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Workshop on the Grant Scheme for Sustainable Tourism

On October 26, MEUSAC in association with the Tourism Directorate (OPM) and MTA organised a workshop on the Scheme for Sustainable Tourism Projects by Enterprises. In his opening address, MEUSAC Head Dr Vanni Xuereb, emphasised the importance of collaboration between 2 star hotels and 3 star hotels. He was followed by Mr Tony Ellul and Mr Julian Zarb who spoke about how to enhance the tourism product and the tourism policy.

Ms Daniela Mallia dealt with the primary objectives of the Grant Scheme and its importance in relation to 3 star and lower category accommodations, since these establishments are an important market for the Maltese Tourism sector. The scheme directs public financing to licensed enterprises implementing a sustainable tourism pro-

ject which incorporate one or more of the following 5 interventions:

- Investment in Entrepreneurship (new/innovative business ideas);
- Investment in Marketing (launching new marketing campaign/strategy);
- Investment in Information Communication Technology (implementing Information Communication Technology tools for the business and its day-to-day operations to increase efficiency and affectivity);
- Product Upgrade/Investment in Equipment (which will eventually provide a better service);
- Investment in Environmentally Friendly Measures (projects related to tourism involving environmentally-friendly processes).

This particular seminar was also directed at explaining the benefits for 3 star and lower category accommodations. For further information please visit: <http://www.meusac.gov.mt/fme/950/default.aspx>



Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is an exchange programme for young entrepreneurs and experienced entrepreneurs that host them in another country. This has proved to be very successful during the last year. In fact, more than 2,000 people have applied and by the third quarter of 2010 an estimated 500 stays will have taken place in different sectors such as promotion and media, education, IT and medicine. During the first year, the most sought-after country of destination was the UK, whereas the most participants came from Spain and Italy. Despite Malta being the smallest EU Member State, the results recorded by Koperattivi Malta, the Intermediary Organisation in Malta, compare favourably with much larger EU countries

A Maltese tourist agency desired to get some fresh insight from a young entrepreneur as well as new international contacts. For this reason it received Slovakian Alena Seginkova for four months through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs scheme.

Global Air Travel, which has been in the Bugeja family since 1996, provides tourism services for foreigners in Malta. The owner, Joseph Bugeja, was drawn by Ms. Seginkova's background in nature protection, business and tourism - all key to his business. Mr. Bugeja felt that an exchange of ideas among his staff would be welcome too while hosting a future entrepreneur and providing her

with essential skills for the field in practice.

Working in the company's management, marketing, networking and eco tourism, Ms. Seginkova brought her skills and viewpoint to Mr. Bugeja's business. This was highly appreciated during the exchange.

Ms. Seginkova, who is keen to start a business of her own, wanted to establish contacts between Malta and Slovakia and, therefore, feels that her experience in Malta was very valid. Mr. Bugeja himself highly appreciated the outcome: "The Erasmus for New Entrepreneurs programme is of great benefit to the company. It creates future opportunities for collaboration in the tourist sector between Malta and the international market."



Any Host Entrepreneur who is interested in hosting New Entrepreneurs from any one of the European countries, seeking

information on participation in EYE or the programme at large may contact:

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(Source <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>)



EU provides more than €21m for 6681

For the months Europe has been struggling to emerge from one of the worst global economic recessions ever in history. A recession is a slow-down in economic activity over a period of time in which consumers tend to reduce their spending leading firms also to reduce their economic activities and taking cost effective measures to survive. This very often results in the dismissal of workers or the shutting down of the activity. This seems to be occurring all over Europe. In fact, this month the European Commission approved 8 applications for the EU Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aimed at facilitating redundant workers back into employment. These applications will now be put before the European Parliament and the Council of the EU for their decision.

6 of these applications amount to €10.5 million and are intended to help 3,058 redundant workers from 213 Dutch enterprises of which 8 enterprises were in the publishing sector and 205 small and medium sized enterprises operating in the printing field. The dismissals were a consequence of the financial and economic crisis which resulted in a substantial decrease in demand for the printing and publishing sector.

The package of EGF assistance for these 3,058 will help them on their way back into employment by offering them: recognition of prior experience, training and re-training, job to job accompaniment and support for business creation. The total estimated cost of the package amounts to almost €16.2 million, of which the European Union has been asked to provide EGF assistance of €10.5 million.

The European Commission has also approved an application from Germany for assistance amounting to €8,308,555 to help 1,181 redundant workers back into employment. This application was submitted after 1,263 employees involved in the manufacture of printing machinery employed by Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG were made redundant. The redundancies had a significant impact on regional employment especially in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Karlsruhe where the rate of unemployment increased by 12.4 %, 12.3 % and 15.6 % respectively between December 2008 and March 2010. Assistance will take the form of offering these unemployed workers job search allowances, management of qualifications and training courses leading to new qualifications, counselling and support, workshops and peer groups, placement research and international guidance, in-depth guidance for business start-up and mobility allowances. The total estimated cost of the project is of almost €13 million, of which the European Union has been asked to provide EGF assistance of €8.3 million.

