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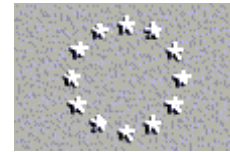
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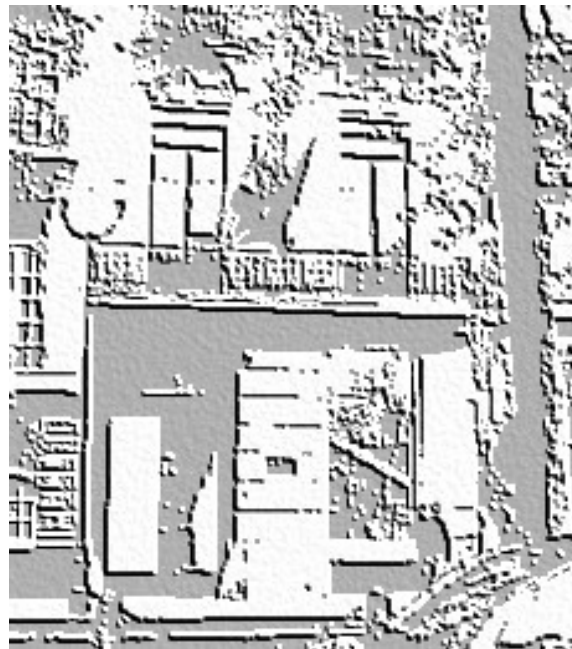
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NOTIZIE DALL'UNIONE EUROPEA

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OPEN DAYS 2011:
*ALL'INSEGNA DELL'ADRIATICO,
L'ABRUZZO TRIPLICA LA PROPRIA PRESENZA*



BRUXELLES, 10/13 OTTOBRE 2011

Anche quest'anno, e per il sesto anno consecutivo, l'Abruzzo ha preso parte agli Open Days quale organizzatrice e co-organizzatrice di molteplici incontri ed eventi inseriti nel programma ufficiale della manifestazione:



In particolare,

- Nell'ambito della costituzione della Macroregione Adriatico-Ionica, la mattina dell'11 ottobre, presso la sede di Bruxelles della Regione Marche, la Regione Abruzzo ha partecipato al seminario denominato: "Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion: a New Framework for Cross Border Co-operation", con la presenza dei rappresentanti dei territori interessati quali, oltre all'Abruzzo, Emilia-Romagna, Marche e Molise (IT), Istria (HR), Città di Kragujevac (RS), Niš (RS), Regione di Dubrovnik-Neretva (HR), Hercegovacko-Neretvanska County (BA), Montenegro (ME), Republica Slovenia (SL), Republica Srpska (BA), Sarajevo Canton (BA).



L'area della Macroregione raggruppa i paesi che si affacciano sull'Adriatico e sullo Ionio e favorirà lo sviluppo e la stabilità dei Paesi che ne fanno parte con lo scopo di favorire l'integrazione europea, consolidare la cooperazione economica e sviluppare una governance condivisa su tematiche comuni. La macroregione Adriatico- Ionica avrà un ruolo molto importante in quanto, sarà la terza in Europa dopo quella del Baltico e del Danubio con anche l'obiettivo di favorire il processo di inserimento dei paesi in pre-adesione dall'area balcanica - adriatica.



- Nel pomeriggio dell'11 ottobre, dalle 14.30 alle 18.00, la Regione Abruzzo ha organizzato e ospitato, presso la propria Sede di Avenue Louise, un evento di disseminazione del Progetto "INOLINK - CONNECTING THE TERRITORY THROUGH THE INNOVATION NETWORK", progetto di cui è partner, quale "Side Event" all'interno del programma ufficiale degli Open Days 2011.



L'evento è stato suddiviso in due parti: una prima dedicata alla presentazione dei risultati del progetto finora ottenuti e l'altra ad un workshop sui temi dell'innovazione, con la presentazione di tre “buone pratiche”.



Il progetto “INOLINK” è finanziato dal programma di cooperazione transfrontaliera INTERREG IV C e vede coinvolti 10 partner di 8 differenti Paesi, oltre alla Regione Abruzzo (Italia):

- 1) Network Tecnologico dell’Andalucia (R.E.T.A.) capo fila - Spagna,
- 2) Etruria Innovazione S.C.p.A. - Italia,
- 3) Agenzia di Sviluppo di Maribor (MRA) - Slovenia,
- 4) cc-NanoBioNet e. V. - Germania,
- 5) Università dell’Algarve - Portogallo,
- 6) Fondazione per la Sviluppo della Scienza e della Tecnologia in Extremadura (FUNDECYT) - Spagna,
- 7) Agenzia di Sviluppo Regionale Nord-Est Romania (ADR NE) - Romania,
- 8) Agenzia Regionale per l’imprenditorialità e l’innovazione di Varna (RAPIV) – Bulgaria,
- 9) Università di Coventry srl (CUE Ltd) - (Regno Unito)



INOLINK ha l'obiettivo di potenziare le capacità territoriali delle politiche regionali dell'innovazione attraverso un collegamento più efficace tra le aree periferiche ed i sistemi regionali, al fine di migliorare la diffusione dell'innovazione e garantire uno sviluppo economico e tecnologico più equilibrato all'interno del territorio dell'Unione europea anche attraverso scambi di esperienze.



- Il 12 ottobre, all'interno del seminario organizzato dalla DG REGIO e intitolato "Meet the projects - Energy in European cohesion policy" è stato presentato, quale "**BEST PRACTICE**", il progetto "POWERED, Project Of Offshore Wind Energy: Research, Experimentation, Development".

Oltre alla Regione Abruzzo, che è capo fila del progetto, sono coinvolti 12 partner di 3 differenti Paesi, tra cui:

- 1) il Ministero dell'Ambiente italiano,
- 2) il Ministero dell'economia ed energia del Montenegro,
- 3) il Ministero dell'economia ed energia dell'Albania,
- 4) la Regione Marche - Italia,
- 5) la Regione Molise - Italia,
- 6) la Regione Puglia - Italia,
- 7) Veneto Agricoltura - Italia,
- 8) la Provincia di Ravenna - Italia,
- 9) l'Università Politecnica delle Marche - Italia,

- 10) il Consorzio CETMA - Italia,
- 11) la Micoperi Marine Contractors - Italia,
- 12) la Città di Komiza in Croazia.



POWERED è finanziato dal programma IPA Adriatico ed è stato lanciato dalla Regione Abruzzo con l'obiettivo di stilare delle linee-guida condivise dai Territori, attraverso la raccolta di dati scientifici sulle condizioni di un possibile investimento in energia rinnovabile, nel bacino del mare Adriatico, tramite impianti eolici off-shore.



Gli “Open Days”, conosciuti al grande Pubblico anche come la “Settimana europea delle Regioni e delle Città”, sono l’evento annuale più rappresentativo organizzato a Bruxelles sul tema delle politiche regionale e lo scambio di buone pratiche.



L'edizione 2011 si è svolta dal 10 al 13 di ottobre, contemplando anche una serie di eventi decentrati, promossi dalle Regioni e dalle Città sui rispettivi territori.



Con il comune denominatore di: “Investire nell’Europa del futuro: Regioni e città per una crescita sostenibile, inclusiva ed efficace”, i principali temi della manifestazione di quest’anno sono stati i seguenti:

- 1) “EUROPA 2020”
- 2) “PER UNA PRODUTTIVITA’ MIGLIORE”
- 3) “QUESTIONI GEOGRAFICHE”



L'Arch. Antonio SORGI, Direttore regionale per gli Affari della Presidenza, Politiche Legislative e Comunitarie, programmazione, Parchi, Territorio, Valutazioni ambientali ed Energia della Regione Abruzzo, ha preso parte ai lavori come relatore ufficiale, su invito della Commissione europea.



Il Direttore Sorgi è intervenuto ai Seminari ed ha preso parte alle diverse iniziative ed attività previste, anche nella sua qualità di Vice Presidente della FEDARENE, la Federazione europea delle agenzie regionali dell'ambiente e dell'energia per il settore dello sviluppo delle fonti di energia rinnovabili.



Link al sito ufficiale degli “OPENDAYS 2011”:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2011/index.cfm

Link alla pubblicazione del Comitato delle Regioni sulle migliori best-practices regionali, (Progetto “POWERED” Regione Abruzzo) distribuita durante gli OD ed inviata a tutti i Capi di Stato e di Governo e Commissari UE, nonché a tutti i Parlamentari europei:

http://www.regione.abruzzo.it/xEuropa/docs/1182_EPP_Europe_2020_brochure_v3.pdf

Link alla presentazione del progetto “POWERED”, disponibile sul sito ufficiale della manifestazione:

<http://www.open-days.eu/file-upload/2011/docs/887-12A30-Powered - Sorgi - Open Days.pdf>

Link al video “OPEN DAYS” relativo alla presentazione del progetto “POWERED”:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvbZ2DQZ4FY&feature=player_embedded

Link al sito del progetto “POWERED”:

<http://www.powered-ipa.it/>

Link al sito del progetto “INOLINK”:

<http://www.inolink.eu>

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L'ABRUZZO ALL'EXPOITALIA DI BRUXELLES

E' stato presentato a Bruxelles il 6 ottobre scorso, alla presenza di numerosi addetti ai lavori e rappresentanti delle maggiori categorie commerciali e produttive belghe EXPOITALIA, un salone interamente dedicato al "Made in Italy". In questa occasione sono stati illustrati anche i termini della partecipazione della Regione Abruzzo.

