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General European Highlights

Open access to FP7 peer-reviewed articles and other publications

Are you interested in a specific EU-funded project and need quick access to all relevant information? In close cooperation with [OpenAIRE](#) - the Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe, Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS) has enhanced its project pages. With a simple click, you will now be granted instant access to FP7 project-specific publications and peer-reviewed articles.

As the European Commission's online information service dedicated to research and development, CORDIS is constantly looking into ways to provide users with complete, up-to-date and easily accessible information about EU-funded research projects and their results. OpenAIRE's main objective is to support the implementation of 'Open Access' in Europe. The European Commission programme grants free Internet access to research articles, with a view to accelerating scientific progress.

Source: <http://cordis.europa.eu>

Demand for ERC starting grants increases by 50%

A total of 3329 proposals were submitted for the European Research Council's (ERC) sixth Starting Grant competition. This is roughly a 50% increase in demand compared to the corresponding group in last year's Starting Grant call (2169 proposals).

The distribution by the three ERC domains was as follows: 1502 proposals in 'Physical Sciences and Engineering', 1057 in 'Life Sciences' and 770 in 'Social Sciences and Humanities'. These submitted proposals will now be assessed by the ERC's peer review evaluation and the results of this call will be published next year.

Source: <http://erc.europa.eu>

EU lawmakers rally to protect Erasmus budget

Members of the European Parliament fear the EU's Erasmus grant could be at risk, eyeing an extended budget for one of the world's most successful student exchange programmes.

The EU's budget commissioner, Janusz Lewandowski, briefed the European Parliament over payment shortfalls for Erasmus. On 23 October, the European Commission tabled a remedial budget demanding further contributions from member states to safeguard the programme in the 2012 EU budget. The EU executive is calling for a whopping €8.9 billion across the total budget to finish off the 2012 year, while earmarking some €180 million for the Life-Long Learning Programme, made up principally of Erasmus. Half of that amount, €90 million, is demanded for Erasmus. The European Commission says Erasmus will not run out of money before the end of 2012. But if the shortfall in the 2012 EU budget is not resolved, funds from the 2013 budget will have to be used to cover the gap.

Source: <http://www.euractiv.com>

Time running short for agreement on €80 billion Horizon 2020 package

As budget talks collapsed between the European Council and Parliament, some are starting to think what was previously the unthinkable: No deal may be better than a bad one, when it comes to funding research and innovation programmes.



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If European leaders reach no budget deal, all EU funding could go into a semi-automatic 'roll-over' procedure – with budgets held flat from 2012 to 2013 and possibly beyond. That could mean continuance of the status quo of EU R&D funding from the 2012 level of about €10 billion, rather than a rise to an average €11.5 billion requested by the European Commission; but at least it would prevent the kind of draconian spending cuts advocated by some Member States.

Source: <http://www.sciencebusiness.net>

Funding Updates and Awards

FP7 Marie Curie 2013 Call for Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)

This action seeks to enhance industry-academia cooperation in terms of research training, career development and knowledge sharing, in particular with SMEs, and including traditional manufacturing industries. It is based on longer term cooperation programmes with a high potential for increasing mutual understanding of the different cultural settings and skill requirements of both the industrial and academic sectors. The IAPP action supports the 'Innovation Union' flagship initiative by strengthening research and business performance and by promoting innovation and knowledge transfer throughout the EU. Stronger cooperation between universities and business via staff exchange will encourage entrepreneurship and help to turn creative ideas into innovative products and processes that can efficiently address European and global societal challenges.

Deadline: **16 January 2013**

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

FP7 Marie Curie 2013 Call for Researchers' Night (NIGHT)

This action aims to bring the researchers closer to the public at large, so enhancing their role in the mainstream of society. The increasing success and impact of this annual event since 2005 both in terms of number of people reached and the benefits to the Marie Curie programme justifies its annual frequency. The format of the call for proposals, which was applied for the first time in 2006, allows for a greater cohesion between the various actions supported, their scale, the target audience and the messages delivered.