The European Commission also approved an application from Slovenia. 2,554 employees were made redundant by Mura, European Fashion Design, Proizvodnja oblačil, d.d., a company operating in the clothing sector. More than 7 % of the work force of Pomurje was employed by this firm. Thus, these redundancies will have a significant impact local and regional impact. The total estimated cost of the package is of almost €3.45 million, of which the European Union has been asked to provide EGF assistance of € 2.25 million.

The EU Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), is part of Europe's response to the financial and economic crisis.



EC launches Communication on EU Budget review - Malta agrees with the need for greater flexibility

By Mark Demartino

On October 19, the European Commission (EC) published its Communication on the budget review. In early 2006 the European Council had called for a review of the EU budget. A very wide ranging public consultation was conducted by the Commission. Members of the European Parliament, Member States, local and regional authorities as well as NGOs and citizens expressed their views on the future of the EU budget. Over the past few months, the College of Commissioners debated the budget review and held several discussions on the budget review. The Commission is due to present its proposals before July 1, 2011. Furthermore the Lisbon Treaty has introduced a medium-term approach to EU spending as well as the principle of own resources, through which the EU's revenue is generated. The Commission's Communication also notes that since the budget review was announced, events have taken everyone by surprise – with the onset of the most serious economic recession for decades.

As the EU's priorities evolved over time, the system of multiannual financial framework was introduced in 1988 to ensure higher budgetary discipline and medium term predictability of EU expenditure. The Communication states that the European dimension can maximise the efficiency of Member States finances and help reduce total expenditure. In fact, during the financial crisis, the budget was used as collateral to help develop a crisis response mechanism.

The Communication also takes stock of the crisis that has hit the European economy, however, it emphasises the future particularly the Europe 2020 Strategy that is shaped in such a way as to

maximise Europe's economic growth. The Commission argues that to maximise the impact of the cohesion funds, such as the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund, it will be necessary to ensure that Member States and regions concentrate EU and national resources on agreed EU priorities. The Communication states that Europe 2020 needs integrated solutions when it comes to different funding programs and special attention needs to be dedicated to areas and projects that can have an early impact on economic growth.

The budget will be oriented to support and incentivise smart growth in the European economy meaning helping support growth and modernisation in research, innovation and education. Besides these targets, educational services need to be modernised across the Union and research strengthened. A Development and Investment Partnership Contract between the Commission and the Member States would set out a number of objectives to be achieved as part of each country's National Reform Program.

The European Commission comes up with a number of areas of the economy that can be tapped as the Commission's own resources whilst they displace national contributions towards the EU budget. These areas include EU taxation of the financial sector, EU revenues from auctioning the greenhouse gas emissions trading system, an EU charge related to air transport, EU VAT and an EU energy tax or an EU corporate tax.

As a number of developing countries such as China, India and Brazil are experiencing rapid



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growth the European Commission wants to analyse how to adopt a more structured approach to adapt to the changing nature of these partner countries. This shift in approach needs to take into consideration areas of cooperation including economic, environment and social partnership.

The Director of EU Affairs in the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment, Diane Sammut, stated that while Malta is still taking into the consideration the Communication issued by the European Commission, the country agrees with the need for the budget to be more flexible. However, Malta is very cautious with regards to the Commission's push for EU wide taxes. Malta, along with many other Member States, has reservations with regards to the introduction of a tax on air travel and on banks as a source for the

Commission's own resources.

The budget review sets out the Commission's ideas on the architecture and structure of the EU budget. The reforms suggested for the budget are needed due to the fact that the Commission will soon be making proposals for the new financial framework 2014-2020. As part of its conclusions the budget review reiterates that at a time of intense pressures on public finances, EU and national budgets cannot be seen as being in competition but as pursuing the same objectives at the level at which they can deliver best. The modernisation of the EU budget is about the maximisation of benefits from each euro spent, and in the coming months the Commission will come out with a number of concrete proposals in this regard. The discussions will inform the proposals for a new multiannual framework covering the years after 2013.

ICT Research

In order to implement the ambitious Digital Agenda for Europe unveiled last May, the European Commission is required to boost high-risk ICT research in [future and emerging information technologies](#) (FET Open). FET-Open is a Scheme that is open for conceptually new, high-potential research proposals with a long-term vision. It funds research to react quickly to newly emerging challenges in ICT research that would be outside the priorities of other funding schemes. The Commission is contributing €1.8 million under the ICT research budget of the R&D Seventh Framework Programme 2007-2013.

The purpose of FET-Open is to stimulate exploratory research and structuring activities for a future science and technology basis that can address emerging technological, industrial and societal challenges of long term importance for Europe. FET-Open aims to establish critical mass, scientific excellence and multi-disciplinary diversity by federating the research communities around common challenges which are instrumental to future research directions.

The following are the features of FET-Open project:

- Continuously open to risky but promising ideas and to help early exploratory R&D results mature into assets for ICT.
- A harbour for exploring and nurturing new research trends and helping them mature in emerging research communities.
- Widest possible spectrum, cutting across all disciplines.
- Includes topics not covered elsewhere and exploration of non-conventional routes.

FET-Open supports Collaborative Research Projects (STREPs) should address:

- long term, visionary, collaborative and multidisciplinary, ICT relevant research of a foundational nature and bright ideas of high-risk / high-payoff; aiming at a breakthrough, a paradigm shift, or at the proof of a novel scientific principle
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research refining the visionary ideas that have gone past the proof-of-concept phase to bring them to a level of maturity at which they can be taken up by a dedicated initiative or by the main-stream ICT programme objectives.