La Regione Abruzzo parteciperà all'evento che si svolgerà dal 20 al 23 ottobre presso il parco delle esposizioni dell'Heysel di Bruxelles, con una qualificante presenza di aziende abruzzesi. La manifestazione è organizzata dalla Camera di Commercio Belgo-Italiana con il sostegno del Ministero italiano Sviluppo Economico.

L'organizzazione della partecipazione della Regione è stata curata dall'Assessorato Attività Produttive attraverso la Direzione Sviluppo economico in collaborazione del Centro Estero e delle Camere di Commercio d'Abruzzo.

La cerimonia di inaugurazione di EXPOITALIA sarà presieduta dall'Ambasciatore italiano in Belgio S.E. Roberto BETTARINI alla presenza delle maggiori autorità Belghe e dei rappresentanti delle imprese, importatori e addetti ai lavori.

La produzione agroalimentare, i prodotti artigianali e manifatturieri abruzzesi, saranno presenti con oltre 220 mq di esposizione suddiviso tra le 21 aziende partecipanti.

Il Vice-Presidente della Regione Abruzzo Alfredo Castiglione, durante questi anni di mandato si è molto attivato per il supporto all'internazionalizzazione delle imprese attraverso una serie di azioni, dai servizi utili per semplificare i percorsi, ai momenti formativi con esperti nazionali e esteri, con la partecipazione alle attività fieristiche e alle missioni economiche, con l'istituzione di Master per figure professionali legate all'export e all'accompagnamento delle imprese per conquistare nuovi mercati, alla creazione di una rete regionale degli enti preposti alla internazionalizzazione per concertare le azioni, evitando gli accavallamenti delle iniziative e conseguenti sprechi di fondi pubblici.

La partecipazione all'Expo-Italia si palesa in questa strategia e vuole offrire un'opportunità economica alle nostre aziende in una vetrina prestigiosa come quella di Bruxelles, la capitale dell'Unione europea, che raccoglie la poliedrica cultura e movimento d'opinione comunitario che è alla base del futuro economico e sociale dell'Europa.

Link al sito ufficiale dell'iniziativa:

<http://www.expoitalia.be/>

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POLITICA REGIONALE

UNA NUOVA ARCHITETTURA PER LA POLITICA DI COESIONE AL FINE DI OTTIMIZZARE L'IMPATTO DEGLI INVESTIMENTI DELLA POLITICA DI COESIONE DOPO IL 2013

La Commissione europea ha adottato il progetto di un pacchetto di misure legislative che costituiranno l'ossatura della politica di coesione 2014-2020. Le nuove proposte sono state pensate per rafforzare la dimensione strategica della politica e garantire che gli investimenti dell'UE siano utilizzati per gli obiettivi europei a lungo termine di crescita e occupazione ("Europa 2020").

Grazie ai contratti di partenariato concordati con la Commissione, gli Stati membri si impegneranno a concentrarsi su un minor numero di priorità di investimento in linea con i suddetti obiettivi. Il pacchetto armonizza, inoltre, le norme relative ai diversi fondi, incluso lo sviluppo rurale e la pesca, al fine di accrescere la coerenza dell'azione dell'UE.

La politica di coesione dell'UE ha costituito un motore per il cambiamento nell'ultimo decennio, apportando un reale valore aggiunto alla crescita e alla convergenza nell'UE e creando direttamente più di un milione di posti di lavoro, investendo nella formazione al fine di migliorare l'occupabilità di oltre dieci milioni di persone, cofinanziando la costruzione di oltre 2 000 km di autostrade e 4 000 km di rete ferroviaria e la creazione di almeno 800 000 piccole e medie imprese (PMI). Per portare avanti tali attività in futuro e focalizzare maggiormente l'attenzione sulle priorità economiche europee, la Commissione europea ha approvato oggi un pacchetto legislativo relativo alla politica di coesione per il periodo 2014-2020. Tale pacchetto è volto a rilanciare la crescita e l'occupazione in Europa destinando gli investimenti dell'UE all'agenda per la crescita e l'occupazione dell'Europa ("Europa 2020").

L'impegno a concentrarsi su un minor numero di priorità di investimento in linea con tali obiettivi sarà al centro dei nuovi contratti di partenariato, stipulati tra la Commissione europea e gli Stati membri. Questi ultimi firmeranno obiettivi chiari e costituiranno una riserva di efficacia ed efficienza finanziaria per premiare le regioni che ottengono i risultati migliori nel raggiungimento dei loro obiettivi. Per garantire che l'impatto sulla crescita e sull'occupazione degli investimenti dell'UE non sia compromesso da politiche macroeconomiche precarie o da una scarsa capacità amministrativa, la Commissione può chiedere di riesaminare i programmi o sospendere il finanziamento in mancanza di misure correttive.

La semplificazione e l'armonizzazione delle norme dei vari fondi, inclusi il fondo per lo sviluppo rurale e il fondo per gli affari marittimi e la pesca, continueranno ad aumentare l'efficacia di tali fondi. Un'unica serie di norme per cinque fondi diversi. Un approccio più integrato assicurerà inoltre che i vari fondi perseguano finalità coerenti e accrescano reciprocamente la propria efficacia.

Le proposte odierne favoriranno in particolare l'investimento sociale, consentendo ai cittadini di affrontare le sfide future del mercato del lavoro; in questo quadro il Fondo europeo di adeguamento alla globalizzazione e il nuovo Programma per il cambiamento sociale e l'innovazione integrano e potenziano il Fondo sociale europeo.

Johannes Hahn, commissario per la Politica regionale, ha dichiarato: *“La politica di coesione ha già contribuito notevolmente a sviluppare la prosperità dell'UE. Tuttavia, data la crisi economica, deve ora diventare un volano per la crescita e la competitività. Le nostre proposte faranno sì che i fondi dell'UE siano ancora più efficaci. Indirizzando gli investimenti verso i punti strategici per la crescita - piccole e medie imprese (PMI), innovazione, efficienza*

energetica – otterremo un impatto maggiore. Stiamo inoltre modernizzando la politica introducendo condizioni che garantiscano prestazioni e risultati, incentivi per coloro che fanno fronte agli impegni in modo più efficace e procedure semplificate”.

László Andor, commissario per l'Occupazione, gli affari sociali e l'integrazione ha aggiunto: *“Questa proposta integrata rafforza la dimensione sociale della politica di coesione garantendo quote minime per il Fondo sociale europeo e consolidando il Fondo europeo di adeguamento alla globalizzazione. Dare la priorità ai cittadini è una parte fondamentale del nostro sforzo per uscire dalla crisi. Questi fondi sono gli strumenti finanziari che traducono le nostre politiche in realtà sul campo per milioni di cittadini, aiutandoli a trovare uno sbocco professionale e contribuendo a una ripresa che crei numerosi posti di lavoro”.*

Contesto

Il pacchetto comprende:

- Una regolamentazione di portata globale che istituisce una serie di norme comuni per gestire il Fondo europeo di sviluppo regionale (FESR), il Fondo sociale europeo (FES), il Fondo di coesione, il Fondo europeo agricolo per lo sviluppo rurale (FEASR) e il Fondo europeo per gli affari marittimi e la pesca (FEAMP). In questo modo sarà possibile ottenere la migliore combinazione di fondi per incrementare l'impatto dell'azione dell'UE.
- Tre regolamenti specifici per il FERS, il FSE e il Fondo di coesione.
- Due regolamenti concernenti l'obiettivo cooperazione territoriale europea e il gruppo europeo di cooperazione territoriale (GECT).
- Due regolamenti sul Fondo europeo di adeguamento alla globalizzazione (FEG) e sul Programma per il cambiamento sociale e l'innovazione.
- Una comunicazione sul Fondo di solidarietà dell'Unione europea (FSUE).

Prossime tappe

Queste proposte saranno ora discusse dal Consiglio e dal Parlamento europeo, affinché possano essere adottate entro la fine del 2012, per permettere di avviare una nuova generazione di programmi nel 2014 nell'ambito della politica di coesione.

Parallelamente proseguiranno i negoziati sul quadro finanziario pluriennale per l'intero bilancio dell'Unione. La Commissione ha già proposto di stanziare 336 milioni di euro per gli strumenti della politica di coesione nel periodo 2014-2020.

Gli stanziamenti definitivi da parte degli Stati membri e l'elenco delle regioni ammissibili per categoria saranno decisi solo dopo l'adozione definitiva del pacchetto in esame.

Link al comunicato della Commissione Europea:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/1159&format=HTML&aged=0&language=IT&guiLanguage=en>

I testi legislativi sono disponibili all'indirizzo (in inglese):

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/future/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm

(Commissione Europea - 6 ottobre 2011)

AGRICOLTURA

LA COMMISSIONE PRESENTA UN PROGETTO DI RIFORMA DELLA POLITICA AGRICOLA COMUNE (PAC) PER IL PERIODO SUCCESSIVO AL 2013

La Commissione europea ha presentato un progetto di riforma della politica agricola comune (PAC) per il periodo successivo al 2013. Il progetto mira a rafforzare la competitività, la sostenibilità e il consolidamento dell'agricoltura su tutto il territorio dell'UE, così da garantire ai cittadini europei un'alimentazione sana e di qualità, tutelare l'ambiente e favorire lo sviluppo delle zone rurali.

“La Commissione europea propone un nuovo partenariato tra l'Europa e gli agricoltori in modo da poter affrontare le sfide della sicurezza alimentare, dell'uso sostenibile delle risorse naturali e della crescita. I decenni a venire saranno cruciali per gettare le basi di un'agricoltura forte e capace di affrontare i cambiamenti climatici e la concorrenza internazionale, rispondendo nel contempo alle attese dei cittadini. L'Europa ha bisogno degli agricoltori e gli agricoltori hanno bisogno del sostegno dell'Europa. È sulla politica agricola comune che si fondano la nostra alimentazione e l'avvenire di più della metà del nostro territorio”, ha dichiarato Dacian Cioloș, commissario europeo all'Agricoltura e allo sviluppo rurale.

