



# EU Center News

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Dear Reader,

We are pleased to share with you the latest EU funding newsletter.

On the following pages, you will find the latest news and highlights from Brussels. Other pages provides a list of open calls for EU proposals together with links to the relevant websites where you can get further information about these funding possibilities.

For your convenience, we have also included information regarding our upcoming training on energy and environment programmes in Tenerife, Canary Islands. This promises to be an exciting opportunity to learn about the newest EU initiatives while networking with a variety of professionals from the public and private sectors. We hope to see you there!

We are also in the process of redesigning the EU Center magazine, which will continue to be accessible through our website ([www.eucenter.org](http://www.eucenter.org)). The new magazine will include articles, case studies and greater analysis of topics pertaining to EU projects and funding. If you have a suggestion or would like to join us as a guest contributor, please send an e-mail to [magazine@eucenter.org](mailto:magazine@eucenter.org). We look forward to our first trial publication, which will be available in November.

The EU Center team

## WHAT'S THE LATEST? EU NEWS YOU CAN USE

### What does the Seventh Framework Programme mean for Europe?

Brussels, 21 September 2005: 70 billion euros for the next 7 years of European research is what it means. The amount proposed by the European Commission is a worthwhile investment in Europe's future.

Figures already exist showing that European research programmes have an effect on economic and employment growth. But what is their effect at the level of companies, universities, research institutes? What is Europe risking if it doesn't invest more in European research?

**Missed opportunities.** A look at the recent past will help to understand why the European Commission considers investing more in research is necessary for Europe's future. In the past, Europe has missed opportunities in key research areas such as nuclear safety, food contamination, Alzheimer, terrestrial biosphere protection and road tunnel safety, simply due to a lack of available funds. The funding available under FP6 has allowed no more than 15% of all project proposals to be funded, leaving many excellent and innovative projects without funding.

**Past success.** These missed opportunities do not mean that the European research framework programmes have failed. On the contrary, the programmes have substantially contributed to addressing many of society's major challenges in key areas.

**Who and what will be funded?** The European Commission, on the basis of the previous framework programme assessments and indicators,

estimates that the doubling of the research budget would

- create 220,000 new research posts through the participation of Universities and Research Institutes in FP7 funded research projects, compared to 70,000 in FP6
- result in more than 20,000 contracts, compared to 7,500–8,500 in FP6
- involve over 200,000 participants, compared to 75,000–83,000 in FP6
- fund 15,000 or more fellowships, compared to 4,500–5,500 in FP6

**More support for SMEs, Europe's potential powerhouse.** Small and medium-sized enterprises are a tremendous source of innovation and growth potential for the future. The Seventh Framework Programme seeks to make the most of this potential by proposing measures to increase the participation of SMEs in research projects, and to develop systems for their increased access to research results. There is certainly a will on the part of SMEs to get involved – almost 70% of proposals received from SMEs and evaluated as excellent do not receive funding due to a lack of resources. Assuming that the average project size remains the same, a doubling of the research budget will allow the direct financing of an additional 500 SMEs every year.

**Innovation starts here.** In its Seventh Framework Programme, the European Commission has proposed a number of innovative instruments, which respond to the challenges faced by those carrying out research in Europe. These include a Risk-sharing Finance Facility, a European Research Council (ERC), and Joint Technology Initiatives.

## Environment: Commission supports 89 innovation projects in 17 countries with €71 million

Brussels, 19 September 2005: The European Commission has approved funding for 89 environmental innovation projects in 17 countries under the LIFE-Environment programme 2005. These projects will demonstrate new methods and techniques for dealing with a wide diversity of environmental problems, thus contributing to improving Europe's environment. They represent a total investment of €220 million, of which the EU will provide €71 million.

This year, the Commission received 534 proposals for funding through the LIFE-Environment programme from a wide range of public and private organisations. The Commission selected 89 of these projects, all of which will apply groundbreaking technology to solve environmental problems.

Waste management takes the lead this year in terms of the number of projects selected (31) and of the EU funding allocated (€27 million, representing 39% of the total). Minimising the environmental impact of economic activities is the second most popular theme with 22 projects (€17 million). Almost one-fifth of the EU funding (€14 million) will be allocated to 17 projects dealing with the sustainable management of groundwater and surface water. Twelve projects deal with sustainable land-use development and planning and will share around €9 million (i.e. 10%) of the EU funding available. Finally, seven projects address the reduction of the environmental impacts of products and services (€5 million).

