



**Project Development  
Newsletter  
September 2010**

## Calls, Tenders & Awards



### CENTRAL EUROPE Programme

#### Restricted Call for Strategic Projects

In order to strengthen its relevance and its contribution to the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas the European Territorial Cooperation Programme CENTRAL EUROPE has set in place a targeted methodology aimed at the implementation of strategic projects whose themes have been previously identified at Programme level.

#### Project Concept 1: "**Boosting innovation through new cluster concepts in support of emerging issues and cross-sectoral themes**"

The specific objectives of the project are

- To establish a **policy dialogue** by a concerted effort in all partner countries to address and involve key stakeholders and experienced practitioners on the topic boosting innovation through new cluster concepts.
- To undertake a systematic effort in **analysing existing concepts and potentials**. An international expert group should carry out studies and analysis. At the same time special interest groups are expected to provide their input.
- To develop a **joint strategy** on how new cluster concepts can be stimulated and introduced. A joint strategy in this respect is not aiming at "standardizing" different approaches and imposing overall policy guidelines but to tackle common challenges by transnational cooperation and action.
- To implement **practical pilot actions** in line with the joint strategy.
- To elaborate an **action plan** based on the overall strategic goals and on lessons learned.

#### Deadlines

**Step 1** "Expression of Interest": 17 September 2010

**Step 2** to be announced in November 2010

#### Further Information

<http://www.central2013.eu/central-projects/applying-for-a-project/restricted-call-for-strategic-projects/#c866>



## Better Policies and Instruments in Support of Eco-Innovation

### Call for Proposals PRO INNO Europe®

This call for proposals aims to set up a consortium to **expand the knowledge base** on the role to be played by public policies and actors in the field of **eco-innovation**, in particular **innovation agencies and programmes**, most efficient approaches and results to be expected.

The action will identify **best practice** in the participating countries in the fields of **recycling, Green Public Procurement** and **international actions** and prepare the ground for their extension. The action will set up a Reflection Group to analyse latest eco-innovation policy development in the European Union, raise awareness and promote promising eco-innovation policy approaches.

#### Deadline

30 September 2010

#### Further Information

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/funding/instruments\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/funding/instruments_en.html)



## Alpine Space Programme

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals 2010

The Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013 aims at increasing competitiveness and attractiveness of the cooperation area by developing joint actions in fields where **transnational cooperation** is required for **sustainable solutions**.

With the **strategy "Europe 2020"** the necessity to combine forces to meet the future challenges was underpinned. Projects shall prove their contribution to **"smart, sustainable and inclusive growth"**.

Projects therefore:

- shall provide a clear reference to programme and priorities objectives. The contribution of projects to growth, job creation and sustainable territorial development should be tangible and concrete in the output
- have a strategy for the development of outputs and results
- have a strategy for the dissemination of results

#### Deadlines

**Step 1** "Expression of Interest": 15 October 2010  
**Step 2** "Proposal Submission": 25 February 2011

#### Further Information

<http://www.alpine-space.eu/>



## Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

### 53 Calls for Proposals

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Research has published a series of calls for proposals under the 'Cooperation', 'Capacities', 'People' and 'Ideas' Programmes of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The calls come under a wide variety of themes and topics, in total more than 50 calls have been published. There are eight new calls alone for **ICT** (under Cooperation) and two for **Research for the benefit of SMEs** (under Capacities).

#### Deadlines

between September 2010 and March 2011

#### Further Information

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>



INTERREG IVB

## Interreg IV B NWE

### 7th Calls for Proposals

INTERREG IVB North West Europe (NWE) Programme is a financial instrument of the European Union's Cohesion Policy

Over the next seven years, the programme will invest €355 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) into the economic, environmental, social and territorial future of North West Europe (NWE). The fund will be used to co-finance projects that maximize the diversity of NWE's territorial assets by tackling common challenges through transnational cooperation. To this end, the Programme seeks organisations that are resolute in their ambition to contribute to a cohesive and sustainable territorial development of North West Europe.

