



eNewsletter

The Research Potential Network in FP7

Working together to strengthen research capacities in convergence and outermost regions of the EU

Events

- 17-18/11/08 [Paris Region Innovation Tour](#), Paris France
- 22-24/10/08 [eChallenges e-2008 Conference](#) Stockholm, Sweden
- 22-24/10/08 [Europe INNOVA Conference 2008](#) Lyon, France
- 06-09/10/08 [Open Days 2008: European Week of Regions and Cities](#) Brussels, Belgium

News

16 partners in ResPotNet Project:

The European Network of NCPs for the Research Potential programme, ResPotNet is a 4-year project that aims to support research and industrial communities in the European Union's convergence and outermost regions to fully utilise their research potential, strengthen their capacities and increase participation in the Framework Programme. The Network offers services tailored to the needs of researchers for collaboration and mutual learning.

ResPotNet Website Launched

The portal has been developed to help potential participants better navigate their way to submitting a successful proposal. Information on the "Research Potential" programme, success stories, funding opportunities, news, events, etc. are available. A partner Search facility will be available once the call is published by the EC.

ResPotNet at ESOF 2008

For the first time since launching the NCP network, ResPotNet was presented at the ESOF Conference in Barcelona, July 2008. To better introduce and promote the project, a stand was set up where all the EC info material about regional programmes and funding opportunities was displayed, together with the project flyers and posters. NCPs Italy and Spain have disseminated the information about the services provided by the Network. Next ESOF Conference will take place in 2010 in Turin! We look forward to seeing you there!

ResPotNet to participate in [Open days 2008](#)

Brussels, 6-9 October

Poster & useful material uploaded onto ResPotNet website's [egallery](#)

New Calls in October 2008

Unlocking and developing the Research Potential of research entities established in the EU's Convergence & Outermost regions. (€30M)

This activity encourages the research community in these regions to reinforce their S&T potential. It enables highest quality or most promising research entities that are active in the FP7 to become more integrated in the ERA.

International Cooperation. (€8M)

This activity will provide the opportunity for the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC) to develop partnerships through twinning actions with existing or emerging centres of excellence established in the EU's convergence and outermost regions and the Member States and/or the Associated Countries.

Brokerage facility for partners search (€1M). This activity is tailored for identified beneficiaries.



www.respotnet.eu



Success story: The Greek interoperability centre: enabling research in the interoperability domain (G.I.C.) - €1.1M

Interoperability has been recognised as a key element in achieving high productivity in Enterprise and especially in SMEs. Their information systems depend on it while it acts as the main driver in delivering effective pan-European electronic government services directed towards citizens and businesses.

Interoperability is promoted by the i2010 Strategy Framework and is a key feature of the eGovernment and eBusiness European Commission research roadmaps. It is also a hot topic for all Governments both inside and outside the EU.

Interoperability is recognised as an inter-disciplinary research topic with high political and technological value. The main goal of the proposed project is to establish a new research centre targeting eGovernment and eBusiness Interoperability Research, within the National Technical University of Athens, the leading technological research institute in Greece.

Success story: Improve the research activities of Foggia university by an action plan aimed to upgrade and reinforce its RTD potential (IRF) c. €0.2M

The objective of project is to increase the Research potential of the University of Foggia through the development of an action plan aimed to upgrade and reinforce its RTD potential.

High level independent experts will evaluate the level of the research quality and infrastructures of the University through a SWOT analysis. On the basis of this evaluation, the actuators of the project will work out an Action Plan to upgrade and reinforce RTD potential of the University. The expected result is to improve the research capacity of the applicant for an optimised participation in EU research initiatives.

Flash Info on 2008 Calls

FP7-REGPOT-2008-1 Unlocking and developing the Research Potential of research entities in the EU's Convergence & Outermost regions

Deadline 14 March 2008 budget **€29M**

Proposals submitted – 475

Ineligible proposals – 24

Proposals with score above the threshold - 193

Total requested budget from proposals above threshold – €191,679,605

FP7-REGPOT-2008-2 Providing Evaluation Facilities for Research entities established in the EU's Convergence & Outermost regions

Deadline 14 March 2008 budget **€1M**

Proposals submitted – 30

Ineligible proposals – 5

Proposals with score above the threshold - 12

Total requested budget from proposals above threshold – €1,565,760

The total number of proposals that will be funded, depends mainly on the available budget. The first grant agreements will be concluded by December 2008.