More detailed information on each project is available at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/project/index.htm>

## LIFE Third Countries 2005: Commission funds environment projects in third countries with more than €6 million

Brussels, 19 September 2005: The European Commission has approved funding for 15 new environment projects situated in the Mediterranean and Baltic regions, under the LIFE Third Countries programme 2005. These projects focus on capacity building. They represent a total investment of €9.223.000, of which the EU will cover €6,348,240.

The European Commission has selected 15 projects in Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Russia, Tunisia, Turkey, the West Bank and Gaza, for funding through the LIFE Third Countries programme. They cover a wide range of issues, from waste management and industrial pollution prevention and control to soil monitoring and climate change. Some projects promote a movement towards EU environmental regulations or co-operation at regional or transnational level.

The total cost of the projects amounts to €9.223.000. EU financing represents approximately 69% of this amount.

More detailed information on each project is available at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/project/index.htm>

## New funding initiatives: LIFE+ and the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)

In 2007, the programme LIFE III will be replaced by LIFE+ (€2.19 billion for 2007–2013). The thematic priorities of the programme, which supports the the priorities of the Sixth Environmental Action Programme, include climate change, nature and bio-diversity (including

the Natura 2000 network), environment and health, sustainable resource use, strategic approaches to policy development, and ex-post evaluation. Third country actions will no longer be financed under LIFE, but instead will be financed under the EU's external assistance programmes. Countries participating in LIFE+ will be Member states of the EU, European Economic Area (EEA) states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. Western Balkan countries in the stabilization and accession process will be eligible. A wide variety of public and private sector organisations will likewise be eligible to apply for LIFE+ funding.

Further information is available at <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/home.htm>.

**CIP** will bring together all activities currently dispersed across MAP, LIFE-Environment, e-TEN, e-Content and the Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme. It will be more visible and comprehensible to the public while ensuring the continuity of programmes with proven track records. The three specific programmes under CIP will be

**Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme**, which, among other things, will aim to help enterprises innovate by providing access to finance; and give SMEs simple, clear and efficient access to the EU – its legislation, programmes and opportunities via business support networks, including a separate IPR helpdesk.

**ICT Policy Support Programme**, which will stimulate the new converging markets for electronic networks, media content and digital technologies; test solutions to the bottlenecks that delay wide European deployment of electronic services; and support the modernisation of public sector services that will raise productivity and improve services.

**Intelligent Energy-Europe Programme**, which will encourage the wider uptake of new and renew-

able energies, improve energy efficiency, and foster compliance with the energy regulatory framework.

Further information about CIP is available at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/enterprise\\_policy/cip/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/enterprise_policy/cip/index_en.htm).

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## Europa Media presents new EU initiatives at Malta seminar

22–23 September, St. Julians, Malta: Europa Media hosted a two-day training seminar on new EU funding initiatives. This seminar was the first of its kind to present the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), both of which will be implemented in 2007.

Approximately 40 participants from 18 European countries discussed the implications of FP7 and CIP programmes for the energy and environment sectors. As both of these sectors are EU priorities, programming will be specifically targeted toward them, and funding for them is expected to rise dramatically in the coming years.

Europa Media will follow on the success of this seminar by hosting another two-day seminar in Tenerife, Canary Islands, in the coming months. (<http://www.eucenter.org>)





# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON EUROPEAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

## 16-17 FEBRUARY 2006

Sheraton La Caleta Resort & Spa, Costa Adeje, Tenerife

Also presenting the EC Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) together with existing funding sources for energy and environment projects

The European Commission will drastically change the funding schemes available for environmental and energy projects beginning in 2006. These changes concern the introduction of completely new programmes and a significant increase in the budgets of the existing ones. The seminar lecturers will introduce these new programmes for the first time, relying heavily upon the experiences gained from years of successful project development under the current funding schemes.

Whereas official EU Information Days tend to concentrate on individual programmes with theoretical presentations, the EU Energy & Environment seminar will discuss all relevant EU programmes in a common structure providing a unique basis for decision making and future business strategy development.

**The new EU Energy & Environment Programmes that will be introduced during the course:**

### **Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7)**

Did you know that...

- » New, different categories of action and types of supported activities will be implemented through a much simpler set of funding schemes?
- » The budget of the programme is more than four times bigger than its predecessors?
- » Emphasis will be put on research themes rather than instruments?
- » Financial regulations will be simplified?

### **Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) 2007-2013**

Did you know that...