The programme addresses **4 priorities**:

- 1) Capitalising on innovation
- 2) Managing natural resources and risks
- 3) Improving connectivity
- 4) Strengthening communities

#### Deadlines

open from 3 to 24 September 2010 (12:00 noon)

#### Further Information

<http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php>



## **Europäischer Sozialfonds in Baden-Württemberg**

### **Aufruf zum Thema Wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung für Ältere Akademiker**

Im Rahmen der zentralen Förderung im Förderbereich Arbeit und Soziales ruft das Ministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, Familien und Senioren Baden-Württemberg in Kooperation mit dem Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kunst zur Einreichung von Projektvorschlägen zum Thema „Wissenschaftliche Weiterbildung für Ältere Akademiker“ auf. Die Antragsfrist endet am 30. September 2010

#### **Deadlines**

30. September 2010

#### **Further Information**

<http://www.esf-bw.de/esf/index.php?id=115>



## **Europäischer Sozialfonds in Baden-Württemberg**

### **Aufruf zum Thema Frauen in MINT-Berufen in Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft**

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#### **Deadlines**

11. Oktober 2010

#### **Further Information**

<http://www.esf-bw.de/esf/index.php?id=115>

## Conferences, Events & Workshops



### Creativity, the Energy of Success

Košice, Slovakia

The non-profit organisation **Košice 2013**, responsible for the implementation of the European Capital of Culture project, is preparing a series of events to highlight the examples of European cities which used culture and creativity as a basis for their development.

The aim is to **promote creative industry** in the Eastern part of Central Europe by:

- introducing **examples of projects and strategies** in creative industries being developed throughout Europe, their models and their impact on those cities and regions.
- bringing together local partners and introduce them to the experiences of other **cities and regions**
- pointing out the problems of enforcing **intellectual property rights**
- introducing people whose **experience and creativity** has contributed to the development of business and industry in their regions

**Date** 9-10 September 2010

**Further Information** <http://www.kosice2013.sk/en>



### National Info Days introducing 3rd Call for Project Proposals of Alpine Space Programme

Different locations

A series of national information days will accompany the launch of the **third Call for Project Proposals** under the Alpine Space Programme.

**Date**

- 14 September 2010, Vienna, Austria
- 21 September 2010, Lyon, France
- 23 September 2010, Munich, Germany
- 13 September 2010, Aosta, Italy
- 21 September 2010, Milano, Italy
- 3 September 2010, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Further  
Information**

[http://www.alpine-space.eu/information-center/news/detail/period/1283080723///article/national-info-days-introducing-3rd-call-for-project-proposals/?tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=62&cHash=520d77af5f](http://www.alpine-space.eu/information-center/news/detail/period/1283080723///article/national-info-days-introducing-3rd-call-for-project-proposals/?tx_ttnews[backPid]=62&cHash=520d77af5f)



**ICT 2010: Digitally Driven**

**Brussels. Belgium**

This biennial event has become a unique gathering point for **researchers, business people, investors**, and high level **policy makers** in the field of digital innovation.

ICT 2010 will focus on policy priorities such as **Europe's Digital Agenda** and the next financial programme of the European Union for funding research and innovation in ICT:

- Discover latest research trends in information and communication technologies
- Identify European priorities for 2.8 billion Euros research funding in ICT (2011-2012)
- Meet potential research and business partners at dozens of networking sessions

**Date**

27–29 September 2010

**Further  
Information**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/events/ict/2010/](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/)



**European Cluster Conference 2010**

**Brussels. Belgium**

This high-level Conference will address the **role of world-class clusters** in renewing European industry in light of the **Europe 2020 Strategy**.

It will gather key policy-makers from the European Commission, Member States, regional authorities and high-level speakers from academia and industry will address the following questions:

- What **new cluster policies** (instruments and tools) are needed to foster modern industries in line with the new nature of innovation?
- What are the **enabling framework conditions** for the development of strong clusters in new innovative industries?
- What actions are needed **to raise the excellence of cluster policies** in order to facilitate more world-class clusters in Europe?