FET-Open also supports coordination actions (CAs). These include:

- Emergence, shaping and consolidation of new and dispersed research communities;
- Seeding and nurturing a new scientific discipline or research topic of relevance to FET objectives;
- Aiming at establishing critical mass, scientific excellence and multi-disciplinary diversity, as appropriate, at defining future research directions, federating the research communities around a common challenge and contributing to the preparation of joint programs of work.

Also relevant for FET-Open are:

- Coordination of national or regional research programmes or activities;
- Stimulation of international cooperation.

FET-Open operates a *continuous* proposal submission scheme for short STREP proposals. Proposers are therefore asked to submit their short STREP proposals *as soon as they are ready*, and not to wait for a specific date before submitting. FET-Open applies as an eligibility criteria that short proposal Part B must be anonymous. This means that Part B must contain NO direct reference to a proposer or beneficiary, whether within the body of the text or within any references.

An eligibility check is carried out systematically on all short proposals received. Any proposal found not to comply with anonymity requirements is

automatically marked as ineligible and will not be evaluated.

FOC is a Scientific Project Financed by **FET OPEN Scheme** in the field of Information and Communication Technology by the European Commission. The research topic is to understand and possibly forecast systemic risk and global financial instabilities.

The aim of the "Forecasting Financial Crises" project is to improve policy makers' understanding of how banking systems, stock markets and the flow of credit are mutually interconnected. The conceptual and software instruments developed during the research could help develop early-warning systems that would permit actions to be taken if needed to stabilise financial markets. The research will focus not only on financial transaction data, but also on internet search data such as the frequency of certain key words related to finance in search engines. The aim is to develop new risk indicators that could be used by policy bodies like the European Central Bank, the European Systemic Risk Board, or the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to help to prevent future financial crises.

The approach is based on new multi-disciplinary research, linking results from complex systems science and the physics of stability and resilience to modern approaches in economics. The resulting ICT-based tools would complement the far-reaching measures taken in Europe in response to the recent financial crisis to step up regulation of financial institutions and to increase monitoring and supervision of markets

Read more about the project:

www.focproject.net http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/fet-open/overview_en.html



EU Consultation on new Media Programme Maltese stakeholders encouraged to participate

By Daniela Blagojevic

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on a future EU programme for the audiovisual sector which, from 2014, would replace the current one. During the second semester of 2011, the Commission intends to adopt a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and Council establishing a new MEDIA programme after 2013. This new programme will help achieve the objectives of the new "Europe 2020" Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views from all relevant stakeholders of the audiovisual sector in Europe. Views are sought regarding the objectives, activities, and types of support within the new programme.

One area of particular interest in this consultation concerns the objectives and activities of the programme. There is, in this respect, a need to see how the programme's objectives and action lines should be revised in the light of technological, financial, social and other recent developments in order to ensure that they remain as relevant, clear and focused as possible.

The European Commission is also interested in consulting on management aspects of the programme in this context. Although considerable simplifications have been introduced during the run of the current programme, the Commission and its Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, responsible for the operational management of much of the programme, would, however, welcome input on further possible simplifications.

Maltese stakeholders working in the audiovisual sector are strongly encouraged to participate, as the future MEDIA will need to address the concerns of those working in the sector.

MEDIA Desk Malta hosted by the Culture and Audiovisual Unit within the Office of the Prime Minister is responsible for promoting the MEDIA programme in Malta.

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=futureumedia> or www.mediadeskmalta.eu

Partner Search Ads

Please find below a list of FP7 project partner searches received through the National Contact Points Network:

Advanced model predictive Control for industrial Wastewater treatment (ACWa)

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/AT/PS-SME-AT-904>

Libralato Engine Prototype

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/UK/PS-SME-UK-889>

DAP - Double Acting Piston Engine

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/UK/PS-SME-UK-880>

Partner Search Ads

FASTforLIFE

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-898>

ALGAE

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-895>

P-DIGRID - Platform for Development and Integration of GRIDs

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-892>

Development of ceramic tiles based on ceramic waste and high thermal residues. ECOCERTILE

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-886>

STING_Development of a hybrid system for both milling and friction stir welding

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-883>

Ultrasound Technology For 4 Liquids: Wine, Milk, Honey and Fruitjuice

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/TR/PS-SME-TR-865>

DAIRY: IMPEDIMETRIC MULTIANALYTE DEVICE FOR ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE DETERMINATION IN MILK

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-867>

Web Presence, Image and Management Enhancement in e-Tourism

<http://www.ncp-sme.net/Countries/ES/PS-SME-ES-859>

FA 157 – 1185 partner search for cancer radio treatment FP7 project

Looking for companies (not Universities) for an established consortium that can bring expertise in oncology or radiotherapy (please note: NOT Radiology).

The project we are working on is titled: Applying ex-vivo expanded allogeneic mesenchymal stem cells to expedite healing of cutaneous lesions resulting from radiation therapy treatments of cutaneous relapses of breast cancer. We are looking for partners that practice cancer therapy and oncology (for example cancer treatment and radiotherapy in particular in the form of private hospitals would be fine).