- » CIP will bring together all activities that were previously dispersed over MAP, LIFE -Environment, e-TEN, e-Content and the Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme?
- » Three specific programmes have been defined: Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme, ICT Policy Support Programme and Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)
- » IEE will emphasize the mass replication of new and renewable energy sources and energy efficient technology?

This unique seminar will discuss all the new programmes above as well as the existing ones, such as LIFE-III Environment, LIFE-III Nature, LIFE-III Third countries, Intelligent Energy for Europe, INTERREG III, Structural Funds, the Cohesion Fund and the Pre-Accession Instruments (Phare, Sapard, Ispa, Cards, Meda). All of these programmes will be presented as a common structure, tailored to fit the needs of project leaders and CEOs.



## MORE THAN A TRAINING COURSE: COME TO TENERIFE AND...

- » Consult personally with professional experts and EC project developers
- » Establish international partnerships for future business cooperation, and
- » Leave everyday business burdens behind and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the island!

### TARGET GROUP

This program is recommended for both decision makers and high-level project managers representing companies and other organisations that intend to take an active part in the development of future energy and environmental projects in Europe. This training seminar has been tailored to suit the needs of small and medium-sized enterprises, NGOs, and universities, although we also foresee the participation of municipalities and other governmental organisations.

### TOPICS

#### Day 1 - Session 1: Overview

Classification of present and future funding opportunities open for companies and other organisations from Member States and Candidate Countries.

- » Pre-accession instruments (PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD)
- » Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund
- » Community Programmes (e.g LIFE-III, EIE, FP6)
- » Relevant Community Initiatives (INTERREG III, LEADER+)
- » Information sources about EC funding possibilities on the Internet

#### Day 1 - Session 2: Community Programmes

Introduction to relevant Community Programmes providing funds for energy and environmental projects

- » The 6th Framework Programme (Sustainable Surface Transport, Sustainable Energy Systems, Global Change and Ecosystems priorities and other relevant thematic areas)
- » The Intelligent Energy for Europe Framework Programme and its four sub-programmes (SAVE, ALTENER, COOPENER, STEER)
- » The LIFE III programme and its three sub-programmes (Environment, Nature and Third countries)
- » Other Community Programmes with environmental thematic areas
- » Special EC programme introduction: Forthcoming Community Programmes
  - » FP7: Seventh Framework Programme on Research and Technological Development
  - » CIP: Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme
  - » LIFE+: Financial Instrument for the Environment +

#### Day 2 - Practical Advice for Project Developers

An outlook to the new programmes based on experiences gained during the previous programmes

Administrative and financial conditions of participating in the Community Programmes

From the original idea until the signing of the contract - project examples

- » Presentation of funded/successful projects - Why were they accepted?
- » Practical guidance for preparing competitive proposals

Successful strategies for proposal preparation

- » Proposal evaluation - Experiences of a Brussels evaluation expert
- » Procedure for signing the contract and implementing projects
- » Basic requirements of a project proposal: General principles, success criteria, tricks and useful ideas for selecting the most suitable call, setting up and managing the consortium

### Program summary

All relevant EC programmes will be comprehensively covered during the first day, while the practical sessions during Day 2 will focus on experiences and useful hints.

### TOPICS

#### Pre-Accession Funds:

For the period up to 2006, the EU will provide support under the three pre-accession instruments to candidate countries: PHARE, ISPA, and SAPARD. These are vitally important, as they will have an impact on the candidate countries' economies, and cover such vital areas as transport, energy and the environment in general. Pre-accession funds will generate more money, therefore shaping the future of at least two major sectors in the accession countries - transport and environmental protection.

#### Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund:

Structural Funds are the European Union's main instruments for supporting social and economic restructuring across the Union. ERDF covers all areas: transport, communication technologies, energy, the environment, research and innovation, social infrastructure, and others. The Cohesion Fund finances projects designed to improve the environment and develop transport infrastructure in Member States whose per capita GNP is 90% below of the Community average.

#### Community Initiatives:

Interreg III supports cross-border, transnational and transregional cooperation and regional development. The Urban 2 Community Initiative aims to support troubled urban districts of the EU. For the period 2000-2006 the total cost of these programmes is EUR 1.6 billion. Leader + is designed to help rural actors consider the long-term potential of their local region.

#### In the spotlight Community Programmes

#### Sixth and Seventh Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development

FP6: Sustainable Surface Transport, Sustainable Energy Systems, Global Change and Ecosystems

#### Intelligent Energy for Europe and the new Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programmes

EIE: Renewable energy, non-technological action on energy efficiency, energy aspects of transportation, cooperation with third countries

#### LIFE-III and LIFE+ Financial Instruments for the Environment

LIFE-III: environmental protection, nature protection

## COSTS

Standard fee: 1490 EUR **Special early bird rate: 1149 EUR\***

**\* for applications before 15 November 2005**

All rates include taxes plus buffet lunch, coffee breaks and the official training material but do not include accommodation costs.