La nuova PAC permetterà di promuovere l'innovazione, rafforzare la competitività – sia dal punto di vista economico che ecologico – del settore agricolo, far fronte ai cambiamenti climatici, sostenere l'occupazione e la crescita. Essa recherà così un contributo decisivo alla strategia Europa 2020.

I dieci punti chiave della riforma

1) Aiuti al reddito più mirati per dinamizzare la crescita e l'occupazione

Per valorizzare al meglio il potenziale agricolo dell'UE, la Commissione propone di sostenere il reddito degli agricoltori in modo più equo, semplice e mirato. L'aiuto di base riguarderà solo gli agricoltori in attività. Sarà decrescente a partire da 150.000 EUR con un massimale annuo di 300 000 EUR per azienda, pur tenendo conto del numero di posti di lavoro creati nelle aziende agricole. Inoltre, gli aiuti verranno distribuiti in modo più equo tra agricoltori, regioni e Stati membri.

2) Strumenti di gestione delle crisi più reattivi e adeguati alle nuove sfide economiche

La volatilità dei prezzi rappresenta un minaccia per la competitività a lungo termine del settore agricolo. La Commissione propone reti di sicurezza più efficaci e più reattive per i comparti maggiormente esposti (intervento pubblico e ammasso privato) e suggerisce di incentivare la creazione di assicurazioni e fondi di mutualizzazione.

3) Un pagamento “verde” per conservare la produttività a lungo termine e tutelare gli ecosistemi

Al fine di rafforzare la sostenibilità ecologica del settore agricolo e di valorizzare gli sforzi compiuti dagli agricoltori, la Commissione propone di riservare il 30% dei pagamenti diretti alle pratiche che consentono un uso ottimale delle risorse naturali. Si tratta di pratiche semplici ed efficaci dal punto di vista ecologico, e cioè: diversificazione delle colture, conservazione dei pascoli permanenti, salvaguardia delle riserve ecologiche e del paesaggio.

4) Ulteriori finanziamenti per la ricerca e l'innovazione

Al fine di porre in essere un'agricoltura della conoscenza che sia anche competitiva, la Commissione propone di raddoppiare gli stanziamenti destinati alla ricerca e all'innovazione in campo agronomico e di fare in modo che i risultati della ricerca si concretizzino nella pratica attraverso un nuovo partenariato per l'innovazione. Questi fondi permetteranno di promuovere il trasferimento del sapere e la prestazione di consulenza agli agricoltori, nonché di sostenere progetti di ricerca utili per l'attività agricola, stimolando una cooperazione più stretta tra il settore agricolo e la comunità scientifica.

5) Una filiera alimentare più competitiva ed equilibrata

Pur situandosi all'origine della filiera alimentare, l'agricoltura è molto frammentata e poco strutturata. Per rafforzare la posizione degli agricoltori, la Commissione propone di sostenere le organizzazioni di produttori e quelle interprofessionali e di sviluppare le filiere corte dal produttore al consumatore, senza troppi intermediari. D'altra parte, le quote zucchero, che hanno perso la loro ragion d'essere, non saranno mantenute al di là del 2016.

6) Incoraggiare le iniziative agroambientali

Bisogna tenere conto delle specificità di ogni territorio e incoraggiare le iniziative agroambientali a livello nazionale, regionale e locale. A tal fine, la Commissione propone che tra le priorità della politica di sviluppo rurale figurino la salvaguardia e il ripristino degli ecosistemi, la lotta ai cambiamenti climatici e l'uso efficiente delle risorse.

7) Facilitare l'insediamento dei giovani agricoltori

Due terzi degli agricoltori hanno più di 55 anni. Per incentivare l'occupazione e incoraggiare le giovani generazioni a dedicarsi all'attività agricola, la Commissione propone di istituire una nuova agevolazione all'insediamento destinata agli agricoltori che hanno meno di quarant'anni, per sostenerli durante i primi cinque anni di vita del loro progetto.

8) Stimolare l'occupazione rurale e lo spirito d'impresa

Al fine di promuovere l'occupazione e l'imprenditorialità, la Commissione propone una serie di misure intese a stimolare l'attività economica nelle zone rurali e a incoraggiare le iniziative di sviluppo locale. Verrà creato, ad esempio, un "kit d'avviamento" per sostenere i progetti di microimpresa, con finanziamenti fino a 70 000 EUR per un periodo di cinque anni. Verranno rafforzati i gruppi di azione locale LEADER.

9) Maggiore attenzione alle zone fragili

Per evitare la desertificazione e preservare la ricchezza dei nostri territori, la Commissione offre la possibilità agli Stati membri di fornire un maggiore sostegno agli agricoltori che si trovano in zone soggette a vincoli naturali, grazie a un'indennità supplementare. Si tratta di un aiuto che andrà ad aggiungersi a quelli già disponibili nel quadro della politica di sviluppo rurale.

10) Una PAC più semplice ed efficace

Per evitare inutili oneri amministrativi, la Commissione propone di semplificare diversi meccanismi della PAC, in particolare i requisiti di condizionalità e i sistemi di controllo, senza peraltro diminuirne l'efficacia. Inoltre verrà semplificato anche il sostegno ai piccoli agricoltori. Questi ultimi avranno diritto a un assegno forfettario annuo che va da 500 a 1 000 EUR per azienda. Sarà incoraggiata la cessione di terreni da parte dei piccoli agricoltori che cessano l'attività ad altri agricoltori che intendono ristrutturare la propria azienda.

Link alle proposte legislative sul sito della DG Agricoltura (in inglese):

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/legal-proposals/index_en.htm

(Commissione Europea - 14 ottobre 2011)

MERCATO UNICO

UN DIRITTO COMUNE DELLE VENDITE NELL'UE

Il mercato unico rappresenta un successo dell'Unione ma persistono ancora barriere agli scambi transfrontalieri; la maggior parte di esse deriva dalle differenze tra i diritti dei contratti dei 27 Stati membri, che rendono complesso e costoso vendere all'estero, soprattutto per le piccole imprese. Scoraggiati dagli ostacoli posti dal diritto dei contratti, i professionisti rinunciano ogni anno a un business transfrontaliero di almeno 26 miliardi di euro. Parallelamente, 500 milioni di consumatori europei perdono la possibilità di accedere a una maggior scelta a prezzi inferiori, essendo poche le imprese che offrono i loro prodotti all'estero, soprattutto nei mercati nazionali più piccoli.

La Commissione ha quindi proposto un diritto comune europeo della vendita facoltativo che contribuirà ad abbattere tali barriere, garantendo ai consumatori più scelta e un livello più elevato di tutela, e agevolando gli scambi grazie a un corpus unico di norme applicabili ai contratti transfrontalieri in tutti i 27 paesi dell'Unione. Così, nell'ipotesi che un'impresa offra i propri prodotti nell'ambito del diritto comune europeo della vendita, il consumatore avrà la possibilità di concludere, con un semplice click, un contratto europeo di facile applicazione che per giunta gli offre un grado di tutela elevato. La proposta della Commissione deve ora essere approvata dagli Stati membri e dal Parlamento europeo, che aveva già manifestato il suo forte sostegno in una votazione agli inizi di quest'anno.

"Il diritto comune europeo della vendita facoltativo contribuirà a rilanciare il mercato unico, motore della crescita economica dell'Europa. Offrirà alle imprese uno strumento facile ed economico per espandere le loro attività in nuovi mercati europei e nel contempo garantirà ai consumatori l'accesso a offerte migliori e un livello più elevato di protezione", ha dichiarato la Vicepresidente Reding, Commissaria europea per la Giustizia. "Anziché accantonare i diritti nazionali, la Commissione europea oggi adotta un approccio innovativo basato sulla libera scelta, sulla sussidiarietà e sulla concorrenza".

Link al comunicato della Commissione Europea:

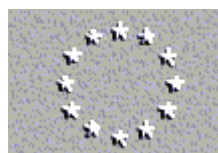
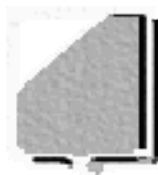
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(Commissione Europea - 11 ottobre 2011)

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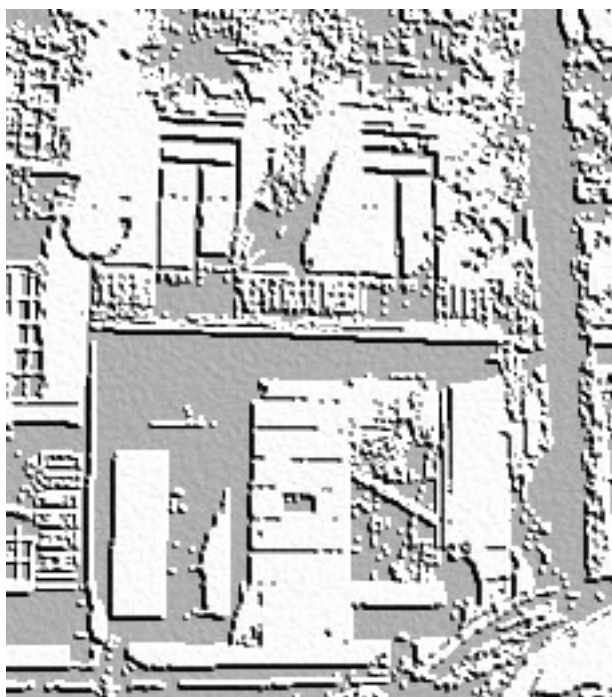
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RICERCHE PARTNER

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RICERCA & INNOVAZIONE

“RTD AND INNOVATION ASPECTS OF EU DIGITAL AGENDA AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES RELEVANT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESOURCE EFFICIENT EUROPE” (WIELKOPOLSKA RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER - PL)

Wielkopolska Renewable Energy Cluster is now preparing a proposal on the topics ‘RTD and innovation aspects of EU digital agenda’ and ‘Development of technologies and services relevant for the implementation of a ‘resource efficient Europe’ relating to the call below:

REGIONS-2012-2013-1 Transnational cooperation between regional research-driven clusters

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/capacities?callIdentifier=FP7-REGIONS-2012-2013-1>

Identifier: FP7-REGIONS-2012-2013-1

Deadline: 31 January 2012 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Objective: Strengthening the research potential of European regions, in particular by encouraging and supporting regional ‘research-driven clusters’ associating universities, research centres, enterprises, regional authorities and other stakeholders across Europe.