FA 157 – 1186: ICT-Health partner search for existing project

Looking for possible partners active in the ICT services for a Capacities proposal. The project I am working on is led by a London SME and it proposes:

- Development of data transfer protocols that will allow for transmission of data accurately at low bandwidths whilst still maintaining functionality of the system.
- Transmission of ultrasound images in real time.
- Ultrasound recognition and diagnostic software.
- Development of non-tethered clinical devices that can capture and produce good clinical data despite interference being produced by the patient moving.

Partner Search Ads

- Automated clinical decision making software.
- Electronic patient record software.

The partner requirements are as follows:

- University based organisations and SMEs with experience in:
- Innovative uses of ultrasound in the medical environment. History of developing clinical diagnostic image recognition software.
- Automated clinical decision software.
- Electronic patient record software.

FA 158-1187: URGENT: partners search for FP7 project on energy

A Spanish company is seeking for partner to join the project: 7th Framework Programme

EeB.ENV.2011.3.1.5-1: Technologies for ensuring, monitoring and/or controlling a high quality indoor environment particularly in relation to energy efficient buildings

Project abstract:

ERI Polibienestar, University of Valencia (Spain) is looking for partners for an FP7 application under the topic EeB.ENV.2011.3.1.5-1: Technologies for ensuring, monitoring and/or controlling a high quality indoor environment particularly in relation to energy efficient buildings. They seek partners to join the consortium, which will seek to evaluate indoor environment quality, through a users' behaviour modelling, monitoring and validating, in energy efficient models or prototypes or new/refurbished buildings. The partners should be Research Centers specialized in behaviour analysis related to energy efficiency, final users, relevant stakeholder, energy efficiency experts.

Partner profile:

- Universities/Research Centers specialized in behaviour analysis related to energy efficiency
- Experts in energy efficiency in building (Research Centers; auditors)
- Final users' organizations
- Buildings companies associations and/or buildings SMEs specialized in energy efficiency
- Relevant stakeholders **as support entities**: providers of isolation products; glassware; air conditioned; heating; lighting and electrical products

FA 158-1188: FOOD SME

Liverpool University are looking for an SME to join a project under development for the FP7 call on Food, Ariculture, Fisheries and Biotechnology. The aim of the project is to develop food products that help regulate of food intake by accelerating satiation during a meal, enhancing satiety, and/or reducing appetite.

Partner Search Ads

FA 158-1190: partners to participate in established consortium under the Health call

A London-based company that is working on a proposal under the current Health Call. The title of the proposed project : Production of GMP-grade mesenchymal stem cells using 3-D scaffolds in bioreactors: clinical safety and efficacy

The proposal concept is as follows:

"The clinical use of mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) has become a routine procedure in the treatment of severe graft-versus-host disease (GvHD) in highly specialised Centres. However, the current modalities utilised to generate MSC severely limit the number of manufacturing procedures. Since only very few Centres in Europe have appropriate facilities, the number of patients who can actually benefit of MSC therapy is extremely restricted. To overcome this limitation, we propose to develop clinical-grade 3-D scaffolds and bioreactors to manufacture MSC. The MSC thus produced will be tested for clinical safety and efficacy.

Objectives of the Study:

1. Generation of MSC with bioreactors in GMP-grade conditions. MSC will be generated from the bone marrow of healthy donors and cultivated/expanded in 3-D scaffolds in bioreactors. Particular attention will be paid to identify the steps that will require validation for GMP-grade production.
2. Assessment of the MSC thus generated in potency assays. The MSC batches generated in the bioreactors will be tested for their immunosuppressive activity using in vitro assays and in vivo in a mouse model of GvHD.
3. Assessment of MSC toxicity. The MSC thus generated will be evaluated for potential toxic effects to exclude the presence of genetic abnormalities and unwanted in vivo differentiation (bone and cartilage).
4. Test safety and efficacy of the MSC thus generated for the treatment of acute GvHD in a phase I/II clinical trial. Once the safety/potency profile will be confirmed, MSC will be tested for their clinical safety and efficacy in a phase I/II clinical trial for severe steroid refractory acute GvHD. "

We are looking for someone who has or can source Mesenchymal Stem cells; we know such companies are present in France, Germany, Denmark in particular. If you are not familiar with such a concept simply look for companies that work/produce human tissue from stem cells.

FA 158-1191: SME and/or research institution - Protection of cameras in harsh environments

A Danish university is looking for partners for an application under the 7th EU framework programme: Research for the benefit of specific groups (R4SME). The project is looking for partners (SME and/or research institution) with know-how regarding protection of electronics (in this case cameras) in harsh environments. The project will develop a system for automatic image analysis. The cameras used for this must be able to function in an environment with a high humidity and much dirt (manure), hence the request for protection of electronics. Relevant partners should have experience with the integration of cameras (or other sensitive devices) in such systems. The major part of the consortium is in place and the university functions as coordinator.

Partner Search Ads

FA 158-1192: SME and/or research institution- user interface based on diagnostic raw data

A Danish university is looking for partners for an application under the 7th EU framework programme: Research for the benefit of specific groups (R4SME). The project is looking for partners (SME and/or research institution) with know how regarding user interfaces based on raw data output from a diagnostic process. The majority of the consortium is in place and the university functions as coordinator.