## VENUE

Sheraton La Caleta Resort & Spa, Costa Adeje, Tenerife

### Costa Adeje - The only one of its kind on Tenerife



The Costa Adeje is on the southwest coast of Tenerife. Originally a farming area, growing bananas and tomatoes, the Costa Adeje is now a popular holiday region and includes part of Playa de las Americas. The town of Adeje is inland from the coast just off the main road that leads from Tenerife Airport up the western coast. There is a wide range of sporting activities in the area including golf, scuba diving, walking and windsurfing.

The challenging 18 hole Golf Costa Adeje course, built on a former banana plantation, is situated 5 kilometres outside Playa de las Americas. The course offers fabulous views of Mount Teide, La Gomera and the Atlantic Ocean. The local Aquapark is the only one of its kind on Tenerife with several slides, swimming pools and the most modern Dolphinarium in Europe.

### Sheraton La Caleta Resort & Spa



Only 15 minutes from the international airport of Tenerife South is a new Sheraton: The Sheraton La Caleta Resort & Spa. The hotel is located on a privileged site along the coastline of the Costa Adeje area, overlooking the ocean, boasting a 1,800 sq. m. spa and a wide choice of local and international restaurants, venues and activities, including five golf courses nearby. 284 rooms and suites provide cozy comfort. Guests find plenty of ways to satisfy their appetite at the all-dining restaurant, Spanish restaurant

with entertainment, Japanese restaurant, poolside restaurant and grill, lobby bar, or with 24-hour room service. The "Pool Village" with three outdoor pools, paddle and beach and volleyball courts offers recreational fun. For relaxation, the spa, based on the Seven Pillars of Well-being of the Starwood Spa Collection, offers multifunctional treatment suites, each with their own private courtyard, a heated pool with water treatments, an external pool, lifestyle showers, sauna, steam bath, and Health Club. More information: [www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton)

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All seminar participants will receive a special discount from the standard Sheraton price. There is also a nice variety of other hotels available in the area. For details please visit [www.eucenter.org](http://www.eucenter.org)

## MORE INFORMATION

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## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

**Europa Media PSC,**  
[www.eucenter.org](http://www.eucenter.org)

The main objective of the Europa Media Public Service Corporation is compile and disseminate information about the European Union to potential stakeholders in Europe and beyond. The founding members of the corporation have a wide range of expertise and knowledge of the European Union, which is reflected in the high quality of its services and activities. Europa Media PSC is an independent, non-profit organisation based in Budapest, Hungary.

**Geonardo Ltd,**  
[www.geonardo.com](http://www.geonardo.com)

GEONARDO Ltd. is a high-tech consulting firm specialized in engineering and business consulting. Over the past few years, the company has participated successfully in a variety of European Union funded projects, laying the foundation for combining various types of project finance mechanisms, such as domestic and European grants, venture capital and bank loans. The professional competence and experience of the Geonardo team regarding EU project development is truly exceptional in Central-Eastern Europe. Training courses presented by the experts of the company have attracted thousands of participants from all over Europe. In addition to its own projects, company experts have developed over a hundred EC project proposals on a consulting basis.

## SELECTED GEONARDO REFERENCES

Ore Mining and Environmental Technology Information Network (**OMENTIN**)

In the aftermath of the devastating cyanide spill in the Tisza River, GEONARDO launched an EC-funded project with Hungarian, Romanian, American, Swedish, and Austrian participation under its supervision. The support is EUR 300 thousand. Ref. EU/HRP-CT-2001-00002. [www.omentin.org](http://www.omentin.org)

The **GEOTHERMAL POWER** project, under the supervision of GEONARDO, is funded by the European Union's ALTENER Program. The duration of the project is 18 months. A new feasibility study concept is being developed in order to build geothermal mini-power generating plants. The project is being carried out with Hungarian, Austrian, Icelandic, and Portuguese co-operation. Its total cost is EUR 0.8 million. Ref. EU/AL-2002-045. [www.geothermalpower.net](http://www.geothermalpower.net)

The aim of the **SME ENVIRONMENT** project is to support the participation of the small- and medium sized companies from the accession countries in the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Union. GEONARDO is the Co-ordinator of the project, with participants from Austria, Hungary and Finland. EC support of the project is EUR 300 thousand. Ref. FP6-2003-Global-2-003925. [www.sme-environment.org](http://www.sme-environment.org)

