



Secretariat Announcement

Business panel on future EU innovation policy Consultation (8 July- End of August 2009)

DG Enterprise has established a business panel to provide inputs from a business perspective on priorities for future EU innovation policy. On the Panel's request, DG Enterprise has opened an [interactive consultation online](#) on 8 July with a closing date by the end of August.

The panel is due to complete its work by early Autumn 2009. It has prepared a preliminary report for online comments and debate, [which is available on the ERRIN website](#). A final report will be ready by the end of September.

Invitation for ERRIN members

Europe Unlimited and Business Europe invite all ERRIN members to participate in a Consultation Debate of the Business Panel on Future Innovation Policy on 22 July 2009, from 16.00 to 18.00 at the Business Europe Office, 168 Av Cortenbergh, 1000 Brussels. 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](#)

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 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 shed light on the importance of R&D and innovation for regions wishing to enhance their attractiveness.

[Presentations are now available online](#), a report is available on the Director's i-blog.

OECD/European Commission research project on regional innovation strategies

ERRIN has been invited to join an advisory panel for a joint OECD/European Commission project on "A new innovation strategy for regions: Improving the effectiveness of innovation policy and innovation-related spending at regional level", to which ERRIN acts as a member of the advisory group.

The aim of this global project is to take 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 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:

The role of public investment: measuring policy impact and performance at the regional level.

Collaborative mechanisms at the regional level

Multi-level governance and funding

The project, which will include case-studies of European regions, will be finalized at the end of 2010. For more information see the slides presented at the ERRIN briefing on Lisbon in Practice - Regional Attractiveness for R&I Investment (see above).

PARTNER SEARCH

EUREKAs Eurostars Programme – Technologisk, Central Denmark Development of Filtration Technologies for produced Water Re-injection in Oil Fields

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)

Europe-China Clean Energy Centre (EC²) - VTT Technical Research Centre

Europe-China Clean Energy Centre (EC2)

[Downloadable Partner Search](#)



REMINDER: ERRIN Events

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 13th July at communication@errin.eu.

The Geography of Talent: Regional Approaches to boost Creativity and Innovation, 8th October 2009

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 17th 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

European Voice Innovation Summit 2009, 7 October 2009, Brussels

European Voice is currently organizing its first Innovation Summit scheduled for 7 October 2009. The event will bring together national and EU policymakers, business executives, investors, researchers and academics to discuss what contribution innovation can make to bringing Europe out of its economic crisis.

The ERRIN Secretariat is already in contact with European Voice and is now looking into facilitating an ERRIN stand at the Innovation Summit in Brussels. Following the same principle as for the ERRIN Joint Stand organized for Research Connection in Prague (May 2009), ERRIN members would cooperate to share the costs as well as benefits of such a joint stand:

Benefits to all ERRIN exhibitors will be the following:

- Exhibitors will be listed on the dedicated section of www.europeanvoice.com.
- Supporter's logo/name on conference page of www.europeanvoice.com with links to company website
- Extensive advertising of event in European Voice and media partner titles
- Invitation to VIP Cocktail the night prior to the event
- Networking opportunities
- Exhibitors logo and location of stand to be included in the conference documentation
- Association with European Voice and The Economist Group brands

Costs to share amongst participating members:

- either 10 000 Euro to divide amongst participants sharing a Stand Prestige of 9m2
- or 5 000 Euro for a Regular Stand of 6m2

Should there be a critical mass within the network the costs could get relatively low for each interested member.

Please, express your interest by contacting the ERRIN Secretariat at communication@errin.eu by Friday 17th July!

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.

For more news on Research and Innovation, please visit our Director's i-blog



WORKING GROUP CORNER

+++ DESIGN WORKING GROUP: Further to the finalization of the ERRIN and Design Policy Paper an ERRIN Market Place meeting will be held. The aim is to invite regional practitioners and their Brussels representation offices to present and discuss potential project ideas for the INTERREG IVC and the Lifelong Learning programme. The date will be 6th October in the Flanders Office Brussels (to be confirmed).+++

Transport/Space Working Group

ERRIN Transport/Space Working Group Meeting, 8 July 2009, 14.00-17.30, Union Camere Piemonte, 62 rue du Trone, 1050 Brussels

The ERRIN Transport Working Group – Space activities – organized an information day together with NEREUS on the next FP7 call for proposals on the space and the security themes.

Clement Williamson (DG Enterprise) presented the Draft Programme for the FP7 Security call 2010. It is a first time that an FP theme is dedicated to security research with an overall 2007-13 Budget of € 1.4 billion, and € 210 million dedicated to the call 2010. In 2009, 27 projects were selected; they are now under negotiation and listed in [a brochure available on DG enterprise website](#). This year's FP7 Security call will be open by the end of July with a deadline on 26 November 2009; [an ERRIN Funding Factsheet is available online](#).

Massimiliano Esposito (DG Enterprise) presented the Draft Programme for the FP7 Space call 2010 and recalled the EU Space policy context. The overall FP7 Budget 2007-13 for the space theme amounts to € 1.4 billion and the budget for 2010 is of € 114 million, of which 102 million will be allocated to the FP7 Space call 2010 and the rest will be delegated to the EC-ESA Delegation Agreement, communication, studies and conferences, evaluations and horizontal activities (CORDIS, Cost, Eureka, ERA-Net). The Call will be published on 30th July with a deadline 30 November 2009; [an ERRIN Funding Factsheet is available online](#).

Projects were also discussed:

1. ACS from Basilicata are looking, along with the University of Nottingham in the East Midlands, at potential projects in the Security theme of FP7 on areas linked to space technologies. The ideas are at a very early stage, but could look at the following themes: SEC-2010.3.2-1 Monitoring and tracking of shipping containers SEC-2010.4.2-3 Information acquisition using dedicated platforms, including UAV, aerostatic platforms (balloons) and satellites. The theme under the Space Work Programme of SPA.2010.1.1-07Fostering downstream activities and links with regions is also seen as an ideal opportunity for networks such as ERRIN or NEREUS to get involved in. Please contact Ugo Di Giammatteo udig@acsys.it or Trevor Wright Trevor.Wright@nottingham.ac.uk for further information.

2. A project under the topic SEC-2010.3.2-1 Monitoring and tracking of shipping containers on Global realtime monitoring and tracking of shipping containers has also been discussed. For more information contact Cristina Bonafé at cbonafe@delcomval.be.

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 launched a project platform for the Regions of Knowledge call 2010 through a meeting mainly addressed to European clusters in the field of Health.

The workshop brought together more than 55 participants, half of which were practitioners (more than 20 specialists coming from ERRIN regions). The audience was divided in 4 groups in which exchange and work together was successful: 3 potential coordinators for 3 different projects ideas were identified.

It was agreed that CEBR and the ERRIN Biotech Working Group will organize a follow-up meeting in September in order to support project development and the European Commission may be invited to validate project ideas.

For more information contact Valentina Pinna at pinna@lom.camcom.it



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.](#)

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 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](#)

[Space FP7 Draft Programme 2010 Call](#)



OTHER EVENTS

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

[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](#) **Consultation**

Debate

Date: 22 July 2009

Time: 16.00-18.00

Venue: The Business Europe Office, 168 Av Cortenbergh,
1000 Brussels

[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](#)

Thinking across Disciplines

Date: 6 October 2009

Time: 9.30-18.30

Venue: MCE Conference Centre, 110 rue de l'Aqueduc,
1050 Brussels