**Date**  
**Further**  
**Information**

29. September – 1. October 2010

<http://www.proinno-europe.eu/clusterconference2010/>



**Open Days:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> European Week of Regions and Cities**

**Brussels. Belgium**

Around **100 seminars, workshops or debates** plus **exhibitions** and **networking** opportunities will take place, organised in partnership with regions and cities from all over Europe.

On the eve of an intensive debate about the reform of **Cohesion Policy post-2013**, the OPEN DAYS will concentrate on '**competitiveness, co-operation and cohesion**' and present best practice from regional development programmes across Europe:

- Seminars on 'competitiveness' will focus on **innovation, regional development** and **green economic growth**
- Workshops on 'co-operation' will include debates about **territorial and cross-border co-operation**, the European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), and 'macro regions' will highlight latest developments
- The theme 'cohesion' will focus on discussions elaborating on '**territorial**' and '**social**' cohesion and on the question of how to better integrate different policies at the local level.

**Date**  
**Further**  
**Information**

4-7 October 2010

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/conferences/od2010/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2010/)



**New Brunswick Innovation Forum 2010**

**Saint John, Canada**

Following the example set by **Heidelberg Innovation Forum**, the National Research Council Canada organises the matchmaking event for the third time. This year they are working together with New Brunswick Information Technology Council and the Canadian Digital Media Network.

The overarching theme of the event is **the Digital Economy** in following streams:

- Looking for **technology transfer** opportunities

- Offering **collaboration** opportunities
- Looking for **funding**

**Date** 5-6 October 2010

**Further Information**

[http://innovation2010.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/welcome\\_e.html](http://innovation2010.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/welcome_e.html)



## **Europe INNOVA Conference 2010**

### **Reshaping Europe: Addressing Societal Challenges through Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

**Liege, Belgium**

In the context of the **Europe 2020 Strategy**, the conference will address policy priorities for **smart, sustainable and inclusive growth** and reflect on how innovation can support the transition towards a resource efficient and competitive economy.

The conference will bring together the Europe INNOVA Community with key innovation stakeholders from the worlds of **politics, academia and business**, focussing on:

- **Unlocking Europe's Creative Potential** - Creativity is a key ingredient in **innovation and entrepreneurship**, but creative ideas often fail to reach the market. Creativity needs to be stimulated and diffused in all sectors of the economy through services that strengthen the **innovation chain** and offer access to all forms of **innovation support**;

- **Greening Industries** - One key objective of Europe 2020 is to address **climate change** and promote resource efficiency by decoupling economic growth from resource and energy use. In order to maintain and increase Europe's competitiveness, enterprises need support to become greener and more resource and **energy efficient**. This can, in particular, be achieved through **eco-innovation** embracing all types of 'greening measures' from introducing new products and services to enhancing processes and organisational settings;

- **Supporting Innovative Entrepreneurship** - In the specific context of the **recent crisis**, enterprises and especially SMEs need to adapt, and sometimes even rethink, their entire approach to their business. This requires a framework that **supports and guides SMEs**, improves their access to affordable finance, extends their **innovation management capacities** and develops their **innovative and entrepreneurial cultures**.

**Date** 27-29 October 2010

**Further Information**

<http://www.europe-innova.eu/liege-2010>



## **Media & Learning**

### **Brussels, Belgium**

The Conference is organised by ATiT in collaboration with the Flemish Ministry of Education and the European Commission Directorate-General for Education and Culture.

The **MEDEA Awards**, an annual awards scheme which recognises excellence in the use of media in education and training, will incorporate the 2010 prizegiving ceremony into the Conference.

The conference agenda will focus on three key themes:

- **Digital and media skills and competences**
- Fostering the **creation of media-based resources** at all levels of education and training
- **Use and re-use of existing media resources** in education and training

**Date** 25-26 November 2010

**Further Information** <http://www.media-and-learning.eu/>