FA 159-1196: SME sought for FP7 project under call KBBE.2011.2.3-05: Processed foods

INRA, French research institute for agrofood, is looking for partners to submit a proposal under the FP7 call KBBE.2011.2.3-05: Processed foods with lower salt, fat and sugar content. INRA would be the coordinator. They are especially looking for SMEs from the food sector

FA 159-1197: Spanish Proposal looking for partners (Security Call)

Company which design security devices such as firewalls, IDS, IPS, UTM, NAC. The objective is to integrate its devices in the control system infrastructure, evaluate the performance capabilities against cyber attacks in this domain and improve the security level of the critical electricity infrastructures

- Research Centre, University or SME with expertise in reaction mechanisms for cyber security in critical infrastructure
- Research Centre, University or SME with expertise in risk simulation for cyber security in critical infrastructure

FA 159-1195: PS – FP7 FLEXMATCH – RF MEMS based adaptive impedance matching device

The project intends to provide a self-adaptive impedance matching device that will maintain the optimal power matching between the RF transceiver electronics and the antenna at varying conditions. Our client is looking for SMEs developing (RF) MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems) technology and end-user SMEs.

FA 160-1199: Urgent: FP7 R4SMEs PS: Control of Off-flavours in Aquacultures

Danish research team intending to submit a proposal to the FP7 Research for the Benefit of SMEs is urgently looking for two European SMEs (outside Denmark) in the fish aquaculture industry. The proposal is focused on the control off-flavour formation in aquaculture systems. Partners sought:

1. An SME with expertise in technologies for detection of organic compounds in water, particularly passive samplers.
2. An SME in water treatment, particularly interested in Advanced Oxidation Processes.

Partner Search Ads

FA 160-1201: Spanish Proposal looking for RTD Performers and SME Associations

RTD partners sought with high expertise in several of these topics:

- Development of applications for e□Tourism
- Development of applications for hotel management
- Development of Geographical Information Systems for multiple devices, including mobile devices and digital terrestrial television
- Design of rich graphical user interfaces and augmented reality
- To collaborate in activities related with:
- Development of tools for the presence in the Web of the hotels
- Development of rich interfaces and augmented reality tools for multiple devices
- Development of revenue management tools

FA 160-1202 FP7 Capacities - Proposal: Radio Frequency secure And resistant System for Tools

A Spanish SME is preparing a proposal for the Call of Capacities: Research for the benefits of the SMEs. They have some partners already involved in the consortium but are still looking for some more:

Partner (s) 3- (SME), from EU or Associated countries (except Spain) Fire engines manufacturers, or Firefighting instruments manufacturers, Partner 4- (RTD) preferably not from Spain , Experts in RFID and resistant electronics manufacturing.

FA 160-1203: PS - FP7 BIOREMEDI— Enhanced, Fast In-situ Bioremediation

A Hungarian research centre would like to submit a proposal to the FP7 Research for SMEs call (FP7-SME-2011-BSG). They have some partners already involved in the consortium but the team is looking for SMEs, with expertise sensor technology/development (e.g. nitrate sensor).

FA 160-1204: Spanish Proposal looking for Partners (Security Call)

Partner Sought:

- Company which design security devices such as firewalls, IDS, IPS, UTM, NAC. The objective is to integrate its devices in the control system infrastructure, evaluate the performance capabilities against cyber attacks in this domain and improve the security level of the critical electricity infrastructures
- Research Centre, University or SME with expertise in reaction
- mechanisms for cyber security in critical infrastructure

Partner Search Ads

- Research Centre, University or SME with expertise in risk simulation for
- cyber security in critical infrastructure

FA 161-1205: URGENT: Looking for a company for radar design/manufacturing - FP7 Project

Client looking for a company with experience in designing and manufacturing radar to be deployed in the wind farms?

Call: ENV.2011.3.1.9-1 Eco-Innovation!

Submission deadline: 16/11/2010

FA 161-1206: KBBE.2011.3.3-02 - Italian University is looking for project partners

An Italian University (Department of Applied Biology) is looking for partners for the project ***Non-Conventional Yeasts as catalysts for SElective BIOtransformations***, to be submitted under the 7 FP (KBBE.2011.3.3-02: Biocatalysis for chiral compounds).

The main objectives of the project is to enlarge the range of yeasts (NCY) to be used as biocatalysts available for selective biotransformation and to increase the catalytic power of lyases and OYEs by protein engineering directed by structural analyses and random or oriented mutagenesis.

In particular, the proponent is looking for:

- 1) Research organizations or SMEs interested in studying the process development (including economic and LCA studies)
- 2) SMEs (only) interested in assessing the feasibility of scaling towards industrial scale the use of lyases and OYEs isolated from NCY.
- 3) SMEs (only) interested in transforming the S&T information about lyases and OYEs isolated from NCY into industrial applications.