We would like to put together a network with European clusters. We attach an [Agenda proposal](#) for co-operation for four EU member clusters.

Our Cluster was established in 2009 to create a platform for cooperation in the renewable energy industry, enabling the effective combination and use of the potential of enterprises, research institutions and financial, business institutions and local and regional authorities in Wielkopolska.

Cluster members:

- Polish Chamber of Commerce of Importers, Exporters and Cooperation - Cluster Coordinator
- Wielkopolska Energy Management Agency Ltd.. z o. o. - Cluster Leader
- Enterprises - Manufacturers: biomass, hydropower, wind, solar and geothermal
- Research and development institutions: the University of Life Sciences in Poznan University of Economics in Poznan, Poznan University of Technology, Institute of Logistics and Warehousing, Metal Forming Institute, Poznan Science and Technology Park.
- Within the cluster, we also cooperate with local government units: Office of the Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region, Office of the City of Poznań, Offices Cities and Towns

in Wielkopolska.

At the moment we have 1 Spanish cluster that have already confirmed interest in participating. Once we close the consortium composition we will move forward with the proposal development including allocation of tasks, responsibilities and budget.

We would highly appreciate it if you could inform us whether you would like to participate in a consortium with us and what agenda proposal is interesting for you.

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AMBIENTE

“DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CERAMIC MATERIALS WITH BETTER PROPERTIES BY MEANS OF MIXING CLAY AND WASTE RUBBERS” (ANDALUSIAN TECHNOLOGICAL CENTRE - ES)

An Andalusian Technological Centre in the field of ceramic materials is looking for a Small or Medium size Enterprise (SME) for involving in a project which deals with the development of new ceramic materials with better properties by means of mixing clay and waste rubbers. They look for a SME in the field of construction ceramic to collaborate on the industrial testing of the new materials obtained.

Technical Specifications:

Call for proposal title: ENVIRONMENT 2012: TWO-STAGE

Call for proposal identifier: FP7-ENV-2012-two-stage

Call with fixed deadline, two stage submission procedure: 20/10/2011

Themes covered by this call:

- ENV.6.1: Coping with climate change
- ENV.6.3: Improving resource efficiency

Funding schemes applicable for this call: CP (Collaborative project (generic))

Partner role: Project participant

Partner organisation: Demonstration

The SME they are looking for would have to execute Programme of Industrial Testings with the support of the technical personnel of the Technological Centre.

For this mission, the SME's factory must to be modern and with the enough capacities to carry out the industrial testings.

Deadline: 20/10/2011

Contact Details:

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TURISMO

IPA ADRIATIC- PROJECT "LEGENDS OF ADRIA" (SERDA - SARAJEVO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - BH)

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are contacting you to offer you an active partnership on our Project **"Legends of Adria"** in the **2nd Call of the IPA ADRIATIC Programme.**

Our organization, SERDA – The Sarajevo Economic Development Region Agency, which spreads over the territory of both BH entities and covers the area of 32 municipalities, with the total surface of 8.699, 9 km², which represents around 17% of the total surface area of B&H, is highly experienced in initialization and implementation of different projects and activities. As a relevant fact, we would like to point out that we are already partner in projects, which are implemented under the IPA ADRIATIC Programme (1st Call), as well as partners in the SEE Programme and other Cross-border Cooperation Programmes.

We are very much appreciating the rich cultural heritage of Italy and we would like to welcome you on board in our project and achieve active cooperation with your country/region

Please find enclosed a brief concept of our project and our Organization CV. We hope to hear from you soon! /The deadline of IPA Adriatic is 2nd of November.

Sincerely and with many greetings

Edita Smajic

Representative in Brussels

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Legends of Adria

NAME of Project: Legends of Adria

Acronym: LeA

Lead Beneficiary SERDA – Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency

Local partner Ekonomski Institut Sarajevo / Institute of Economics Sarajevo

Searching for Partners from: Italy (any city of touristic value in the eligible area), Croatia (Split, Dubrovnik and other), Montenegro (Kotor, Herceg Novi, Sveti Stefan etc.), Albania (Tirana), Slovenia (Koper)

Priority 2: **Natural and Cultural Resources and Risk Prevention**

Measure 2.3: **Sustainable Tourism**

Project description:

“Legends of Adria” is created to unify the touristic potential of the Adria region and to promote the cultural heritage of the participating partners (cities, regions), especially emphasizing the common/similar cultural heritage between the partners by using the latest trends in tourism, such as audio tour guides, mobile phone applications and a web page with specially created touristic packages and all inclusive offers for each included partner/city.

The focus will be set on an adequate promotion of the culture, cultural history and local history by presenting all main touristic destination through audio tour guides and a cell phone application in a skilled way (by consulting a group of experts – local historians, tourism experts, tour guides etc.), but also turning the attention to interesting legends and remarkable stories behind certain touristic monuments/destinations.

The projects main objective is to achieve a network between the participating partners, to promote the cultural heritage of each partner and to highlight important aspects of the common/similar heritage between the partners. Also a very important aspect of the project is dedicated to the creation of an interlaced network, which will give the tourists the opportunity to hear something (adequate supplementary notes – when a common or similar heritage is detected) about (e.g.) Sarajevo in (e.g.) Dubrovnik and vice versa.

SANITA'

“FACTORS DETERMINING THE ADEQUACY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME(ACS)” (ANDALUSIAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH - ES)

Dear colleague,

Please find attached a partner search from than **Andalusian School of Public Health** (Granada, Spain).

Andalusian School of Public Health search relates to **FP7-HEALTH-2012-two-stage HEALTH.2012.3.2-1: Improving the organisation of health service delivery** and the proposed title of the project is '**Factors determining the adequacy of emergency medical care in patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome(ACS)**'

The Andalusian School of Public Health is seeking partners involved in improving health services for individuals that suffer an ACS, and with expertise on:

- qualitative methods, and/or
- surveys methods, and/or
- social determinants of cardiovascular disease,
- and/or health services research.

If you are interested or would like any further information, please contact Antonio Daponte directly at antonio.daponte.easp@juntadeandalucia.es

Best wishes,

Virginia Nieto Guerrero

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(Preliminary) Title of the project

Factors determining the adequacy of emergency medical care in patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome(ACS)

Outline of the project idea	Cardiovascular disease ranks first as cause of death in Europe, representing 42% of all deaths in the European Union. Mortality from ischemic heart disease (IHD), which includes Acute Coronary Syndrome, accounts for 37% of deaths from circulatory diseases. The significance of this condition is the high pre-hospital mortality: a majority of fatalities occur before proper hospital care has been provided. This is due, among other factors, to the fact that therapeutic efficacy decreases with increasing time since the onset of symptoms. An important part of this initial mortality can in some cases be resolved if the patient receives appropriate care. Thus, the prognosis for these patients is time dependent. In order to reduce mortality it is fundamental to reduce the time from symptoms onset to the implantation of appropriate hospital care for ACS. Also, decreasing this time will reduce clinical complications, will improve prognosis, and will facilitate an enhanced quality of life. In order to reduce this time, it is fundamental to identify and understand the dynamics of the different factors affecting the process from symptoms onset to hospital care in ACS.
Call - Title and reference number - Funding programme - EC service - Link to the call document - Closing date	FP7- COOPERATION FP7-HEALTH-2012-two-stage HEALTH.2012.3.2-1: Improving the organisation of health service delivery¹ Closing data: October 4 th
Foreseen project duration	
Partners already involved	
Type of partners you are looking for and their expected roles in the project	Seeking partners with a similar aim, around improving health services for individuals that suffer an ACS, and with expertise on: -qualitative methods, and/or -surveys methods, and/or -social determinants of cardiovascular disease, -and/or health services research
Financial aspects - EC contribution - EC co-funding rate - Foreseen project budget	The requested EU contribution per project shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 €
Deadline for responding to this partner search	
Contact person(s) - Name - Organisation - Telephone number - Email Address	Antonio Daponte Codina Andalusian School of Public Health Tel: 0034958027440 antonio.daponte.easp@juntadeandalucia.es

INNOVAZIONE

PROGRAMMA ESPON - MANIFESTAZIONI DI INTERESSE A COOPERARE (DIPUTACIÓN OF GRANADA - ES)

The *Diputación of Granada* is the government of the province of Granada. It is responsible for organising and coordinating every local action on the 168 town councils, paying special attention to all small centres of population (less than 20,000 inh.). Some of the main objectives of this institution are the development and elimination of all territorial imbalances.

