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ETNA_{plus} Funding Map Database now available

A major objective of the ETNA Plus project was to develop a searchable and interactive Funding Map Database [FMD] to enable NCPs and researchers to identify all potential funding sources to support trans-national transport research and innovation within Europe, i.e. not limited to H2020. These activities might include research and innovation, but also researcher mobility, transport research infrastructure, development of products and services, as well as procurement opportunities. As a consequence, we are collaborating with Panteia, the managers of the Transport Research & Innovation Portal [TRIP] develop this tool and ensure its value to the transport community.

In order to develop the FMD we have been mapping sources of public sector grant funding, including those directly available from various Directorates General within the European Commission, including the Connecting Europe Facility, INTERREG, etc. In addition, we have been mapping sources of equity and debt funding or loans, including bank guarantees, from sources such as the European Investment Bank and private institutions.

The FMD is now available on the ETNA_{plus} website and, based on the funding needs of the user, or their representative, provides a signpost to one or more potential funding sources, based on the answers to a series of options, i.e.

- Member State or Associated Country of researcher
- Transport Mode, e.g. aviation, rail, etc.
- Applicant Type, e.g. SME, university, etc.
- Project type, e.g. innovation, policy research, etc.
- Collaboration and/or single applicant
- Type of funding, e.g. grant, equity, etc.

You can access the FMD trough the ETNA_{plus} web site or directrly:
www.transport-ncps.net/services/funding-map-database.html

Another important activity underway is the development of an advanced "partner search" facility, to complement the existing ETNA_{plus} partner search tool. This will identify possible partners, based on their FP7 track record, obtained from the project information contained within the TRIP and CORDIS databases. Once this has been completed, this database will be linked to information on the themes covered by the projects. A list of partners will then be available that have been active in this field. This facility will be available in the second half of 2015.

ETNA_{plus} trainings in the fall

The next ETNA_{plus} training for Transport NCPs will take place in Athens on the 30th of September.

The subject of the training will be the **SME instrument and business plan writing for innovative companies**. There is a clear opportunity for innovative companies with high growth potential in Horizon 2020 but also through risk finance tools as well as VCs and business ang els. Business plan writing is a not so trivial process that becomes even more challenging when the business involves innovative products and services.

NCPs will be trained by SME instrument and Business Plan experts with a view to offering assistance to SMEs that wish to apply for the new and promising funding tool, especially designed for innovative and extrovert European SMEs.

Registrations can be made at the following address: http://www.transport-ncps.net/events/event/41-etna-plus-training-sme-instrument-and-business-plan-writing.html

Registrations will be closed on **8th of September**. Be aware that the number of positions is limited to 15, so transport NCPs will be served on a first come first served basis. NPCs can ask to have their travel and accommodation costs refunded according to the rules of refunding of ETNA_{plus}.

Another training event will take place in Bratislava on the 12h of November. The focus will be on ETPs, JTIs, and EIPs .

ETNA_{plus} upcoming webinars

A webinar on "Proposal submission" took place on the 4th of July. For those who missed it, the presentations are available for consultation on the ETNA_{plus} website at the following address:

http://www.transport-ncps.net/library/39-library/2nd-etna-plus-webinar-h2020-proposal-submission.html

Another webinar presenting the tools created by ETNA_{plus} for partner search, finding funding scheme and getting information on potential partners will take place on the **25th of September 2014**. Registrations will be open at the beginning of September on our website.

Lastly, a webinar on "SME Instrument" will be organised in **October**. Information regarding this session will be available soon

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ETNA_{plus} Academy

ETNA_{plus} will organise its first academy on the 14th of November 2014 in Bratislava, Slovakia. The aim of the Academy is to provide training and support to partners coming from EU-13 countries.

Travel expenses may be covered by ETNA_{plus} (up to a max of 500€ for each participant), according to the following priority order:

- EU 13 Coordinators of stage 2 proposals submitted under 2014 call.

- EU 13 Coordinators of proposals to be submitted under upon positive evaluation of the project idea (and of its relevance for the transport R&I either in challenge 4 or in any other H2020 challenges.

- Any other EU 13 participants to proposals under the calls 2014 – 2015, as long as financial resources are available.

Further information on the Academy agenda and reimbursement rules are available at:

www.transport-ncps.net/services/etna-academy.html

ETNA_{plus} second Forum

ETNA_{plus} will host its second forum in Genova, on the 3rd of December 2014. The aim of this event is to provide other NCPs with the latest information relevant to their activities, and allow them to meet important stakeholders.

The forum is a side event of the conference on "transport safety: societal challenges, research solutions"; no fee is needed, and it will take place at the Palazzo Ducale of Genova.

ETNA_{plus} forum's audience is restricted to National Contact Points. NCPs are eligible for refunding of their travel and accommodation costs for this event, provided they follow the ETNA_{plus} guidelines. For more information regarding the reimbursement procedures and maximum refunded amount, contact juliette.renaud@ifsttar.fr

The event will focus on the outcomes of the first call "H2020". We'll take advantage of the presence of high ranking participants from the European Commission to get first hands information on the outcomes of this first year of H2020.

As we also want to have an event where stakeholders can share their experience or interact with the speakers, round tables will be organised.

A tentative programme will be available at the end of September.