FA 161-1207: PS-FP7-151-Kbbe: Functional Food

We are considering searching an SME partner that provides to the project the extraction technology process of natural ingredients from species or aromatic herbs. Preferable the extracts should be lipid soluble to be applied to an enrichment of olive oil

FA 161- 1209: PS - EUREKA project partner is sought - Water System Management

A Turkish SME specialized in Web based applications, Data Mining, Data Warehouse, DSS and BI in several working fields is looking for partners to apply to EUREKA program with its project on Water

Partner Search Ads

Management

FA 161-1210: EUREKA project partner is sought - Gas Leak Detection and Control Device

A Turkish firm specialized in electro-mechanical equipped furniture systems, design and engineering services for electronic systems, computer networks and software integrations is looking for partners for a project proposal to apply to EUREKA programme. Please note that 15 November 2010 is the closing date for application.

FA 161-1211: EUREKA project partner is sought - Blood Quality Detector

A Turkish firm specialized in biomedical engineering, optical measurement methods, near infrared spectroscopy, hospital infections and epidemiological infections surveillance, GMP environments and stem cell research is looking for partners for a project proposal to apply to EUREKA programme. Please note that 15 November 2010 is the closing date for application.

FA 161-1212: URGENT: looking for a partner in FP7 Research for the benefit of SMEs

A Scottish SME is preparing a project proposal to submit as coordinator under the FP7-SME-2011-BSG / research for the benefit of SMEs.

The SME is looking for non-UK partners who are experienced in :

1. Software development in medical informatics software and
2. Medical business intelligence .

The project is focussed on a medical informatics decision support system. As the deadline for submission is 8th December 2010, any response you make will receive our complete attention. The client is a very successful SME , experienced and successful in FP and other funding programmes.

FA 161-1207: partners needed for FP7-ICT-2011 project

A company of Castilla y León based in free software is looking for Partners for a **FP7-ICT-2011** project proposal. This project proposes a collaborative approach among healthcare systems, hospitals, lymphoma specialists, medical research centres, lymphoma patients and medical IT businesses to develop an **applied artificial intelligence tool**. The project covers four functionalities in context of patient evolution and healthcare treatment cycle:

1. Staging and data analysis retrieved from the patient's EMR and knowledge database
2. Illness monitoring: exhaustive multi-parametric control, treatment evolution and alerts
3. Potential case detection: early diagnosis and early vigilance
4. Patient interaction

Partner Search Ads

They are looking for a R&D Performers, European Cancer patients or research organizations, Public health systems, Hospital dpt, Lymphoma research groups, Specialised e-health SME in fields covered.

FA 161-1208: URGENT: Partner search for EUREKA project (Acqueau) - deadline 04/11/10

A Spanish company, specialised in environmental quality control related to water analysis for human consumption, biosecurity, air quality, and control of wastewater and wastes, is looking for partners for the project EUREKA inside the ACQUEAU proposal. The partner should be a **company/ technological institute** that develops **micro sensor systems based on microelectronics and microtechnology** within field mainly focused on the detection of microorganisms and organic compounds. The sought partner should be able to develop and manufacture the sensors that will be included in the complete system for on line water quality control. The wireless sending of data is covered by the consortium. Note that **deadline** is **04/11/10**. Thanks in advance for your collaboration.

For further information on the above partner searches kindly contact Johann Caruana at Enterprise Europe Network –Malta at Malta Enterprise on johann.caruana@maltaenterprise.com or follow us on Facebook Een Malta; Twitter: EENMALTA; or on Linked In: Enterprise Europe Network – Malta

Pre-Announcement

Pre-Announcement to the Eleventh Call for Project Proposals under the European Regional Development Fund

A new call for project proposals to be part-financed by the European Union under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2007-2013 will be launched shortly. Eligible applicants will be invited to submit applications for projects falling under **Priority Axis 6: Urban Regeneration and Improving the Quality of Life** of Operational Programme I 'Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life'.

The focus area within Priority Axis 6 open under this call is:

Internal Mobility - This upcoming call is intended for innovative project proposals aimed at reducing the demand for the use of private means of transportation, without however, compromising accessibility. Particular consideration will be given to proposals which present initiatives, at a national level, that can pave the way for modal shift and alternative modes of transport which are sustainable and efficient. Initiatives can include intelligent transport systems, actions to encourage use of clean urban transport and multi-modal transport. All initiatives must be anchored in the relevant national strategies and policies.

The indicative budget allocated for this call is €10 million. Prospective applicants are encouraged to note that proposals are to remain within the stipulated budget. This call is restricted SOLELY to those projects that DO NOT involve state aid implications. The actual launch of the call, together with details of related Information Sessions, will be published in the coming weeks on the local media and on the PPCD webpage. Background documents and further information may be obtained from this [page](#) or from PPCD's [Online Helpdesk](#).

Pre-Announcement

Pre-Announcement to the Tenth Call for Project Proposals under the European Regional Development Fund

A new call for project proposals to be part-financed by the European Union under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2007-2013 will be launched shortly. Eligible applicants will be invited to submit applications for projects falling under Priority Axis 2: Promoting Sustainable Tourism of Operational Programme I 'Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life'.

The focus areas within Priority Axis 2 open under this call are:

Product Development & Niche Market Development and Branding. The call is restricted to interventions undertaken by Public Entities with the aim to support the upgrading of the tourism product as indicated in the 'Tourism Policy for the Maltese Islands 2007 - 2011'. In particular, interventions should aim to upgrade and develop the tourism product, including existing national cultural assets, in order to improve the tourism experience offered by the Maltese Islands. More information will be available in the call that will be issued in the coming weeks.