The aim of the **INTUSER** project is to better inform the European public about the use of alternative energy sources and sustainable development. The project is co-ordinated by the Hungarian INNOTERM Ltd. with GEONARDO as the other Hungarian member in this international consortium of Austrian, English, Belgian, Slovakian, and Greek partners. The overall EC contribution is EUR 450 thousand provided by the EU. Ref. EU/RPTN-2001-09 [www.intuser.net](http://www.intuser.net)

**IT RECYCLING.** The overall goal of this EUR 1.5 M project is to create a selective collection system of wastes arising from computer technology and mobile-telecommunication, which has caused great concern in both the European Union and candidate countries. The project is coordinated by Hazai Rt with GEONARDO taking part as a full Contractor. LIFE03ENV/H/000272.

[www.itrecycling.hu](http://www.itrecycling.hu)

The project **ENERGY FORESTS** was endorsed by the EU in April 2002, with a total support of EUR 300 thousand. The project is co-ordinated by the Hungarian GEO-MONTAN Co., with GEONARDO on board as a contractor, along with Czech, Polish and Greek partners. The project attempts to quantify the potential in energy production by means of forest planting on low quality soil and agriculturally worthless land. Ref. EU/NNES-2002-00049. [www.energyforest.com](http://www.energyforest.com)

The **ENEFMUN** project is making energy efficiency plans for municipalities in Eastern and Central Europe. Its total budget is EUR 600.000. Its goal is to accelerate energy efficiency market formation activities for the implementation of Rational Use of Energy (RUE) and Energy Efficiency measures in as many municipalities as possible of the countries involved. Ref. SAVE-2002-095 Website: [www.cres.gr](http://www.cres.gr), [www.enero.ro/english/enefmun.htm](http://www.enero.ro/english/enefmun.htm)

The **TISZA RIVER** Project - This proposal was submitted under the leadership of the Hungarian VITUKI Rt. Its main goal is to re-examine water management practices in the Tisza River watershed area by applying uniform standards. GEONARDO participates as a full partner in a consortium of Romanian, Slovakian, British, Belgian and Austrian partners. Its operating budget is EUR 2.8 million. Ref. EU/EVKI-2001-00088. [www.tiszariver.com](http://www.tiszariver.com)

The primary goal of the **E-CONSULTING** project is to establish an EU consulting service through the Internet, preparing companies of the ten new member states and the candidate countries for participation in projects financed by the European Union. GEONARDO is the partner of Innostart Foundation in this project. EC support is EUR 100 thousand. Ref: FP6-2003-ACC-SSA-GENERAL-510555. [www.sme-consulting.net](http://www.sme-consulting.net)

The goal of the **BALATON PROJECT** is to implement an Integrated Decision Support System for the sustainable management of tourism in the Lake Balaton region. The Coordinator of the project is the Association of Lake Balaton's Civil Forums, while GEONARDO is participating in this EUR 1.5 million project as a contractor. LIFE03ENV/H/000273. [www.balatonproject.hu](http://www.balatonproject.hu)

**EMS for SMEs**, an environmental control system for transportation companies has been launched. The system has been set up with Finnish, Portuguese and Hungarian co-operation and an operating budget of nearly EUR 2 million. GEONARDO Ltd. is the only Hungarian member of the consortium, which is coordinated by the Helsinki University of Technology. LIFE02ENV/FIN/000321 [www.ecotra.net](http://www.ecotra.net)

The objective of the **AQUAREC** project is to provide knowledge for a rational wastewater reuse strategy in Europe as a major component of sustainable water management practices. GEONARDO is a member of the consortium, which is coordinated by the University of Aachen, Germany with partners from the Netherlands, UK, Israel, Greece, the Czech Republic, Belgium, Austria, Romania, Poland and Spain. Ref. EVKI-CT-2002-00130, [www.aquarec.org](http://www.aquarec.org)

## REFERENCES

Training seminars organised by Europa Media PSC and Geonardo Ltd. have attracted thousands of European organisations so far. Based on previous experiences, the Energy and Environment Seminar is perfectly tailored to the needs of SMEs, universities, and all other organisations which are working in the field of energy and environment.

Geonardo Ltd has over 20 projects that are financed by the European Commission. Please see our detailed references at [www.geonardo.com](http://www.geonardo.com)

The combined experience of the Geonardo staff in developing EC projects and the in-depth knowledge of EC policies by Europa Media are the two main assets of the seminar series that has attracted several thousand participants from all over the world.

