



The Research Potential Network in FP7

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

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Events

02-06/03/10 [Brokerage Event Future Match 2010](#) Hannover, Germany
10/03/10 [How to Write FP7 Proposals Successfully](#) Brussels, Belgium
15-17/03/10 [Week of Innovative Regions in Europe \(WIRE2010\)](#), Granada, Spain
8-9/04/10 [Science against Poverty Conference](#), La Granja, Segovia
13-14/04-10 [From economic recovery to sustainability](#) Valencia, Spain

News

The ResPotNet Partner Search Facilitator and the other services provided by the "Research Potential" NCPs were presented at European events: the Euroscience Mediterranean Event (ESME) and the Open Days 2009.

ESME 2009 (<http://www.esme2009.org/>), organised on 15-19 October 2009, in Athens, included a series of events dedicated to R&I providing a platform for dialogue on S&T, society and policy. ResPotNet was presented under the section "Science and Innovation".



The Network was also presented to more than 6,000 participants from around 40 countries, at the OPEN DAYS 2009 "European Week of Regions and Cities", 5-8 October, Brussels. (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2009/). The event brought together politicians, practitioners, academics and reps from businesses, banks and civil society organisations for exchange and networking on local and regional issues.

All ResPotNet presentations are available on: <http://www.respotnet.eu/egallery.html>

Send your national events for publication on ResPotNet website (1.500 monthly visitors from 40 countries), or your proposals for presentations in European events: tzenou@ekt.gr, pinto@apre.it



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Annual Forum: Bucharest, October 2009

The first NCP Forum was organized by MECT-ANCS (NCP Romania) on 26-28 October 2009, in Bucharest, Romania. The objective of the event was to gather all NCPs for exchange of knowledge/best practice on services and activities for the Regional programme, strong/weak points of the NCPs, progress of ResPotNet project, etc.



The invited speakers included the Project Officer (Anna Remond), experts on the field of research and regional development (Gabriel Vladut, Prof. Dan Dascalu), evaluators (Albua Mihaela, Alexandru Marin) and successful proposers (Daniel Cosnita, Alexandru Muller, Gimi Aurelian Rimbu, Ion Ivan) of the "Research Potential" programme. WP and Task Leaders of ResPotNet also presented the results of their activities and shared their knowledge and experience with all NCPs. The agenda covered the following topics:

- Applying Research of Excellence for Economical Growth/ Benchmarking/Research in micro-and nanotechnologies and its potential for cooperation in innovation and in education".
- Open Calls on Regions of Knowledge & Research Potential
- Exchange of good practice
- Success Stories from Romania /Virtual Tour in two National

All the presentations are available on the ResPotNet intranet (ncp@respotnet> Documents).

Workshops on Structural Fund

The Workshop on the Synergies between the Structural Funds and FP7 was organised by FFG/Austria, on 27 October, in Bucharest, under the frame of the Annual Forum. Günter SCHEER, expert in the field, presented theoretical issues and practical examples of the synergies between the two funding instruments. The speakers were experts on the field (Günter Scheer, ÖAR-Regionalberatung, Austria, Katarzyna Dorf, Industrial Research Institute for Automation and Measurements, Poland). The topics covered:


- How to combine the FP and the Structural Fund Instruments successfully? Practical Guidelines for Regional NCPs, Good Practices
- Updates on Research and Innovation Perspectives of the Structural Funds
- EuroRISNet: Research Infrastructure NCP Project: Synergies between NCP projects.

Workshops on Legal & Financial Issues

The Workshop on Legal & Financial Issues was organised by CSIC/Spain. EC officials presented the following topics: The Participant Portal, Participant Data Management/Unique Registration Facility, EPSS: How to submit a Proposal, Steps of the Negotiation and Amendment of a project, Management of the project: the reporting periods and the FORCE Experience of a project manager.

The speakers were officials of the European Commission, specialized on the above topics (Estelle Barrillon, Daniel Kiapes, Philippe Demore, Philippe Merle, Miguel Pesquera, Patrice Lemaitre, and Bertrand Michaud).





Success Story: The Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Genomics, Biotechnology and Quality of Animal Products in Sustainable Production Systems with consideration of Animal Welfare – **ANIMBIOGEN in EU** – is co-ordinated by the Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Jastrzębiec n/Warsaw.

The project (2009–2012) is supported by the International Advisory Board consisting of 16 outstanding scientists from 8 Western European countries and Israel. The objective of CoE ANIMBIOGEN IN EU is the stimulation of the research potential of the Centre located in the EU convergence region by unlocking and developing its existing excellence in the fields of genomics and biotechnology. This will help with the improvement of farm animals' functional traits and high quality food obtained in sustainable production systems. Keeping in mind animal welfare and as limited an unfavourable effect agriculture can have on the environment as possible in Europe.

The project also aims to strengthen and achieve the highest quality research capacity of the Centre in terms of human and material potential and proficient research management, to participate successfully in research activities at the European level.

More info: <http://www.ighz.edu.pl/?p0=3&p1=28>

Success story: The Proteins in Health and Disease (Health-Prot) project run by the International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw, targets the expansion of activities initiated in the FP5 Centre of Excellence in Molecular Bio-Medicine (CEMBM). CEMBM as the Centre of Excellence developed an advanced methodology of analysis of complex protein structures with the use of cell and molecular biology techniques, biochemical methods, crystallographic analysis and computer modelling.

The strategic aim indicated in the project is to become a top Protein-Studies Centre in the region. The project is going to create a post for postdoctoral fellows to conduct research at the highest level and for Ph.D. students to obtain the best possible mentoring and a degree based on the top-flight theses. Health-Prot also intends to reach an ultimate critical mass by completing the organisation of IIMCB's structure and aspire to be more innovative towards applications in medicine and biotechnology. The next operational goal is to collaborate extensively with industrial partners, establish commercial services as a core facility, and organise a professional technology transfer unit. In parallel, the project is aiming at popularization of science and raising social awareness of the benefits of modern biology and biotechnology.

More info: <http://www.iimcb.gov.pl/hp/>

Flash Info-ResPotNet to set up stand at WIRE2010 Conference

WIRE2010 is the result of merging three different conferences: Conference on the efficient and effective use of budget earmarked in the Structural Funds for RTD and Innovation and their synergies with FP and CIP, "Research Potential" conference, with a focus on the assessment of results and identification of best practices of the Research REGPOT programme, "Regions of Knowledge" conference, the assessment of the results and the identification of best practices of the REGIONS programme.

ResPotNet is participating in WIRE through presentations, poster and stand-helpdesk .

If you wish to distribute success stories of your country, or promote any synergies examples (FP7/Structural Funds), or arrange meetings between researchers and/or regional authorities, please contact APRE: pinto@apre.it



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