Conference on "transport safety: societal challenges, research solutions"

ETNA_{plus} will support the organization of the Conference *'Transport safety: societal challenges and research solution'*, to be held in Genova (IT) on the 4th and 5th December 2014, during the Semester of Italian Presidency of European Union. This Conference, will gather stakeholders, transport professionals and policy makers from the different transport modes, to assess the future needs for transport safety, and identify priorities for activities in Horizon 2020 and beyond.

The conference will address both the safety challenges specific to each mode, common issues and concerns that cut across them – notably human factors, automation and data management – taking into account societal challenges, policy requirements, technological developments and economic benefits.

It will include 2 plenary session plus 4 parallel sessions as follow:

1) Setting the scene: societal challenges, policy drivers, R&D state of the art (plenary session);
2) R&D needs and future prospects, mode by mode (4 break-out sessions: road & urban, rail, waterborne, aviation);
3) Transport system overview; towards a medium-long term R&D agenda (plenary session).

This event is expected to provide useful input towards the definition of a shared European R&I agenda, with pointers to be taken into account in the preparation of next Horizon 2020 Work Programmes, with a view to ensure the proper deployment and implementation of safety solutions resulting from research activities.

ETNA_{plus} support activities will include a contribution to the following:

- Identification of a participants distribution list
- Dissemination campaign at national and EU level
- Registration of participants

300 participants from Italian and European industry, academia, technological clusters, researchers, policy makers, public authorities are expected.

For further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/news/items/first_announcement_save_date_en.htm

Find your ICT Research Partners
9-10 October 2014 – Florence, Italy

The ICT Proposers' Day 2014 event will be held in Florence, Italy, on 9-10 October 2014.

It is organized by the European Commission – DG Connect in cooperation with the Italian Presidency, the Region of Tuscany, the Municipality of Florence and the University of Florence. The event will focus on Horizon 2020 (H2020) - the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for 2014-2020, by highlighting the ICT related opportunities under the 2015 Calls and by emphasizing the integration of the ICT theme into the three pillars of the programme:

1. ICT for Excellent science
2. ICT for Industrial Leadership
3. ICT for Societal challenges.

In total, more than 3,000 researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, young people and policy makers are expected to attend.

Ideal-ist, the network of National Contact Points for ICT research, in cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network invites you to participate in a brokerage event with pre-arranged face2face meetings within the ICT Proposers' Day.

This brokerage event is a unique networking opportunity for actors in the ICT field to:

- build quality partnerships for participating in the new ICT Programme for 2014-2020

- facilitate the setup of project consortia for the first upcoming H2020 calls

- discuss and develop new project ideas on ICT at international level

- acquire new cross-border contacts and initiate collaborations

- promote your research results, technologies and know-how

Event Target Audience:

Representatives of companies, universities and research institutes worldwide working in the ICT sector, interested in sharing new project ideas and finding collaboration partners for Horizon 2020 proposals and beyond.

For registration:

1. First you have to register at the ICT Proposers' Day conference:

2. http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/events/cf/ictpd14/register.cfm

3. Go to section "My event" for registering at the Brokerage Event

4. Select your section of interest

5. Complete your profile and select your "area of activities". Your profile will be validated in a short From 15th of September you will be able to define face to face meetings

For further information: ict2014@apre.it

2015 H2020 Call for proposals

The European commission informed the ETNAplus network of changes regarding deadlines for 2015 calls. The information is now official and you can check on the EC participant portal the new deadlines:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html

1st Call 'Mobility for Growth' statistics on the first stage submission

ETNA_{plus} received information on the overall figures of the 1st Call for Proposal "Mobility for Growth".

Single stage and two stages submissions reached 822 proposals, among which 16 ineligible and 209 above the threshold. Coordinators will have to comply with the 2nd stage of the procedure before the 28th August.

Details about the first stage submission:

H2020-MG2014 Two Stages	N. of proposals	Proposals above	Approx. requested	Budget available (M	Min-Max EC funding
MG-1.1-2014	90	30			
MG-1.3-2014	24	12	260	52	EUR mio 2,2 - 7,9
MG-1.5-2014	69	17			
MG-2.1-2014	12	5	78	36	EUR mio
MG-2.2-2014	12	6			3,0 - 18
MG-2.3-2014	9	2	25	16	EUR mio
					8,9 - 16
MG-3.1-2014	12	5			EUR mio
MG-3.2-2014	9	2	180	46	2,6 - 10,5
MG-3.3-2014	7	2			
MG-3.4-2014	59	15			
MG-3.5a-2014	42	13	95	19	EUR mio 3,3 - 10,7
MG-4.1-2014	48	7			EUR mio
MG-4.2-2014	34	6	56		5,5 - 20
MG-4.4-2014	7	3			
MG-5.1-2014	36	9			EUR mio
MG-5.2-2014	30	6	40		2,5 - 6
MG-5.3-2014	63	17			
MG-6.1-2014	13	3	32		EUR mio
MG-6.2-2014	13	6			5,8 - 19,3
MG-7.1-2014	57	13	28		EUR mio
MG-7.2a-2014	18	10			2,9 - 6,9
MG-8.1a-2014	69	15	16		EUR mio
MG-8.2a-2014	34	5			3,0 - 5,0

Concerning coordinators, figures shows that almost half of them comes from Research Organisation, followed by Private commercial entity (29%). Four countries (Germany, Italy, Spain and UK) provides half of the coordination teams.

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