The Provincial Council of Granada, through the Employment and Development Area would **be interested in participating as a partner in projects during the current ESPON community call. For it, the Area counts with the OTEA, it's a suitable structure for to support actions in order to carry out in the aims and priorities ESPON'S.**

OTEA, (Territorial Observatory of Studies and Analysis of Granada) is a research service attached to the *Employment and Development Area*. The main objective of the Observatory is to facilitate the management of the actions being developed under its programme and to provide all the necessary information to support the whole process in order to establish useful and transferable tools and methodologies to empower territorial development. **GIS (Geographical Information System)** **OTEA** is a tool that allows mapping the socio-economic and statistical variables of the municipalities of the province of Granada using a user-friendly interface. This tool is targeted to users of different levels of knowledge of socio-economic analysis and computer tools. It should be noted that this GIS is not intended to be a detailed cartography of the province of Granada.

- Quantitative research, statistical data analysis and future-oriented studies for employment and economic empowerment planning processes.

- Development of sectoral analyses, studies and diagnosis related to employment and economic empowerment.

- Identification and systematization of sources and data for territorial analysis.

- Implementation of public tools (such as GIS, Geographic Information System) in order to facilitate analysis and report generation and to optimize baseline diagnosis of the municipal interventions.

In addition, the Employment and Development Area has a wide experience in management of European Projects, so much of community programs as of structural funds (FEDER, FSE...), it experience can consult in attached curriculum.

The Provincial Council of Granada, as a local entity committed to the sustainable development of the provincial territory and to promote economic, social and environmental cohesion, would be especially

interested in **becoming partner of the Transnational Projects Groups (TGP) promoting actions focused on the following priorities:**

P1: Applied Research

Research projects:

a) European Neighbour Regions. Mediterranean Area. Lessons learned from previous political initiatives. The *Diputación de Granada* has an extensive experience in the implementation of Community policies via FEDER, FSE, INTERREG, EQUAL, etc.

b) Small and Medium sized Towns in their Functional Territorial Context. The *Diputación de Granada*, that encompasses 168 local entities of the province, has an extensive experience in governance and promotion of the cooperation among local authorities to further improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of public policies.

d) Economic Crises: Resilience of Regions. The *Diputación de Granada* can contribute its experience in this item thanks to the especial impact that the current economic crisis is having in the province of Granada, as in the rest of the Andalusia region and at national level in general. The Observatory OTEA has experience in analysis and studies related to the elements and factors of the crisis, and their environmental, social, economical and territorial impacts.

P3: Call for Proposals for Scientific Platform and Tools

3) Detecting territorial potentials and challenges. The *Diputación de Granada* has experience in the development and implementation of a geographic information system (GIS OTEA), a tool that offers a huge amount of georeferenced information to support territorial analysis and studies.

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Observatorio Territorial de Estudios y Análisis de la Provincia de Granada
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AFFARI SOCIALI

DAPHNE III PROGRAMME - “SUPPORT TO GANG-AFFECTED YOUNG FEMALES (AGED 11-19) AND PREVENTION OF THEIR OFFENDING AND VICTIMISATION” (LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY - UK)

Dear colleagues,

The London Borough of Hackney is looking for European partners interested in participating in a project under the Daphne III programme. The project aims to support gang-affected young females (aged 11-19) and prevent their offending and victimisation (see attached file).

If you are interested in this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Chris Henderson**, Strategic Investment Manager at the LB of Hackney, either by e-mail (Chris.Henderson@hackney.gov.uk) or phone (+44 20 8356 2252) **by October 10st**.

I hope you find this information useful,

Kind regards,

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Programme:	DAPHNE III
Deadline:	December 2011
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Organisation:	<p>The London Borough of Hackney provides statutory, regulatory and non-statutory services to residents and businesses, in line with UK national legislation and locally agreed priorities. The directly elected Mayor has set clear priorities for the Council; improving services and increasing opportunities for all, and raising the life chances of the most disadvantaged. Hackney is one of the host boroughs for the 2012 Olympic Games.</p> <p>Hackney is one of London's 32 boroughs, an inner-city borough on the eastern border of the main financial district, with a population of 219,000 which is young and multi-ethnic. There are great contrasts in the levels of advantage among Hackney's population, but overall it is ranked as the most deprived of London's 32 boroughs and the second most deprived of the 150 local authority areas in England. It has a violent crime rate 29% higher than the London average.</p>
Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of victims or violence Best practices on protection measures and their implementation, counselling, psychological and practical support programmes, training of professionals, creation of manuals and protocols for professionals dealing with victims of violence. • Children as victims and perpetrators of violence In particular activities addressing the most vulnerable children such as unaccompanied minors, victims of sexual exploitation, disabled or Roma children, children as victims of violence within family (by siblings, parents and other relatives); children as perpetrators of violence (i.e. bullying or violence against other members of the family) and best practices of child- friendly justice.
Project summary:	<p>We are interested in developing innovative projects to support gang-affected young females (aged 11-19) to prevent their offending and victimisation. Although over 80% of recorded youth violence involves young men (as both victims and perpetrators), the crime statistics can obscure the involvement of young women in gangs. This occurs through sexual exploitation, violence, carrying drugs, weapons and guns. Hackney Borough recently hosted a forum to explore the gendered dimension of gangs, bringing together academic research, international theory (the Kennedy model), local practitioners and politicians. This raised serious concerns and provided a mandate for action. Women in adolescence are particularly at risk of gang-related sexual exploitation and other forms of violence, yet the specific issues facing young women and girls associated with gangs remain under-reported and are not met with specific targeted services.</p> <p>The Female Voice in Violence report (ROTA: 2010) identified that, in the UK, gang-affected women and girls had little-to-no knowledge of the services in place and, when they had accessed services, were often processed through policy and interventions that had been designed to work with gang-affected males. In addition, many young women do not feel confident about asking for help, as they believe they will face repercussions from their attackers. A response which is tailored to the context of gang-activity is necessary.</p> <p>We are looking to develop child-centred, multi-agency interventions involving the police, local authority and voluntary sector to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify those young women (aged 11-19) at risk of involvement in gang-related activity and/or victims of gang-related sexual exploitation • Provide intensive one-to-one support with young women in the form of therapeutic interventions (eg. counselling and psychological support programmes), mentoring, peer-mentoring, practical support and signposting (eg. Housing,

	<p>education and training), and activities to develop self-esteem and resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop child-friendly justice to support female victims of gang-related sexual exploitation and violence to take cases to court • Provide training for young women who have exited gang-culture to become peer-mentors in the programme (developing their skills and offer genuine peer-mentoring to other gang-affected young women) • Training for professionals within the statutory and voluntary sectors about how to best support gang-affected female victims and offenders
Project objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To support victims of gang-related sexual violence – To support victims of gang-related sexual violence to come forward as witnesses – To support girls involved in gangs to exit gang-culture – To improve understanding amongst the wider population of young women people about gang-related issues – To improve links between young women and the statutory sector on issues relating to gang activity – To Develop best practice to be shared across Europe
Previous involvement European projects:	<p>Hackney Council is a named partner on a project funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme's Leonardo programme to share key elements of systemic social work from the local literature across five countries, exploring similarities and differences and collaborating on an academic paper for wider publication across Europe.</p> <p>Hackney Council is also a named partner on an European Regional Development Fund project to build the capacity of small-scale fashion manufacturers in Hackney by providing sector-specific business support and improving links with local designers.</p>
Partners sought:	<p>We would like to work with organisations interested in addressing the gendered dimension of gang-related activity in their locality.</p> <p>We would like to work with partners that will use English as project language.</p> <p>Initial responses to this partner search deadline are requested no later than 10 October 2011.</p>
Key words:	<p>Gangs, young women, sexual exploitation, gang violence, peer-mentoring, psychological support, gang-culture</p>

GIUSTIZIA

INTEGRATION OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS PROGRAMME (OLDHAM COUNCIL - UK)

Dear colleagues,

The Oldham Council (UK) is looking for European partners interested in participating in a project under the Integration of Third Country Nationals programme. The project aims to integrate third nationals into a community setting in which locals welcome diversity and do not see migration as a

threat to them, or community life. The project includes working alongside social housing sector and agencies.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dave Catherall - EU Programmes Coordinator, Oldham Council either by e-mail (Dave.Catherall@oldham.gov.uk) or phone (+44 161 770 5165) **as soon as possible**. Please, note that the deadline for the submission of applications is **October 11th**.

I hope you find this information useful,

Kind regards,

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EIF Proposal Outline

The project will be looking to integrate third nationals into a community setting in which locals welcome superdiversity and do not see migration as a threat to them, or community life. The project will empower individuals from third national migrant communities to integrate into their environment and community. Research shows that traditionally immigrants settle in the poorest communities alongside people who already feel alienated and vulnerable. They tend to live in private sector housing, which can be substandard in quality and affordability. The nature of our proposed project is to work alongside the social housing sector and agencies, which are aware of the social fabric that makes up our communities. It will develop sustainable mechanisms of good practice, which could be replicated across Europe.

Priority 1

In receiving societies, the communities may know little or nothing at all about their migrant communities. This could make the receiving community susceptible to misinformation and stereotypes as well as increase vulnerability to the extremist narratives. The first stage of the project is an analysis of all stakeholder agencies. We would work with existing Social Landlord Tenant Groups to try and mitigate these threats. We would also introduce and develop new tools for 'Intercommunity Mentoring', as a means to develop long-term relationships between host and migrant communities. These intercommunity Mentoring programmes will be structured on the basis of age, gender and social interest groups. For example we may develop a 'Youth Mentoring Programme', a 'Women's Intercultural Mentoring Programme' and a 'Sports Mentoring Programme'. Mentoring 'Champions' will be created within the community from both host as well as migrant communities.

We would also help produce a marketing tools for the social housing landlords in the area to promote the inter-cultural activities that take place. This would also tackle some of the myths which can be created regarding new arrivals.