The total **indicative** financial threshold for this call is €42 million. Proposals are to remain within the budget of the call, however the Managing Authority reserves the right to award more projects, if it deems this appropriate and in line with the targets of the Operational Programme. This call is restricted SOLELY to those projects that DO NOT involve state aid implications.

The actual launch of the call, together with details of related Information Sessions, will be published in the coming weeks on the local media and on the PPCD webpage. Background documents and further information may be obtained from this [page](#) or from PPCD's [Online Helpdesk](#).

This notice should be considered as a pre-announcement to allow interested applicants additional time to prepare projects.

Open Calls

Seventh Call for project Proposals under the European Social Fund (ESF)

A new call for project proposals to be part-financed by the European Union under the European Social Fund (ESF) 2007-2013 has been launched. Eligible applicants are invited to submit applications for projects falling under the following Priority Axes of Operational Programme II 'Empowering People for More Jobs for a Better Quality of Life'.

The Priority Axes open under this call are:

Priority Axis 2: - Investing in the Employability and Adaptability of the Workforce

All Focus Areas. Total Financial Threshold: € 10 million.

Priority Axis 4 - Strengthening of Institutional and Administrative Capacity

All Focus Areas. Total Financial Threshold: € 13.5 million.

The documents related to this call may be downloaded from here:

Open Calls

- [Operational Programme II](#)
- [Guidance Notes to the Application Process](#)
- [Application Form](#)
- [Registration Form](#)

For further guidance, prospective applicants are also invited to register for one of the half-day Information Sessions being organised that will be held in Malta on:

- **Thursday, 4 November 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**
- **Tuesday, 9 November 2010 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

The Registration Form must be forwarded to Mr. Roger Mamo on roger.mamo@gov.mt by not later than noon of Thursday 28th October 2010. Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. The number of participants per organisation may be restricted, if necessary.

For general queries relating to this call or to Cohesion Policy 2007-2013, kindly contact PPCD on the Email Helpdesk: info.ppcd@gov.mt

[**MEDIA Programme**](#)

Project Development Funding

Deadlines: 29 November 2010; 11 April 2011

The funding is designed to help producers cover the costs for project development, financing and television production.

The MEDIA Programme offers three schemes for independent European producers:

[Single Projects fund](#)

[Slate Funding](#)

[Interactive works](#)

IMP: New: Electronic submission

The application process now consists of electronic submission of an e-form with two embedded attachments. In addition, a print-out of the completed e-form and a set of required documents as per the checklist (see below) must be sent by post by the day of the deadline (the postmark will be used as a proof of timely sending).

[**Promotion for Audiovisual Festivals**](#)

Deadline: 2 November 2010; 30 April 2011

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European organisations organising audiovisual festivals which contribute to the objectives of the MEDIA Programme and which screen a minimum of 70% European films from at least 10 States participating in the MEDIA programme, in their total programme.

Support for Television Broadcasting

Deadlines: 15 November 2010; 28 February 2011; 20 June 2011

The **Television Broadcasting** fund seeks to encourage independent European audiovisual production companies to co-produce with at least 3 other member states television broadcasters works of fiction, animation or documentary.

Distribution – Selective support

Deadline: 1st December 2010; 1st April 2011; 1st July 2011

Selective support is for groups of at least five/seven European distributing a film from another European country in their distribution territory.

This scheme encourages and facilitates the distribution of European films that would be difficult to distribute without additional support.

MEDIA Mundus

Deadline: 15 October 2010

The European Union adopted a new MEDIA Mundus programme, a broad international cooperation programme for the audiovisual industry to strengthen cultural and commercial relations between Europe's film industry and film-makers of third countries. The EU will provide €15 million of funding from 2011-2013 for projects submitted by audiovisual professionals from Europe and from third countries. Cooperation with the European film industry is in strong demand around the globe as shown by the initial success of the [MEDIA International Preparatory Action](#).

For more information: www.mediadeskmalta.eu

Open calls

Seventh Framework Programme

Please find below a list of current FP7 open calls. More information can be found at this link: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

People

	Call Identifier	Call Title	Deadline
Marie Curie Actions	FP7-PEOPLE-2011-ITN	Initial Training Networks	26/01/2011
	FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IAPP	Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways	07/12/2010

IDEAS

	Call Identifier	Call Title	Deadline
European Research Council (ERC)	ERC-2011-StG_20101124	Starting Independent Researcher Grant	24/11/2010
	ERC-2011-StG_20101109	Starting Independent Researcher Grant	09/11/2010

Capacities

	Call Identifier	Call Title	Deadline
Research Infrastructures	FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-1	Call 8 for RI	25/11/2010
	FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-2		23/11/2010
Research for the benefit of SMEs	FP7-SME-2011-BSG		08/12/2010
	FP7-SME-2011-CP		08/12/2010
Regions of Knowledge	FP7-REGIONS-2011-1	Transnational cooperation between research-driven clusters	09/12/2010
Research Potential	FP7-REGPOT-2011-1	Unlocking and developing the Research Potential of research entities established in the EU's Convergence Regions and Outermost Regions	07/12/2010
Science in Society	FP7-SCIENCE-IN-SOCIETY-2011-1		20/01/2011
	FP7-SCIENCE-IN-SOCIETY-2011-EVENTS		25/11/2010

