



The Research Potential Network in FP7

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

eNewsletter

Events

07/07/09 [Conference on research and innovation for developing Europe, Lund Sweden](#)

26-29/10/09 Exchanging best practice & experience among NCPs, Regional NCPs' Annual Forum, Romania

16/11/09 [International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation \(ICERI 2009\)](#), Madrid Spain

News

ResPotNet @ Research Connection and OPEN DAYS 2009 ResPotNet participated in the "Research Connection 2009", the EU Conference/exhibition held in Prague from 7 to 8 May 2009, under the Czech Presidency. A series of events was dedicated to research and regional development and direct links are available on our site (www.respotnet.eu/news.html). More than 2,000 participants were informed about the "Research Potential" programme and Network at our stand (which was set up in collaboration with the NCP Network for Research Infrastructures).

ResPotNet will be also present at the OPEN DAYS 2009 "European Week of Regions and Cities", on 5-8 October, in Brussels. A presentation of the Network at a specialised workshop is foreseen.

Great tribute for the G.I.C. team

The team working on the "Greek Interoperability Centre" (G.I.C.) project funded under REGPOT-2007-1 won the first prize in the Greek IMAGINE CUP Student Competition 2009, organised by Microsoft Hellas, and will represent the country in the forthcoming world competition in Egypt.

G.I.C., operating within the National Technical University of Athens, is becoming a leading research centre in the field of eGovernment and eBusiness Interoperability Research. Visit the website and find out more about its current activities, international networks, distinctions and prizes, as well as about opportunities for collaborations around Europe!
<http://www.iocenter.eu/>

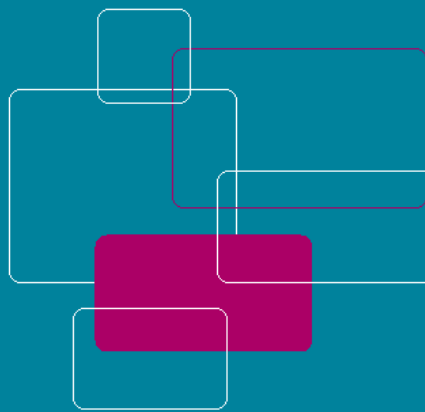
APRE the Italian Agency for the Promotion of European Research to organise a National Info Day on the FP7 "Research Potential for the convergence and outermost regions" and "Regions of Knowledge and support for regional research-driven clusters" to be held on the June 22, 2009 at the University of Ferrara.

The event is meant to have a positive impact at both a regional and national level, by inviting delegates from regions all over Italy including the convergence regions.

The [Programme](#) of the event aims to present the opportunities in these work programmes while introducing the 2010 calls and providing tips for submitting well-structured, eligible proposals. In the afternoon potential proposers will have the opportunity to discuss their project ideas in bilateral meetings with the Italian National Contact Point.



www.respotnet.eu



New European Commission website/publication presents a selection of FP6 success stories.

The projects selected from a very vast amount of research projects funded under FP6 give a holistic overview of the type of research being conducted in the EU. The locations, as well as the topics are diverse and exciting and cover areas such as the frozen wastelands of the Arctic to the arid deserts of central Asia, as well as those who work in the more traditional setting of a laboratory.

The projects covered touch on every aspect of our daily lives, from health, environment and food to the way we travel and how our energy is produced.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/research-for-europe/>

Success Story

NANOHOST: 1st International Conference in October, Santorini

NANOHOST is funded under REGPOT-2007-1 call and aims at strengthening the research capacity and further development of the carbon-nanostructures lab (CNSLab) at the Theoretical and Physical Chemistry Institute (TPCI) at the National Hellenic Research Foundation in Athens, Hellas. The current research activity in the CNSLab is in the forefront of development and characterisation of carbon-based nanostructured hybrid materials. CNSLab is practically the only centre in Europe where carbon nanohorns (CNHs) are functionalised and CNHs-based hybrids are produced. The project leads to a substantial development of the CNSLab in terms of personnel and equipment but also in terms of a strengthening of the status of CNSLab at national, European and international level as a centre of excellent research and provider of know-how.

The achievements so far include workshops, publications and popularisation activities. The International Conference on Carbon Nanostructured Materials - Cnano'09 - will take place on 4-8 October 2009, in the island of Santorini, Greece.

Visit the project's site for info on the activities, job vacancies, etc.: www.nanohost.gr

Commission publishes update report on progress in FP7

Nearly 36,000 proposals were received during the first 2 years of the FP7 and over 5,500 proposals were selected for funding.

The report states that the "Research potential" and "Regions of knowledge" activities provide value in building scientific capacity across regions, particularly in convergence regions, but seem to lack budget for having a sizeable impact, in particular in the New Member States.

Better and more targeted use of Structural Funds in the period of 2007-2013, which have earmarked a budget of approximately the same size as FP7 for research and innovation. This budget, once synergised with FP7 objectives and instruments, do much more to raise the level of scientific and technological excellence across the EU.

The [report](#) assesses progress in implementing FP7 and analysis what needs to be done to fully reach the original objectives of this funding Programme.