Priority 2

A forum will be developed for representing any issues or concerns raised by migrant communities, which will then feed into existing tenant forum structures. These issues will also be fed into the management structures of the Social Landlords and Strategic partnerships working and operating in areas. This will ensure a bottom up approach to developing initiatives that work.

Equality Impact Assessment processes in place for the social landlords will ensure discriminatory practices are addressed and the good practice obtained from this will be shared across partners from public and private sectors. The learning outcomes will also be shared through the National Housing Federation.

Priority 3

We will be providing assistance to migrants to learn the relevant languages of the host country, and will be delivering support such as CV writing services for individuals from migrant communities seeking employment. One of our partners 'Careermakers', are specialists in providing employment support.

A forum for arriving communities will be developed and will feed into local tenant and management structures.

We will also provide training and support to agencies on Community Cohesion, so that staff are able to manage their communities effectively. We will also develop citizenship training for the refugee communities which will enable better integration and their involvement in democratic processes.

Priority 4

We would create a partnership of support agencies, who would have referrals from the community to enable appropriate support packages. This support would address specific needs and requirements for individuals.

At each stage it is expected that the partners will come together to discuss progress and feed in experience and findings. It is anticipated that each partner would lead on a different priority. We are looking for partners from the social and private sector housing, local authorities who have experience of 3rd nation migrant communities in their areas. Partners are requested from across the EU

Partner search: Inclusion and integration into the labour market for young academics

OCCUPAZIONE

“INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION INTO THE LABOUR MARKET FOR YOUNG ACADEMICS – AN INNOVATIVE TRAINEE APPROACH” (CITY OF AARHUS - DK)

Dear all

Please see attached partner search from the City of Aarhus who is applying for the DG Employment call: VP/2011/012 Pilot Project – All-Inclusive Cooperation between Public Authorities, Commercial Firms and Social Enterprises for Social Inclusion and Integration into the Labour Market (<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=329&furtherCalls=yes>)

The project will develop a innovative trainee approach involving public authorities, private companies and social enterprises in order to give young academics a better chance on the labour market.

EU-funding: 80% out of a total budget of 400.000 EUR for a project starting in March 2012 and running 18 month.

Please send this partner search to anyone you think might be interested.

Best regards

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(Preliminary) Title of the project	Inclusion and integration into the labour market for young academics – an innovative trainee approach
Outline of the project idea	In Europe, unemployment increases dramatically in a time of crisis. The new graduates are particularly affected by this in Denmark – almost every fifth graduate is without work - and in other European countries it's even worse. There has been an extreme worsening of the opportunities for the graduates to enter the labor market, and the past shows us that if you do not get a foothold in the labor market during the first year after your training, it becomes exceptionally hard to get it later in life. Every year there will be new graduates leaving the educational institutions, and the employers may be more interested in them. With this pilot project we will try to do something about it. We will make new cross-country test methods - across sectors in the interaction between private and public actors in order to create new knowledge about the

	<p>possibilities of including and integrating young academics with a diversified background to the labor market.</p> <p>We will develop and test innovative working methods and instruments in a one year trainee period for at test group of 20 young people in each country. The participants will be carefully picked taking into consideration to have a diversified group. The young people will during the year be trained, tested and developed in each of the involved companies – 3 months in each company locally – and supplemented with training in communication, networking, personality tests etc. to broaden their view of their possibilities and keeping their competences sharp. The trainees will not receive salary during the period (except for locally agreed social benefits) The possibilities for remuneration will of course vary depending on the possibilities in the involved countries.</p> <p>In each of the involved companies a person will be appointed Trainee Executive. This person will be involved and trained to help the trainees broaden their view and giving advice schemes. This will happen across sectors to create new relationships between employers and worker and between various civil society actors and thereby strengthening cooperation between public authorities, for-profit companies and social enterprises.</p> <p>All involved trainees and their contacts in each country will meet on a regular basis and in a formal structured context in order to broaden network and possibilities, and thereby give an optimal possibility for case studies. Thereby also enable transfer of knowledge between sectors.</p> <p>During the project period the involved project managers and the Trainee Executives will meet to make comparative studies of the situation in the different Member States to exchange good practices and ideas across countries – i.e. mainstreaming of existing successful practices and instruments across countries.</p> <p>The involved countries will in cooperation with local and international partners conduct conferences and workshops during the project period and not at least at the end of the project participate in conferences etc. to communicate the findings both locally and internationally.</p>
Programme and call	<p>DG Employment call: VP/2011/012 Pilot Project – All-Inclusive Cooperation between Public Authorities, Commercial Firms and Social Enterprises for Social Inclusion and Integration into the Labour Market: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=329&furtherCalls=yes</p>
Deadline for the call	15th November 2011
Lead organisation	The Municipality of Aarhus will be lead partner for the project.
Partners already involved	<p>In Denmark the following will participate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor’s Department, The Municipality of Aarhus (a Municipality of 300.000 inhabitants and 30.000 employees). • The Department of Social Affairs & Employment, Employment centre North, Municipality of Aarhus • A major international commercial firm located in Aarhus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social enterprise located in Aarhus
Describe the kind of partners you are looking for and their expected role in the project	<p>From each Member State at least three partners must be involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a public authority or semi-public agency (at central or regional level), • a private for-profit enterprise and • a social enterprise <p>See a detailed description in the call page 6 http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=329&furtherCalls=yes</p>
Foreseen project duration	<p>18 months starting March 2012 The project itself is expected to last one year plus start-up, recruiting and evaluation estimated to last half a year.</p>
Foreseen budget	<p>Around 400.000 € for the project. The applicants will contribute at least 20 % of the total eligible costs, i.e. we will apply for around 320.000 €. Budget for the involved partners to be defined in detail.</p>
Contact information	<p>Pia Katballe Soerensen Mayor's Department, The Municipality of Aarhus City Hall DK-8000 Aarhus, Denmark Telephone +45 8940 2816 / + 45 2332 8138 pks@aarhus.dk</p>
Deadline for expression of interest	<p>21st October 2011</p>

ISTRUZIONE

COMENIUS MULTILATERAL PROJECT "BASIC SKILLS AND KEY COMPETENCES VIA SEXUAL EDUCATION" (HOLSTEBRO MUNICIPALITY - DK)

Dear all

Please see attached partner search for a Comenius Multilateral Project under the Life Long Learning call in 2012: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm

The purpose of the project is to use sexual education to make the learning of basic skills and key competences more directly relevant to the lives of young people.

The project will be a learning oriented project with clear health gains as a side effect.

Planned activities include:

- Developing, testing, implementing and disseminating new curricula and teaching material.
- Developing pedagogical strategies and new teaching methodologies
- Developing evaluation methods consistent with this way of teaching
- Training teachers and other relevant personnel
- Exchanging teachers and observing teaching in partner countries
- Involving relevant NGO's

The project will run for 3 years, and have a total budget of 400.000 EUR of which the EU can fund 75%.

Please send the attached description to any potential partners.

Dead line for expression of interest: **11th of November 2011**

See attached for contact details for the project manager.

Best regards

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Working title of the project	Developing basic skills and transversal key competences by integrating sexual education broadly in the curricula.
Outline of the project idea	<p>The purpose of the project is to use sexual education to make the learning of basic skills and key competences more directly relevant to the lives of young people.</p> <p>Sexual education can be used to make the learning of basic skills in reading, writing, math as well as science topics more directly relevant to the students, and thereby reaching students with difficulties.</p> <p>The project will also promote good sexual health and challenge the students and teachers to look at this topic in other cultural and social contexts, thus developing their social, civic and cultural competences as well as integrating a European dimension in teaching and learning.</p> <p>We plan the following activities in the project:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, testing, implementing and disseminating new curricula and teaching material. • Developing pedagogical strategies and new teaching methodologies • Developing evaluation methods consistent with this way of teaching • Training teachers and other relevant personnel • Exchanging teachers and observing teaching in partner countries • Involving relevant NGO's <p>All this will be done by using the social and cultural diversity in the partnership to learn from each other, share experiences and develop tools to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom.</p> <p>During the project and via the developed teaching material the students will experience how they are both different and very alike students from other countries – and thus experience first hand the benefits of the European community.</p>
Programme and call	Comenius Multilateral Project – priority: Support basic skills and transversal key competences Link to call text and priority description: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm
Deadline for expression of interest	Dead line for expression of interest: 11th of November 2011 (Dead line for call: 2nd of February 2012)
Lead organisation	Municipality of Holstebro, Denmark Link to English website: http://www.holstebro.dk/Holstebro-welcomes-you-1561.aspx
Partners already involved	3 schools in the Municipality of Holstebro together covering pupils of 6 to 19 years old. Danish NGO on Sexual education.
Describe the kind of partners you are looking for and their expected role in the project	We are looking for schools with some experience in working with sexual education, and we would like each partner country to cover pupils of approx. 6 to 19 years old. We would like the schools to be supported in the project by the local or regional administration. We would also like to involve relevant NGO's from the partner countries.
Foreseen project duration	3 years.
Indicative budget for the project	Total project budget: 400.000 EUR EU-funding 75%
Contact information	Lone Kjær Hein

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**PROGRAMMA COMENIUS - MANIFESTAZIONI DI INTERESSE A COOPERARE (HTI
MEGANSER - UK)**

Dear Colleagues,

Following a partner search for **Comenius** and **Europeaid** partners that we circulated back in April 2011 which many regional colleagues responded to positively we are now organising a specific meeting in Brussels for interested colleagues to meet with representatives from HTI Meganser who wish to meet with teachers and senior level strategic staff from primary and secondary schools to discuss future collaboration across:

- Comenius partnerships
- Europeaid projects focusing on schools
- Teacher Professional Development

The meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October, just the day before the new LLP calls “Information Day” held by EC (28th October).