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Cooperation

	Call Identifier	Call Title	Deadline
Health	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call 2``011	22/02/2011
	FP7-HEALTH-2011-single-stage	Single stage submission	10/11/2010
Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call 2011	22/02/2011
	FP7-KBBE-2011-5-CP-CSA		25/01/2011
	FP7-KBBE-2011-5-SME		25/01/2011
	FP7-OCEAN-2011	Ocean of Tomorrow Call	18/01/2011
ICT	FP7-ICT-2011-C	FET Open	12/03/2013
	FP7-ICT-2009-C	FET Open Scheme	07/12/2010
	FP7-2011-ICT-FI	Future Internet 2011	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-ICT-GC	ICT for Green Care 2011	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-NMP-ENV-ENERGY-ICT-EeB	Energy-efficient Buildings 2011	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-NMP-ICT-FoF	Factories of the Future 2011	02/12/2010
	FP7-ICT-2011-FET-F	FET Flagship Initiative	02/12/2010
NMP	FP7-NMP-2011-EU-RUSSIA	Coordinated call EU-Russia	31/03/2011
	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call 2011	22/02/2011
	FP7-NMP-2011-CSA-5	CSAs Call	01/02/2011
	FP7-2011-GC-ELECTROCHEMICAL-STORAGE	Sustainable automotive electrochemical storage	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-NMP-ENV-ENERGY-ICT-EeB	Energy-efficient Buildings	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-NMP-ICT-FoF	Factories of the Future	02/12/2010
	FP7-NMP-ENERGY-2011	NMP and Energy Call	25/11/2010
	FP7-NMP-2011-EU-Japan	Coordinated call EU-Japan 2011	17/11/2010
	FP7-ENV-NMP-2011	Environment and NMP Call	16/11/2010
	FP7-NMP-2011-LARGE-5		04/11/2010
	FP7-NMP-2011-SMALL-5		04/11/2010
	FP7-NMP-2011-SME-5		04/11/2010
External Cooperation	FP7-INCO-2011-6	Reinforcing Cooperation with Europe's neighbours in the context of the ERA	15/03/2011
	FP7-INCO-2011-7	Strengthening European research facilities in third countries - INCO-LAB	15/03/2011
	FP7-INCO-2011-8	Strengthening joint European S&T centres in Third Countries - INCO-HOUSE	15/03/2011

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Energy	FP7-ENERGY-2011-2	Energy Call Part 2	07/04/2011
	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call 2011	22/02/2011
	FP7-OCEAN-2011	The Ocean of Tomorrow	18/01/2011
	FP7-2011-NMP-ENV-ENERGY-ICT-EeB	Energy-efficient Buildings	02/12/2010
	FP7-ENERGY-2011-JAPAN	EU-Japan Call	25/11/2010
	FP7-NMP-ENERGY-2011	Energy and NMP Call	25/11/2010
	FP7-ENERGY-2011-1	Energy Call - Part 1	16/11/2010
	FP7-ENERGY-2011-EXCHANGE	Energy International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	16/11/2010
Environment (including Climate Change)	FP7-OCEAN-2011	The Ocean of Tomorrow	18/01/2011
	FP7-2011-GC-ELECTROCHEMICAL-STORAGE	Sustainable automotive electrochemical storage	02/12/2010
	FP7-2011-NMP-ENV-ENERGY-ICT-EeB	Energy efficient Buildings	02/12/2010
	FP7-ENV-2011		16/11/2010
	FP7-ENV-2011-ECO-INNOVATION-OneStage		16/11/2010
	FP7-ENV-2011-ECO-INNOVATION-TwoStage		16/11/2010
	FP7-ENV-NMP-2011		16/11/2010
Transport	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call	22/02/2011
	FP7-OCEAN-2011	The Ocean of Tomorrow	18/01/2011
	FP7-GALILEO-2011-ENTR-1		16/12/2010
	FP7-GALILEO-2011-GSA-1-a		16/12/2010
	FP7-2011-GC-ELECTROCHEMICAL-STORAGE	Sustainable automotive electrochemical storage	02/12/2010
	FP7-AAT-2011-RTD-1	Aeronautics and Air Transport	02/12/2010
	FP7-SST-2011-RTD-1	Sustainable Surface Transport	02/12/2010
	FP7-TPT-2011-RTD-1		02/12/2010
	FP7-GALILEO-2011-GSA-1-b		05/10/2010



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SSH	FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD	ERA-NET Call 2011	22/02/2011
	FP7-SSH-2011-1	Collaborative projects (large scale integrating research projects)	02/02/2011
	FP7-SSH-2011-2	Collaborative projects (small or medium scale focused research projects)	02/02/2011
	FP7-SSH-2011-3	Coordinated and support actions	02/02/2011
Space	FP7-SPACE-2011-1	Space Call 4	25/11/2010
Security	FP7-SEC-2011-1	Security Research Call 4	02/12/2010
Joint Technology Initiatives	FCH-JU-2010-1	FCH JU Call for Proposals 2010	13/10/2010



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