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INTRODUCTORY WORD



Dear readers,
since the summer break is approaching very fast, **we would like to wish you a very nice summer** bringing you relax and opportunity to gain a lot of new energy that will be for sure needed to survive the intensive autumn that is in front of all of us.

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH JUNE



(number of months till Horizon 2020 launch)

Only half a year remains till the closure of FP7 and these six months will show us the final look of a new framework programme [Horizon 2020](#). **A political agreement on simplified funding model, specific instrument for SMEs and increase for Marie Curie and European Research Council has been recently reached between the negotiators of European Commission, European Parliament and Member States.** The agreed package will be now submitted to the full Council and Parliament for approval (expected after the summer break). The indicative budget of €70billion proposed by the Commission is also subject to final agreement on the Multi-Financial Framework (MFF). Therefore in autumn strong information flow regarding the organisation, content, rules and budget of the new programme can be expected. Several conferences presenting the future appearance of relevant topics has been already scheduled (e.g. [ICT 2013](#) or [Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities](#)) and **AMIRES will keep you updated on the further Horizon 2020 progress.**

WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



European Court of Auditors report on the efficiency of FP7 implementation

The European Court of Auditors, the EU Institution that carries out the audit of EU finances, has published a report on the efficiency of FP7 implementation. **The report concluded that although the European Commission (EC) has correctly managed several aspects of FP7, improvement remains to be done. Among the key recommendations are following:** ensure better use of beneficiaries' usual practices and reduce requirements for methodology certification, make efforts to reduce inconsistencies in interpretation or ensure that control is more risk-driven and

better focused. **The European Commission has accepted this report and says they will be addressed in Horizon 2020.** For more information on the report see [here](#), for more information on the EC reaction, see [here](#).



BUILD UP: Energy efficiency in buildings: the President of European Council gives a strong statement in support of more action

The Build Up portal on energy solutions for better buildings is referring to the keynote address "Main challenges of a European Energy Policy" given by the President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy, in the framework of a series of five events related to the multifaceted challenge of the energy transition towards a low-carbon economy in the course of 2013 (the high level conference 'Beyond The 2020 Horizon: Moving Towards A Common EU Energy Policy'). **In the President's speech, he pointed out that there were four major sets of priorities that were the focus of the European Council's energy summit and that of these four, the first was energy efficiency. He also highlighted how, if applied to the construction sector, it could be an effective driver for jobs and economic activity.** Find more details [here](#).



White Paper on Contribution of Nanomedicine to Horizon 2020

The European Technology Platform on Nanomedicine (ETPN) and the NANOMED2020 project **recently published White Paper on Contribution of Nanomedicine to Horizon 2020, the next European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation till 2020.** This strategic document provides a **set of key recommendations for the European Commission and the EU Member States to create a favorable ecosystem for the successful deployment of Nanomedicine in Europe.** It lays thereby the groundwork to manage the efficient translation of nanotechnology from a Key Enabling Technology (KET) into new and innovative medical products. More information on the White Paper are available [here](#).

FROM OUR PORTFOLIO



Fruitful project meetings

In months of April and May, projects with AMIRES participation were gathering at their regular meeting. **Ulm, Germany and Catania, Italy hosted M12 meetings of iONE-FP7 and UnivSEM projects, in Lavrion, Greece M6 meeting of AMBASSADOR project took place.**

All the meetings were connected with the presentation of work of all on-going Work Packages and review of all relevant and due deliverables. Members of External Advisory Board were also participating in the AMBASSADOR meeting. All the meetings gave also a very good opportunity to visit labs and testing sites of the hosting institutions.

More information on all three projects and their development are available at their websites: [AMBASSADOR](#), [iONE-FP7](#), [UnivSEM](#).



Successful presentation of iONE-FP7 project at ENF2013

Under the auspices of the Irish presidency of the Council of the EU **the Europe's largest conference on nanotechnology and materials took place in June in Dublin, Ireland**

The representation of the [iONE FP7 project](#) at this high level event was organised by AMIRES. The project exhibition stand did not offer **only information on the project itself but also gave an opportunity to see the first demonstrations of its outputs.** The stand was visited by many conference participants that showed their huge interest in the presented samples. iONE-FP7 project has also recently published an article in the Organic Electronics

journal. More information on the article are available [here](#).



Presentation in the Smart Cities and communities seminar
On May 28th 2013 a seminar organized by the Technology Centre ASCR dedicated to the concept of smart cities and communities took place in Prague. AMIRES contributed to this seminar by a presentation on its practical experience with the preparation and realisation of FP7 projects thematically closely connected with the smart cities and communities domain. The presentation is available [here](#).

WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



ICT for sustainable places

As already mentioned in one of the earliest editions of our newsletter the team of AMBASSADOR project will be participating in the “ICT for sustainable places” conference that is organised by RESILIENT project and will take place in Nice, France from September 9th to 11th 2013. AMBASSADOR team will be represented there by its Coordinator, Work Package leaders as well as Dissemination Manager (from AMIRES). More information on the event are available [here](#).

AMIRES SERVICES



When running your project, would you like to concentrate more on its technical leadership? Then see our full project management consultancy model...

This consultancy model is focused on coordinators, who would like to have enough liberty for scientific and technology leadership of the consortium during the project course and expect professional leadership and management while not using their own human resources. **AMIRES project manager will provide support to the project coordinator and WP leaders in administrative, financial, dissemination and exploitation tasks.** Prompt negotiation and seamless project execution will be ensured including consortium agreement preparation, monitoring and timing of deliverables and milestones, timely and quality reporting check and partners budget follow-up. The coordination of project meetings as well as dissemination and exploitation planning may also be led by the AMIRES project manager. If you are interested in this consultancy model, **please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for more information.**

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