## SEMINAR TOPICS

## Energy:

Renewable energy \* solar \* wind \* biomass \* geothermal \* small hydro \* energy efficiency \* public awareness

## Environment

Water \* waste \* wastewater \* water framework directive \* non-point source pollution \* risk assessment \* plastics & chemicals



## SELECTED TRAINING AND CONFERENCES BY EUROPA MEDIA

### Wollongong, Australia - 21 February, 2005

One-day seminar on submitting, managing and co-financing projects under the Sixth Framework Programme

This course was designed to give a practical overview of the FP6 programme, to justify direct and indirect benefits of participation through real project examples, and to provide useful hints and tricks for Australian and New Zealander project proposers from universities, research institutions, innovative SMEs, and the corporate sector.



### Istanbul, Turkey - 27 June 2005



EU Funding for Turkish companies, NGOs, Universities and Research Organisations. The number of Community Programmes and the amount of other available EU financial support open for Turkey will significantly increase during 2005 and beyond. This training will assist the participation of Turkish organizations in these EU programmes and share the experiences of a New Member State.

### EU Enlargement from a Business Perspective Conference and Workshop - Keszthely, Hungary - 28-29 April, 2005

International Conference on business aspects of the enlargement. Business leaders, technology providers and top government officials sat together in order to share experiences and assess the challenges following the historic enlargement of the European Union in 2004.



### International Training on EU Funding Opportunities for Managers and Decision-makers - Plovdiv, Bulgaria - 11-14 October 2004, 11-12 April 2005



Focus: Energy & Environment, R&D, IT and digital content. Decision-makers invited from Bulgaria and other European countries were provided with the opportunity to meet experts from relevant industrial sectors. These experts were also interested in forming partnerships and working in consortia for EU-funded projects.

### Seminar series: Lisbon, Portugal & Paris, France - 1-6 April 2004

Seminars on Business Cooperation in Central-Eastern Europe for French and Portuguese Companies. The topics included EU project proposal preparation, and business cooperation opportunities for Portuguese and French companies with newly-accessed countries from Central and Eastern Europe.



### Three-day training course on preparing and submitting project proposals funded by the European Union - Environment & Sustainable Development - Heviz, Hungary - 23-25 February 2004

The program was designed for those who wished to have a comprehensive overview of European environmental programmes and planned to submit proposals and take an active part in the development of EU funded projects.

### E-LEARNING COURSE ON EC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - 2-MONTH E-TRAINING ON EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES INCLUDING THE NEW FP7 AND CIP PROGRAMMES

The European Commission set aside financial instruments promoting cohesion between the European states, regions and also for supporting the implementation of common European policies. Applying for the funds is difficult and the competition is strong. INNOSTART FOUNDATION and GEONARDO LTD have developed a unique, cost and time effective e-learning course on EU funding opportunities to make these funds more accessible to you.



The program is designed to be user-friendly and can be handled by users with basic computer skills.

At the beginning of the training, on the first day, participants will receive a password by e-mail in order to enter the education system and start studying.

### PARTICIPATION FEE - SPECIAL PRICE IN AUTUMN 2005

149 euro + VAT (25%), which must be transferred to the bank account of INNOSTART Foundation before the start of the training course.

The next training starts on 14 October, 2005. The registration is continuous.

Further information: E-mail: [elearning@innostart.hu](mailto:elearning@innostart.hu) <http://www.innostarthu>, [www.eucenter.org](http://www.eucenter.org)

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

*"Fluent English, a high level of knowledge about EU issues."*

Mr. Ville Niutanen - Ramboll Ltd. - [www.ramboll.fi](http://www.ramboll.fi) - FINLAND

*"...There have been some very interesting and informative presentations which will be very useful for future proposal preparation. I arrived knowing very little and leave with a good understanding of the practices and procedures for putting together what I hope will be successful proposals."*

Ms. June Cunningham - Renewables Northwest - [www.renewablesnorthwest.co.uk](http://www.renewablesnorthwest.co.uk) - UNITED KINGDOM

*"Thank you very much. The training course was very useful and successful."*

Ms. Giovanna Agostinelli - Italian Ministry For the Environment & Territory - [www.minambiente.it](http://www.minambiente.it) - ITALY

*"This training is recommended for every new EU funding expert. Nowhere else can you find a basic education like this. I am very satisfied with this training."*