Deadline: **8 January 2013**

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

FP7 call for reinforcing cooperation with European Neighbourhood Policy countries on bridging the gap between research and innovation (R2I-ENP)

Working towards the development of a "Common Knowledge and Innovation Space" is highlighted as one of the priorities of cooperation between EU and European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries and should cover the whole spectrum from policy dialogue, capacity-building in human resources and infrastructures, cooperation in research and innovation, and mobility.

In this context, the R2I-ENP activity will focus on bridging the gap between research and innovation by aligning better research objectives to socio-economic needs and improving performance in managing, transferring and using knowledge resulting from research. The



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activity will contribute to enhance cooperation between ENP countries and Member States and/or Associated Countries on addressing key societal challenges of common interest.

Deadline: 18 December 2012

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

Lifelong Learning Programme call for proposals 2013 and call for proposals EACEA/20/2012

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency responsible for the implementation of the centralised Actions of the Lifelong learning Programme published LLP call for proposals 2013, as well as call for proposals EACEA/20/2012 related to Implementation of the European strategic objectives in Education and Training (ET 2020).

Deadline: 13 January 2013

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>; <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>

Consultations and Roadmaps

Consultation on directions for future and emerging technologies research

As part of the on-going effort to chart and shape the evolving landscape of future and emerging technologies, Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS) is launching a public consultation to identify promising and potentially game-changing directions for future technological research.

The research directions that CORDIS is looking for should be more general than an idea for a single research project. They may, for instance, identify a crucial but underdeveloped scientific/technological domain that requires development and structuring; they may stimulate multi-disciplinary explorations around inspiring questions, even non-technological ones; they may propose unifying concepts that can lead to new synergies from previously unrelated research; or they may set an ambitious and concrete challenge that is far beyond the state-of-the-art, the achievement of which would open up radically new possibilities for technology.

Source: <http://cordis.europa.eu>

Communication on regulated professions: preparing the transparency and mutual evaluation exercise with Member States

Article 59 of the proposal for modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive foresees a mutual evaluation exercise on regulated professions. Under this provision, Member States would have to notify the list of professions for which they require a specific qualification, justify the need for regulating these professions and evaluate them on a mutual basis. According to the proposal, the mutual evaluation would focus on the requirements restricting either the access to a profession or the access to a professional title. This mutual evaluation exercise should be carried out by the end of the transposition period - probably early 2015 with follow up by the Commission clearly not before 2016.

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

Business Updates

The Single Market Act

Europe must act to create more prosperity and jobs. And it must do this urgently in the wake of the financial crisis. That is why the European Commission adopted the Single Market Act, a series of measures to boost the European economy and create jobs.

The Single Market Act presented by the Commission in April 2011 set out twelve levers to boost growth and strengthen confidence. In October 2012 the Commission proposed a second set of actions (Single Market Act II) to further develop the Single Market and exploit its untapped potential as an engine for growth.

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu>

European Commission Communication on industrial policy

The European Commission published a communication on industrial policy last week, attempting to re-launch manufacturing industry and calling for a "new industrial revolution" in Europe. The Commission's communication, titled [Mission Growth: Europe at the Lead of the New Industrial Revolution](#), sets a new aspirational goal to increase the industry's share of EU GDP to around 20% by 2020, up from 16% currently.

The EU executive wants to promote the re-industrialisation of Europe built upon investment in innovation, better market conditions, access to finance and building human capital and skills.

Source: <http://www.euractiv.com>

Forthcoming events

EU Water Blueprint Conference

26 – 27 November 2012, Nicosia

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/>

13th European Forum on Eco-Innovation (with a focus on water)

26 - 27 November 2012, Lisbon, Portugal

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/>

European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Science Night

4 December 2012, Brussels

Source: <http://www.euresearch.ch>

The role of multinational companies and supply chains in innovation – Determinants and effects of internationalisation in research, development and innovation

4 December 2012, Brussels

Source: <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/>

Youth on the Move - Conference and exhibition - Europe 2020

13 December 2012, Brussels

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