Please forward this invitation to education colleagues who may be attending the LLP Information Day and who can benefit from this additional meeting the day before. Regional Brussels colleagues representing educational organisations are very welcome.

Please see the attached programme for more information. To participate please send an email to events@wmeuropeanservice.eu by Wednesday 26th October. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 27th October. This event is supported by the RESET Network.

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**PROGRAMMA GRUNDTVIG PARTNERSHIPS “HEALTH AND LONGEVITY WITH
AYURVEDA AND YOGA” (EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CYPRUS)**

Dear colleagues,

The **European University Cyprus** is looking for partners for the submission of a proposal entitled “*Health and Longevity with Ayurveda and Yoga*” under the Lifelong Learning Programme (http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm) within the frame of Grundtvig Partnerships.

Interested parties are kindly asked to express their interest to the following contact person:

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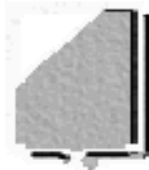
Date of publication: 13 October 2011

Name of Organisation	European University Cyprus
Call - Title and call identification - Funding programme - EC service - Link to the call document - Closing date	Lifelong Learning Programme Grundtvig Partnerships http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm 21 February 2012
(Preliminary) Title of the Project	"Health and Longevity with Ayurveda and Yoga"
Outline of the project idea	<p>Ayurveda, the ancient "Science of Life, Health and Longevity" is one of the oldest systems of health care in the world. The purpose of Ayurveda is to heal, to maintain a high quality of life, and to increase the longevity of the individual. Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual discipline aiming the attainment of a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility. Both Ayurveda and Yoga have their origins in India 5000 years ago and offer many ways to prevent and heal various disorders as well as to cleanse and rejuvenate the body. Yoga and Ayurveda are becoming increasingly recognized as used by many Europeans on a regular basis. However, research and dissemination of information in this area is very limited in Europe and organizations that provide adult education could greatly benefit by participating in a Grundtvig Partnership project.</p> <p><u>Project objectives</u> The overall aims of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to collect and share knowledge and experiences regarding the traditions of Ayurveda and Yoga and how these can be integrated in daily life in order to live healthy • to find out how these eastern traditions have been adopted and practiced presently in Europe and to increase awareness about their health benefits • to share experience and best practices of teaching Ayurveda and Yoga to adult population thus providing new learning opportunities for adults and older people • to develop tools that can be used by adult learners to acquire knowledge regarding these practices and their benefits • to create a network of organizations for future collaboration
Foreseen duration of the project	2012-2014
Partner Sought	Institutions and organizations that provide or have an interest in yoga and/or Ayurveda courses/training
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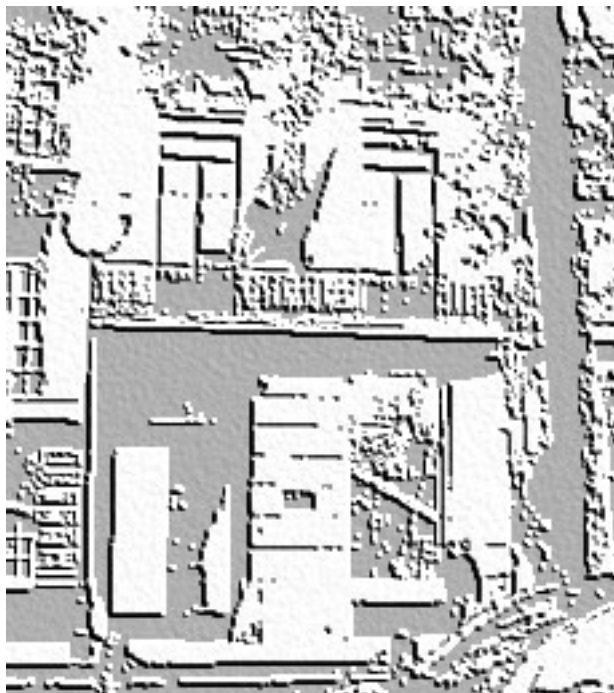
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TECNOLOGIE SPAZIALI

A EUROPEAN SPACE POLICY FOR CITIZENS AND SOCIETY (8/9 NOVEMBRE 2011,
PARLAMENTO EUROPEO - BRUXELLES)

The 4th High-level Conference on European Space Policy will be taking place on 8 & 9 November 2011 in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

This Conference comes at a crucial time:

- a few days after the scheduled launch of the first two satellites of the future European satellite navigation system, Galileo;
- at a time when the EU Institutions are negotiating the EU's future Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020), which will determine the timescale and conditions for the completion of the two flagship European space programmes, Galileo and GMES;
- and a few days after the launch by the European Commission of a new tender for additional Galileo satellites.

This event will provide a perfect opportunity:

- for discussion and debate on current and future EU space policy, its financing and governance, related EU industrial and innovation policy, and the benefits of space-based applications and services for European citizens and businesses, the fight against climate change and environmental degradation, combating security threats, etc.;
- for bringing together key political decision-makers, including representatives of national and European institutions and authorities, and representatives of industry, research centres and civil society.

The event is organised in partnership with the European Commission Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, the Committee of the Regions, the European Space Agency, the European Parliament's Sky and Space Intergroup, Eurospace and other key actors from the space and space-user sector.

Under the patronage of

Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission,

Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council

Mr Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament

Be sure to register early to ensure your place at this important event. Registration via the Conference website is required and free of charge: www.spaceconference.eu

Programme

All persons mentioned with “tbc” in the present programme are to be confirmed

Day 1 – 8 November

08.45 - 09.30 Opening of the Conference

- **Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament
- **Herman Van Rompuy**, President of the European Council
- **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- **Mercedes Bresso**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

09.30 - 10.00 First plenary session

Space: in pursuit of the European general interest

Opening speaker :

- **Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship

Speakers :

- **Waldemar Pawlak**, Polish Minister of Economy (tbc)
- **Jean-Jacques Dordain**, Director General, European Space Agency
- **Vittorio Prodi**, President of the Sky & Space Intergroup, European Parliament
- **Evert Dudok**, President, Eurospace

10.00 - 11.30 Second plenary session

Industrial policy and innovation

Opening speaker :

- **Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship

Speakers :

- **Joseph Daul**, Chairman of the Group of the European People’s Party, European Parliament
- **Robert-Jan Smits**, Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (tbc)
- **Dominique Ristori**, Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Eric Morel de Westgaver**, Director of Procurement, Finance Operations and Legal Affairs, European Space Agency
- **François Auque**, President, Astrium
- **Reynald Sez nec**, President and CEO, Thales Alenia Space
- **Marco Fuchs**, CEO, OHB

- **Jean-Yves Le Gall**, Chairman and CEO, Arianespace
- **Giuseppe Orsi**, CEO, Finmeccanica

11.30 - 13.00 Third plenary session

Space: a tool for crisis prevention and management

Opening speaker :

- **Kristalina Georgieva**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

Speakers :

- **Pierre Vimont**, Secretary-General, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **Gabriele Albertini**, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament
- **Claude-France Arnould**, EDA Chief Executive
- **Magali Vaissiere**, Director of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications, European Space Agency
- **Tomaž Lovrenčič**, Director of the European Union Satellite Centre
- **Ruy Pinto**, Vice President Inmarsat and Chairman designate UKspace
- **Ralf Nejedl**, Managing Director, T-Systems Belgium
- **Lucio Magliozzi**, COO, Telespazio
- **Eric Beranger**, Chairman, ESOA

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Fourth plenary session

Space for oceans, environment and climate

Opening speaker :

- **Connie Hedegaard**, European Commissioner for Climate Action

Speakers :

- **Corinne Lepage**, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, European Parliament
- **Bernhard Friess**, Director Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- **Jacqueline McGlade**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
- **Volker Liebig**, Director of Earth Observation Programmes, European Space Agency
- **Alain Ratier**, Director General, EUMETSAT
- **Joel Chenet**, Senior Vice President Institutional Affairs and Business Development, Thales Alenia Space
- **Jurry de la Mar**, Account Director, T-Systems International
- **Marcello Maranesi**, E-GEOS (an ASI/Telespazio Company) CEO and Telespazio Geoinformation Business Unit Vice President
- **Alain Bories**, Senior Vice President Strategy and Business Development, OHB

- **Stéphane Israël**, Vice President - GMES and European institutional Business, Geo-Information Services, Astrium Services

16.15 - 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 - 18.00 Fifth plenary session

Territorial planning, agriculture, transport and telecommunications

Opening speaker :

- **Neelie Kroes**, Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Digital Agenda (tbc)
- or **Dacian Ciolos**, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)

Speakers :

- **Danuta Maria Hübner**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament
- **Jacqueline Foster**, Vice President of the Sky & Space Intergroup, Member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, European Parliament
- **Tomislav Donchev**, Minister in charge of EU funds management, Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **Alain Bénétteau**, President, Nereus
- **Vidal Ashkenazi**, Chief Executive, Nottingham Scientific Ltd
- **Colin Paynter**, Senior Vice President Strategy & Business Development, Astrium
- **A high-level representative of T-Systems**
- **A high-level representative of SES**

Walking dinner

offered by the Committee of the Regions and Opening of NEREUS-exhibition on regional space uses

Day 2 – 9 November

09.00 - 10.30 Sixth plenary session

Infrastructures governance

Opening speaker :

- **Vladimir Remek**, Vice-President of the Sky and Space Intergroup, European Parliament

Speakers :

- **Paul Weissenberg**, Deputy Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- **David Williams**, Chief Executive of the UK Space Agency