Gunther De Mey - Flemish Environment Agency - [www.vmm.be](http://www.vmm.be) - Belgium

*"The material was presented by people from the front line and good hints were given, especially for the evaluation process."* Mr Boyan Angelov - Nemetschek Ltd. [www.nemetschek.bg](http://www.nemetschek.bg) - Bulgaria

*"I was able to gain an overview and have sufficient knowledge to take a proposal forward with confidence."* - Mr David Wylie - Wylie Associates - [www.wylie-associates.com](http://www.wylie-associates.com) - United Kingdom

*"I was very pleased by this event, it was a very good idea. I would like to thank the Geonardo Staff for their performance and support."*

Ms. Irina Grigorovici - ISPE - [www.ispe.ro](http://www.ispe.ro) - ROMANIA

# APPLICATION FORM

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON EC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT -

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

SHERATON LA CALETA RESORT & SPA, COSTA ADEJE, TENERIFE

16-17 FEBRUARY, 2006

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or Company

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## EU Funding opportunities in brief

The primary aim of this free booklet is to provide useful, up-to-date information on a regular basis to potential project applicant organizations, primarily small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). EU project material is streamlined through the mapping of EU funding opportunities and a description of current activities within each programme. Extensive EU contact information is also included. "EU Funding Opportunities in Brief" is the result of a joint effort between Europa Media and Geonardo Ltd.

## EU Center Magazine

The EU Center Magazine is the official monthly electronic publication of the EU Center. Magazine contents include comprehensive and up-to-date information on numerous topics related to European Union programmes, projects and funding opportunities.

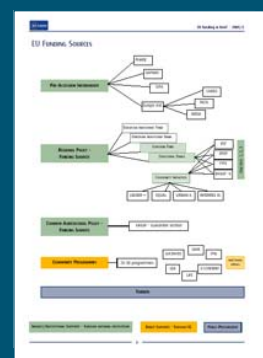
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- » Community Programmes
- » Funding news
- » Event Calendar
- » Deadlines

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## DEADLINES FOR ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES – 2005–2006

### EIE – INTELLIGENT ENERGY FOR EUROPE

<p><b>Intelligent Energy – Europe (EIE)</b> is the Community's support programme for non-technological actions in the field of energy, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. The programme mainly supports mid-term and long-term developments. The <b>duration</b> of the programme is from <b>2003–2006</b>. The total operational budget of the EIE programme for the period of 2003–2006 is <b>215 + 50 million euros</b>.</p>	<p>This call will be the <b>last opportunity for COOPENER</b> projects in the area of co-operation with developing countries under this current programme. There will also be two calls for events, one with a deadline to coincide with the main call and a second later in 2006. Proposals for events should be submitted at least 6–9 months before the event takes place.</p>
<p>The Commission is currently preparing the <b>third call</b> for proposals under '<b>Intelligent Energy – Europe</b>'. The call is likely to be published towards the end of September 2005 and it will be <b>open until early 2006</b>.</p> <p>Most thematic areas of the global work programme 2003–06 will be open for proposals. Final details of the 2005 call will be set out in the annual work programme for 2005, which is expected to be published in <b>August or September</b>.</p>	<p>Further information on calls for proposals: <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm</a></p> <p>Call library: <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/call_library_en.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/call_library_en.htm</a></p> <p>Approximately 50 million euros of financial support will be made available, for energy efficiency, renewables, the intelligent use of energy in transport and horizontal actions including the creation of energy agencies.</p>

### LIFE–III

<p><b>LIFE III</b> (L'Instruments Financiers pour l'Environnement), the <b>Financial Instrument for the Environment</b>, introduced in 1992, is one of the milestones of the European Union's environmental policy. LIFE is a horizontal legal instrument system, which has three main fields of activity. On the bases of these activities it tries to have an effect in all fields of the environmental protection and the preservation of nature.</p>	<p>LIFE co-finances environmental initiatives in the European Union and certain third countries bordering on the Mediterranean and the Baltic Sea and in Central and East European Accession Candidate Countries that have decided to participate in LIFE. The <b>duration</b> of the programme is from <b>2000–2006</b>. The total operational budget of LIFE III. programme for the period of 2000–2006 is 957 million euros.</p>
<p><b>LIFE 2005– 2006 Call for proposals</b></p> <p><a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/funding/index.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/funding/index.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Deadlines</b></p> <p>30/09/2005</p> <p>31/10/2005</p>



## FP6 – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, GLOBAL CHANGE AND ECOSYSTEMS

**FP6 – Sustainable Development, Global Change and Ecosystems** is for research projects developing sustainable transport in the context of global change and protection of biodiversity and preserving ecosystems. The main objectives of the programme are strengthening the S&T capacities needed for Europe to be able to implement a sustainable development model in the short and in the long term, integrating its social, economic and environmental dimensions; contributing to international efforts mitigating adverse trends in global change. The indicative **budget** allocated to the Thematic Priority Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems for the **duration** of FP6 2002– 2006 is **2,12 billion euros**.

