing cluster strengths to a European level. Our Networks will work with clusters across Europe to identify the best topics, build consortia and create strong proposals. More general information on the call for proposals within the Regions of Knowledge programme is expected to be published end July 2009. The focus will be healthcare and the building of strong research driven clusters around specific themes such as e-health, personalised medicine etc.

[A Regions of Knowledge Draft Programme 2010 Funding factsheet is available on the ERRIN website](#)

**Biotech and International Cooperation Meeting, 23 July 2009, 9.30-12.00, Lombardy Region EU Office, 2 Place Champ de Mars, 1050 Brussels**

A briefing session on Biotech and International cooperation will take place on 23 July 2009. Maria Luisa TAMBORRA and Pierre FROISSARD from DG Research (D2 International Cooperation) will explain the ERRIN audience how the FP7 capacities programme for KBBE and Health and their related activities of international cooperation work at horizontal and thematic level. Ilaria Bonetti from the Milan Chamber of Commerce will discuss international cooperation with India through the European Business and Technology Center in India example. Elisabetta BALZI (E1 Biotechnology, DG Research) will present early results of the 2009 KBBE Work Programme and give indications on the next KBBE Work programme for 2010.

[More information, agenda and registration](#)

For further information on these two meetings, you can contact Valentina Pinna, the leader of the ERRIN Biotech Working Group at [pinna@lom.camcom.it](mailto:pinna@lom.camcom.it)

**PARTNER SEARCH**

**LIFE+ - Fundación Comunidad Valenciana – Región Europea**

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## POLICY AREA

### FP8 and Swedish Presidency R&D Priorities

The FP8 Task Force has commenced its work coordinating ERRIN efforts to position regional excellence and knowledge at the core of the future Framework Programme on Research (FP8). The work of the group will not focus on the regional dimension, but on regional excellence and the direct contribution from local players towards the formulation of FP8. It has been agreed that the work will start with three actions:

- 1) Regional mapping, to find out who from our regions is involved in the different FP programming committees and identify barriers and problems in the implementation of FP7.
- 2) Institutional mapping to identify the key players involved in the decision-making process (institutional and non-institutional)
- 3) A third action will be the mapping of networks playing an important role in shaping the R&D policy environment.

The mapping will be followed by fact-finding meetings with the regional experts and result in a list of areas and actions the group wants to take forward in the long term.

The group is open to those regions which are ready to commit themselves to providing an active contribution to the Task Force objectives and the actions planned.

[An FP8 section on the ERRIN website has been set up to share documents, slides and work in progress](#)

## OTHER EVENTS

#### **ERRIN Transport/Space Working Group Meeting**

Date: 8 July 2009  
Time: 14.00-17.30  
Venue: Union Camere Piemonte, 62 rue du trone, 1050 Brussels  
[More information, agenda and registration](#)

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[More information, agenda and registration](#)

#### **Task Force on ICT for a Green Economy**

Date: 14 July 2009  
Time: 10.30-13.00  
Venue: Résidence Palace, EPC Conference Room, 4th floor, 155 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels  
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#### **Thinking across Disciplines**

Date: 6 October 2009  
Time: 9.30-18.30  
Venue: MCE Conference Centre, 110 rue de l'Aqueduc,

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