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INTRODUCTORY WORD



Dear readers.

after one of the hottest summer of the last years we are back at work sending to you a new number of our newsletter.

Before you start reading the latest information from the European R&D&I landscape we would like to share with you important news from AMIRES and its team.

As you will find out in the first article of this newsletter the Czech branch of AMIRES has just moved to a new office in

Prague 6. We are looking forward to welcoming you there.

Our team have been also recently extended and we would like to introduce to you our new colleague, Dr Vaclav Smitka. Vaclav is working at a position of a Junior Project Manager and will be especially responsible for our two new projects starting in autumn 2013 (TRIBUTE and FLUIDGLASS, you will find more information on these projects below). Last but not least we would like to share with you a great news on the positive evaluation of a collaborative project supported by AMIRES (in the area of large area luminaires) recently invited to negotiations and targeting its kick-off at the turn of the year 2013. Please let us congratulate the whole LASSIE team for this great result.

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH AUGUST



(Evropska 53/115, new address of AMIRES in Prague)

After almost 2 years of its foundation in the Czech Republic, AMIRES is moving to its new office. From August 2013 you will find us in Evropska Business Centre, located in Prague district Dejvice (Prague 6). This area is easily accessible by car and public transport. It provides a connection to the city ring rode as well as to the Vaclav Havel airport (15 minutes).

WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



European Commission has recently published new FP7 monitoring report and report on SMEs participation in FP7

The **Sixth FP7 Monitoring Report** focuses on the Framework Programme implementation in 2012, provides an integrated view on the different strands of FP7 activities and also

presents a comparative analysis of FP7 implementation during 2007-2012. The document is available <u>here</u>.

The aim of the **Tenth Progress Report on SME participation in FP7** is to monitor the implementation of the target of 15% of EU Contribution in the Cooperation Programme to

go to SMEs. In addition the report provides detailed data on SME participation across FP7. The report shows that currently 16,9% of EU contribution in the Cooperation Programme goes to SMEs, way above the 15% target. The report is available here.



Information days on SMEs in Horizon 2020

On October 18th and November 29th 2013 the European Commission will host in Brussels **two Information Days on SME participation to Horizon 2020, specifically directed towards SME support organisations** (governmental and nongovernmental). The main goal of the conference is to present the latest information on **practical implementation of the**

different measures for SME support (incl. the new SME instrument and SMEs' access to risk finance). More information on the conference including registration are available <u>here</u>.

FROM OUR PORTFOLIO



Solar Thermal Glass Facades with Adjustable Transparency – FLUIDGLASS project starting in autumn The FLUIDGLASS project develops a new and innovative concept for multifunctional solar thermal glass façades systems. The FLUIDGLASS approach turns passive glass façades into active transparent solar collectors while at the same time controlling the energy flow through the building envelope. FLUIDGLASS will bring a significant cost advantage

compared to existing solutions; it will increase the thermal performance of the whole building resulting in energy savings potential of 50%-70% for retrofitting and 20%-30% for new low energy buildings while the comfort for the user will be significantly improved at the same time.

The consortium led by the University of Lichtenstein brings together partners experienced in glass architecture, building simulation and energy management but also in experimental testing, HVAC systems, manufacturing of glazing units and construction of façades. AMIRES as one of the project partners will be responsible for the dissemination activities and will support the coordinator in its managerial tasks.



TRIBUTE project to start on October 1st 2013

AMIRES is one of 16 partners in the FP7 project TRIBUTE (Take the energy bill back to the promised building performance) that was chosen for funding in 2013 EeB call. After finalizing the negotiation, the project led by Swiss research institute CSEM in very close cooperation with Schneider Electric Industries will start on October 1st 2013 with a kick-off meeting being held in La Rochelle, France on October 8th – 10th 2013. First information on the project can be

found on **CORDIS**.

More detailed information on both FLUIDGLASS and TRIBUTE project will be available on our webpage and in the next editions of AMIRES newsletter.

WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



Save the date: Industrial Technologies 2014
The third Industrial Technologies conference

The third Industrial Technologies conference will take place on April 9th – 11th 2014 under the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This Europe's largest congress for industry, researchers and policy makers in the field of nano, materials and production technologies (NMP)

will highlight topics such as Key Enabling Technologies, demo & pilot lines, launch of the

new Horizon 2020 work programme for Industrial Technologies as well as smart specialisation and regional development. AMIRES proudly announces that its CEO Rudolf Frycek was invited as one of the members of the Expert Advisory Board of this conference. The event website will open soon here.



International conference on EU Horizon 2020 Programme Technology Centre ASCR and Slovak Organisation for Research and Development Activities are organizing an international conference The EU Horizon 2020 programme and Teaming for Excellence in the European Research Area (H2020 – TEERA 2013). The conference will launch the HORIZON 2020 programme in the Czech Republic with special focus on forming high quality consortia needed to successfully solve the

demanding projects of the HORIZON 2020 Programme. **The conference will take place in Prague on October 17**th **and 18**th **2013**. More information are available <u>here</u>.

AMIRES SERVICES



AMIRES as your long term partner

The long term cooperation consultancy model is **intended for partners or coordinators with most demanding requests and multiple projects participation.** The model includes **all services standardly provided by AMIRES** (e.g. strategic partnering, project proof reading, full project preparation including project management and administration). AMIRES consultant(s) will show proactive effort to get client into strategically defined projects and support their preparation, technology scouting, including training of internal staff, ad-hoc

problems solving as well as EU lobbying.

If you are interested in this consultancy model, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

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