The 3 priority areas are the following:

**Sustainable Energy Systems:** Grants for research projects in the field of energy consumption, energy efficiency and renewable energies (**810 million euros**)

**Sustainable Surface Transport:** Grants for research projects in the field of environmentally friendly and competitive transport systems and means of transport (**610 million euros**)

**Global change and ecosystems:** Grants for research projects in the field of understanding and forecasting global change and preserving ecosystems (**700 million euros**)

### Calls for proposals:

**FP6–2005–ENERGY–4:** Thematic call in the area of 'Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems, 1) Sustainable Energy Systems, ii) Research activities having an impact in the medium and longer term'

Deadline: 10 January, 2006:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=236](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=236)

**FP6–2005–TREN–4:** Periodic call in the area of "Sustainable energy systems" and 'Sustainable surface transport'

Deadline: 22 December, 2005:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=224](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=224)

**FP6–2005–GLOBAL–4:** Thematic call 4 in the area of Global Change and Ecosystems

Deadline: 3 November, 2005:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=211](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=211)

## FUTURE EVENTS IN THE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

**14th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition:  
Biomass for Energy, Industry and Climate Protection  
Palais des Congres, Paris, France, 17–21 October 2005**

This event is expected to be an excellent forum for the presentation of the latest innovative global strategies, technologies, projects and efficient practice rules for energy and environment. It will also give the opportunity for an information exchange and for discussions among scientists, policy makers, practitioners of the use of biomass for energy, industry and climate protection.

The exhibition integrated into the Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for making business in the emerging biomass sector.

Event supported by: The European Commission, ADEME Agency for Environment and Energy Management, UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, WCRE World Council for Renewable Energy, EUBIA European Biomass Industry Association

More information: [www.conference-biomass.com](http://www.conference-biomass.com)

**Friends of Europe European Policy Summit**  
**Beyond Kyoto: searching for a sustainable energy-environment balance**  
**La Bibliotheque Solvay, Brussels, Belgium, 18 October 2005**

The aim of the European Policy Summit is to bring together different stakeholders to discuss Europe's energy realities, the impact of today's level of research and development on climate change, and the global energy framework needed after 2012.

This one-day Summit will bring together senior European policymakers, government representatives, international organisations, civil society, business and trade representatives, and members of the international press. This interesting cross section of senior personalities will make an important contribution to the debate on tackling the energy challenge.

(Friends of Europe (FoE) is a leading Brussels-based think-tank for EU policy analysis and debate that is independent of the EU institutions and without national or political bias.)

More information: <http://www.friendsofeurope.org/>

**European University Association**  
**Autumn Conference 2005: "Research in European Universities: Strategies and Funding"**  
**University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, 20-22 October 2005**

A considerable proportion of Europe's research capacity is concentrated in the continent's universities. Through their multiple mission encompassing knowledge creation, transfer and dissemination, universities are at the centre of Europe's major effort to create both leading edge and sustainable knowledge societies.

The conference will address the challenges that European higher education institutions face in terms of cultural, governance and management changes needed, and the impact they have on their research activities. The conference will also assess the current state of system changes for research funding, provide an insight into different practices applied by institutions across Europe and launch a broad discussion on possible European funding and costing models.

More information: [http://www.eua.be/eua/en/Uppsala\\_conference.jsp](http://www.eua.be/eua/en/Uppsala_conference.jsp)

**World Renewable Energy Assembly including the 2nd International Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energies and the 3rd World Renewable Energy Forum**  
**Hotel Kanzler, Bonn, Germany, 26-30 November 2005**

The World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE)'s forthcoming World Renewable Energy Assembly, "World Renewable Energy Acceleration: No more time to waste," represents the combined follow-up of the International Parliamentary Forum and the World Renewable Energy Forum. This assembly is the common platform for parliamentarian and non-governmental protagonists in the fields of Renewable Energy, Environmental Protection, Development Aid and Social Movements as well as for representatives of science, industry and agriculture committed to Renewable Energy.

More information: [www.wrea2005.org](http://www.wrea2005.org)