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INTRODUCTORY WORD



In the introduction let us share with you great news regarding **positive evaluation outcome of two collaborative projects supported by AMIRES** (one in the area of Energy Efficient Buildings and one in the area of Energy), recently invited to negotiations and targeting their kick-off during the second half of 2013. You will find more information on these two challenging projects in following editions of our newsletters.

We would like to congratulate to both TRIBUTE and FLUIDGLASS teams for the great collaborative effort and we are looking forward to our joint adventures in the coming months.

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY



(current estimated budget allocated to HORIZON 2020)

After the February European Council decision on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) it seems that the proposed budget for the future HORIZON 2020 programme has been cut down (in comparison with the original EC proposal) to 71 billion €. Still this sum can't be taken as granted. Tough discussions are expected in the European Parliament, where some of the political groupings have already published their statement not supporting the current proposal of MFF. **Since the whole process is still on-going, AMIRES will monitor the progress and keep you updated about next development of the HORIZON 2020 budget.**

WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



EC Public consultation on Communication on energy technologies and innovation

The European Commission has opened a consultation on energy technologies and innovation in order to seek the opinion from all relevant stakeholders on possible options for a European energy technologies policy and to receive feedback and additional ideas. **This consultation is a part of a preparation process of a Communication on energy technologies and innovation (to be published during the first half of 2013) which intends to give a European energy technology policy perspective in the follow-up to the Energy Roadmap 2050.** More information are available [here](#).



Scientific Support to EU Growth and Jobs: Efficient buildings, vehicles and equipment

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre is launching an initiative on scientific support to growth and jobs, starting with a conference dedicated to "Scientific support to EU growth and jobs: Efficient buildings, vehicles and equipment". **European efficient buildings, vehicles and equipment are three key sectors that present a real opportunity to boost Europe's competitiveness and contribute to economic development while promoting long-term sustainability at the same time.** They have the potential to trigger investment and innovation, leading to economic growth and jobs. However, on the way to shifting to a more efficient approach, there is still a need for additional scientific support from the public as well as the private sector. The main aim of this event is to identify where scientific support is needed. More information on the event are available [here](#).



Eurostars call for proposals deadline on April 4th

The Eurostars Programme is a joint programme between EUREKA and the European Commission **specifically dedicated to research-performing SMEs.** Eurostars stimulates them to lead international collaborative research and innovation projects by easing access to support and funding. The programme is co-funded by the European Commission and 33 EUREKA member countries. **The next deadline for projects submission is on April 4th 2013.** Go [here](#) to find more information.

FROM OUR PORTFOLIO



Flexible buildings to make eco-friendly districts – AMBASSADOR project

The purpose of AMBASSADOR project (Autonomous Management System Developed for Building and District levels) is to study, develop and experiment systems and tools that will aim at optimising the energy usage in the perimeter of a district by managing the energy flows, predicting and mastering energy consumption and energy production. The overall goal is to define and experiment a system that optimises the cost of energy in a district, the cost being expressed in Primary Energy, CO₂ or €. The project will investigate energy efficiency both at a building level and at a district level. A number of mechanisms and technical systems will be studied both at buildings and district level for the creation of such a system. The major part of results should be usable for transfer to development teams at the end of the project.

A consortium of 15 partners representing both the industrial (e.g. CISCO, ZIGOR, Leclanché, D'Appolonia) and R&D (e.g. CSEM, CEA-INES or NTUA) sector, has been working to reach ambitious AMBASSADOR goals, under the **leadership of Schneider Electric Industries.** The results will be validated on **three testing sites in France, Greece and UK.**

Recently a webpage of the project has been launched (under AMIRES responsibility) and first deliverables has been produced and published. More information on the project can be found on <http://www.ambassador-fp7.eu>.



smE-MPOWER Coaching Event

In all aspects of its work AMIRES is following a methodology developed by the smE-MPOWER project (Empowering SMEs for Business Innovation) and applied in francophone Switzerland as a highly recognized pillar of the regional innovation support system (through the Swiss

Innovation Platform PLATINN). This methodology is a practice proven coaching approach to empower SMEs to be the driving force in collaborative business innovation projects and stresses the mutual long term benefit of strategic partnerships. **AMIRES consultants are either accredited by PLATINN as innovation coaches or trained in smE-MPOWER methodology for business innovation through cooperation.**

Next coaching and action learning event for coaches concerned with helping SMEs forge strategic partnerships for collaborative business innovation will take place on April 23rd and 24th 2013 in Fribourg (Switzerland). If you are interested to get a deeper knowledge in the smE-MPOWER methodology and experience the coaching event, please visit following [website](#).

WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



Workshop on FP7 projects management

On March 26th 2013 a workshop dedicated to management of FP7 projects will take place in Brno. This workshop is organised by the Technology Centre ASCR and Regional contact organisation South Moravia ERA. AMIRES will contribute to this workshop by a presentation on its practical experience with the preparation and realisation of FP7 project.

More information will be available on the following [link](#).

AMIRES SERVICES



New to European R&D&I landscape? Try our “Strategic partnering model”.

Strategic partnering model is suggested for industrial partners (incl. SMEs) with little or no experience with cooperative international projects or with limited network of partners. **This service is an excellent starting point for cooperation-based projects and for introduction into the international environment and open innovation concepts.**

During the animated session, the AMIRES consultant leads the management of the company through competence mapping and innovation opportunity analysis towards the competitors and partners segmentation. Based on the results, the consultant prepares an overview of possible strategic partners (core of the future consortium). The summary of the most appropriate funding tools currently available is afterwards also provided. **Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for more information.**

For other AMIRES consultant models please see [our web pages](#).