- **Johann-Dietrich Wörner**, Chairman of the Executive Board, DLR (Germany)
- **Yannick d’Escatha**, President of CNES (France) (tbc)
- **Enrico Saggese**, President of ASI (Italy) (tbc)
- **Geraldine Naja**, Head of Coordination with EU Institutions, European Space Agency
- **Carlo des Dorides**, Executive Director, GSA
- **Alain Ratier**, Director General, EUMETSAT

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 12.45 Seventh plenary session

Financial support for space-based assets and services

Opening speaker :

- **Hervé Jouanjean**, Director General, DG Budget, European Commission

Speakers :

- **Anne E. Jensen**, Vice-Chairwoman of the Special Committee on Policy Challenges and Budgetary Resources for a Sustainable European Union after 2013, European Parliament (tbc)
- **Damien Abad**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Edit Herczog**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Gerassimos Thomas**, Director of Finance, coordination with EIB, EBRD and IFIs, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission (tbc)
- **Gunnar Muent**, Director “Innovation and Competitiveness” in the Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank
- **Giuseppe Morsillo**, Director of Policies, Planning and Control, European Space Agency
- **Luigi Pasquali**, CEO, Thales Alenia Space Italy
- **Patrick McDougal**, Vice President, Strategy & Business Development, Inmarsat
- **Serge Van Herck**, CEO, Newtec
- **Giuseppe Viriglio**, Chairman, Telespazio
- **A high-level representative of Eutelsat**

12.45 - 13.30 Conclusions

Speakers :

- **Gilles Chichester**, Vice President of the European Parliament
- **Aldo Patriciello**, Rapporteur on the European Commission’s Communication on a Space Strategy for the EU, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament
- **Reimer Böge**, Member of the Committee on Budgets, Rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2014-2020 (tbc)
- **Antonio Preto**, Head of Cabinet of Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Industry and Entrepreneurship

ECONOMIA

“EUROPE’S FUTURE: SAVING THE OLD WORLD’S ECONOMIES AND THE WHOLE WORLD’S CLIMATE” (9 NOVEMBRE 2011, BRUXELLES)

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We cordially invite you to the **5th Ifo-CoR Brussels International Economic Forum**, to be held in Brussels on 9 November 2011, 15:00-19:00. The **Ifo-CoR BrIEF**, an annual conference series, is co-organised by the Committee of the Regions and the Munich-based Ifo Institute. The series aims at strengthening the contribution of Europe's economic expertise to European economic policy-making and providing a platform for prominent decision-makers in European politics to meet with renowned economists and discuss core questions pertaining to Europe’s future.

The title of this year’s edition is **“Europe’s Future: Saving the Old World’s Economies and the Whole World’s Climate”**.

What are the conditions needed to make the EMU a lasting success? Which type of economic governance do we need? Will Europe move towards a transfer union because the GIPS countries will not be able to stand on their own feet? How credible is the strategy of exiting the bailout operations? Must the ECB be redefined? These will be the main topics addressed by the first panel. The second panel will discuss the chances for and limits to European climate policy and will raise the question of whether Europe needs a centrally coordinated energy policy. Details on the Forum’s panels can be found in the enclosed programme.

As the number of seats is limited, participants are invited to register until 27 October 2011 via [this link](#).

Yours sincerely,

Hans-Werner Sinn
President,
Ifo Institute

Gerhard Stahl
Secretary-General,
Committee of the Regions

PROGETTAZIONE

“HOW TO ENSURE AND EVALUATE THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS?” (10 NOVEMBRE 2011, BRUXELLES)

Dear Madam, Sir,

The City of Turku, the Regional Council of Southwest Finland, University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University are honoured to invite you to a seminar on

“How to ensure and evaluate the long-term impact of large-scale projects?”

- How to ensure that projects are strongly and efficiently embedded in wider regional development strategies?
- What happens when the project and project funding is over?
- How do European theme years and nominations such as European Capital of Culture, European Green Capital, World Design Capital, as well as significant projects funded by EU regional funding take these above mentioned questions into account in projects planning and implementation?

on **10 November 2011, 9.00-14.30**, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, Rue de Trèves 100, B-1040 Brussels.

Please find more information, the invitation and the reply card enclosed to this message.

You are most welcome to attend our seminar!

Aleksi Randell	Juho Savo
Mayor	Regional Mayor
City of Turku	Regional Council of Southwest Finland

We kindly inform you that the number of participants is restricted due to the limited number of places. If needed, first come first served principle will be applied.

R.S.V.P. **28. October 2011** at the latest by returning the enclosed reply card

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AMBIENTE

**"THE CHALLENGE OF AIR QUALITY: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE" (10 NOVEMBRE 2011,
COMITATO DELLE REGIONI - BRUXELLES)**

Invitation

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The **Air-Quality Initiative of Regions (AIR)** would like to invite you to the conference "The challenge of Air Quality: a regional perspective". This event will take place on **Thursday 10 November 2011, 09.00-13.00**, followed by lunch, **at the Committee of the Regions (Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels), Room JDE 52.**

The Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) updated the air quality targets in Europe by setting clear standards and limit values. This directive will be reviewed in 2012. **Twelve European Regions (Baden-Württemberg, Catalunya, Emilia-Romagna, Greater London, Hessen, Lombardia, North Rhine-Westphalia, Piemonte, Randstad, Steiermark, Veneto and Vlaanderen)** gathered in AIR will present their best practices of regional initiatives to tackle the problems of air quality. The conference will conclude with a signing ceremony where the political representatives of the AIR-regions will confirm their cooperation by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. Karl Falkenberg, Director-General of DG Environment, will debate with the AIR political representatives on the future of the EU Air Quality Policy.

Programme*

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome speech
Gerhard STAHL, Secretary General of the Committee of the Regions
- 9.40 Introduction and presentation of the initiative
Gianlorenzo MARTINI, Director of Brussels office of Lombardia Region
- 9.50 Keynote speech: Local and European scopes to reduce emissions
Prof. Stefan HAUSBERGER, University of Graz

10.10 Regional best practices: efforts and results (followed by Q&A)

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 Political debate: “What future for the E.U. air quality policy?”

Karl FALKENBERG (Director-General, European Commission – Environment D.G.) will debate with political representatives from: Baden-Württemberg, Catalunya, Emilia-Romagna, Greater London Authority, Hessen, Lombardia, North Rhine-Westphalia, Piemonte, Randstad, Steiermark, Veneto and Vlaanderen

Moderated by: Jacki DAVIS

12.45 Closing remarks

Karl FALKENBERG

12.50 Signing of the memorandum of understanding (in the presence of Karl FALKENBERG)

13.15 Lunch

**Simultaneous translation from/ to English, German, Italian and Spanish is foreseen.*

This event is free of charge, though **registration by 3 November 2011** is required by filling in the registration form on <http://en.vleva.eu/AIR>, where you can find the detailed programme.

We're looking forward to welcoming you,
Best regards,

AIR

(Baden-Württemberg, Catalunya, Emilia-Romagna, Greater London, Hessen, Lombardia, North Rhine-Westphalia, Piemonte, Randstad, Steiermark, Veneto and Vlaanderen)

LAVORI PUBBLICI

“TOWARDS EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE HOUSING” (15 NOVEMBRE 2011, BRUXELLES)

Dear Mr. / Ms.

The ‘Innovative Residential Housing in the Mediterranean’ (IRH-MED) within the framework of the Med Program wants to invite you to the seminar: *Towards European Sustainable housing seminar*, to be held on next **November 15th**, from 10:00 to 16:30h at the Delegation of the Catalan Government to the EU in **Brussels**, Rue de la loi 227. B-1040. Espai Catalunya- Europa.

The seminar aims to present and debate the following aspects:

- IRH-Med Results. This Med project aims to contribute to the convergence of methods to evaluate sustainable housing and put them into operation in different regions of Mediterranean Europe.
- Round table on governance aspects over housing sustainability assessment in Med Space Italy, PACA (France), Greece and Catalonia (Spain).
- Round table on Synergies between EU funded projects towards European sustainable buildings.
 - EU Ecolabel (DG Research JRC).
 - Superbuildings (VII Framework Program).
 - IRH Med (Programme MED).
 - Open House (VII Framework Programme).
 - Enerbuild (INTERREG Alpine Space).

We are looking forward to meeting you in Brussels,

Best regards

Michela Ciriello

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OCCUPAZIONE

“PRESERVE HIDDEN TREASURES” (7 NOVEMBRE 2011, COMITATO DELLE REGIONI - BRUXELLES)

Dear members,

we are very pleased to invite you to the PRESERVE seminar:

«PRESERVE hidden treasures»,

organized by Eszak-Alföld, Regional Development Agency, which will be held at the **Committee of the Regions in Brussels on 7 November 2011.**

The seminar is a great opportunity to learn more about PRESERVE and its approach to improve sustainable tourism policies. The regions of PRESERVE project partners are rich of cultural and natural resources. Some of these cultural sites and marvelous landscapes have great tourist potentials; however, they are often not explored and their touristic valorization has just started or is under development. One of the main objectives of the PRESERVE peer reviews was to visit these sites and, with the support of an external eye, to give recommendations on their sustainable touristic development.

The seminar will provide information about the objectives, the methodology and the results of the

PRESERVE project. The strategies for the PRESERVE hidden treasures, which were developed during the PRESERVE project, will be presented to show how they can be valorized in a sustainable way. Furthermore, the European Commission will speak about the trends and opportunities of sustainable tourism.

The seminar will end with an **official reception of tasting of regional products**.

In order to attend this event, please fill in the registration form and send it to eszter.balazsy@eszakalfold.hu.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Brussels,

Best regards,

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