



Newsletter on EU activities in relation with eco-innovation funding

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TIME LINE

- **10 September 2014:** deadline to submit proposals ([call](#)) with a view to selecting and designating a new KIC - Knowledge and Innovation Community - in each of the following thematic areas:
 - Innovation for healthy living and active ageing ; and
 - Raw materials: sustainable exploration, extraction, processing, recycling and substitution
- **18 June 2014:** 1st Cut off date for SMEs instrument phase 1
- **11-12 June 2014:** 12th SusChem Stakeholder Event - *Sustainable Chemistry: Always at the Forefront of Innovation in Brussels*
- **14 May 2014:** deadline to apply for membership of the European Network of Living Labs ([more](#))
- **13 March 2014:** 11th cut-off date for Eurostar ([more](#))
- **10-11 March 2014:** The European Commission is organizing its 2014 Innovation Convention in Brussels ([more](#)). Several fringe sessions will be organized by stakeholders organization on topics related to SMEs, innovation and regional cooperation.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- **KIC InnoEnergy**, has launched on February 4 a Call for Proposals that will support collaborative projects aimed at developing innovative sustainable energy-related products and services ([more](#)). Deadline for submission of proposals expires on May 23, 2014. Such projects should present:
 - a time to market shorter than 5 years from the beginning of the project,
 - a maximum project duration of 3 years
 - a high Technology Readiness Level

Each Innovation project starts with a feasibility study dedicated to the analysis and development of the business opportunity. The funding allocation is limited to a maximum of 50.000 €. Once successful at the gate review, the funding for projects is limited to 25% and is allocated on a half-yearly basis.

- **ERA-IB-2 "Industrial Biotechnology":** On 1 February 2014 the fifth ERA-IB joint call ([more](#)) was launched in cooperation with ERA-NET EuroTransBio. The main purpose of the call is to generate joint European research and development activities. Joint projects must have between 3 and 8 participants from a minimum of three different ERA-IB-2 and/or EuroTransBio partner countries. The participation of an industrial partner in the consortium is mandatory.
The deadline for submitting the pre-proposals is 31 March 2014. The results of the pre-proposal evaluation will be announced to the project coordinators during the first week of May. Those who are selected during the first phase will be invited to submit a full proposal by 30 June 2014. In November 2014, the ERA-IB consortium will announce the projects that are recommended for funding. The approved projects will start in early 2015.

- **EuropeAid “Indo European Cooperation on clean technologies and energy efficiency for eco-cities”:** The specific objective of this Call for Proposals is to support Government of India's efforts, at central and local levels, in promoting and implementing energy efficiency, clean development approaches and green energy sources, technologies and solutions, and its effective take-up by public and private sectors, to facilitate the sustainable development of cities in India. Deadline to submit a concept note is on 24 May 2014 ([more](#)).
- **EuropeAid “Supporting the Southern Neighbourhood Partnership cities in the implementation of Sustainable Urban Demonstration Energy Projects “:** This Call for Proposals is aimed at enabling local authorities in ENPI South partner countries to address local sustainable development challenges related to energy. The specific objective are to contribute to
 - the increase in energy efficiency, energy savings and renewable energy sources;
 - the improvement of capacities of local authorities in the sphere of sustainable energy;
 - the generation of a pool of demonstration actions which can be replicated in the region.
 Deadline to submit a concept note is on 23 May 2014 ([more](#)).

NEWS

- **Innovation Policy platform:** The OECD and the World Bank recently launched the Innovation Policy Platform, an interactive website that supporting analysts and stakeholders in the innovation policy-making process. The website provides an online repository which aims at facilitating collective learning about innovation policy, both in conceptual and how-to aspects. The contents are tailored to the needs of both developing and developed countries ([more](#)).
- **European Innovation Partnerships:** EIPs are challenge-driven, focusing on societal benefits and a rapid modernisation of the associated sectors and markets. They act across the whole research and innovation chain, bringing together all relevant actors at EU, national and regional levels in order to:
 - step up research and development efforts;
 - coordinate investments in demonstration and pilots;
 - anticipate and fast-track any necessary regulation and standards;
 - mobilise ‘demand’ in particular through better coordinated public procurement to ensure that any breakthroughs are quickly brought to market.
 Currently 5 EIPs have been formed: Active & Healthy Aging; Agricultural Sustainability & Productivity; Smart Cities & Communities; Water; Raw materials
 An independent expert group was set up in 2013 by the European Commission to assess progress and evaluate the overall performance of the European Innovation Partnerships ([more](#)).
- **H2020 SME instrument:** Call for expression of interest for #H2020 #SMEinstrument business coach not published yet. It should come by April

ARTICLES

- Webinar “Support for cleantech companies in pitching technologies to the Indian market” organized on March 25, 2014 at 10.00 am CET by the European Business and Technology Centre ([more](#))
- EU, African science groups support biotech development ([more](#))
- New global coalitions for green tech solutions ([more](#))