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INTRODUCTORY WORD

AMIRES team wishes you merry Christmas and all the best in the year 2013!



As the holiday season is right behind the corner, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and partnership. Colleagues and business partners like you turns our job in to a pleasure and that keeps our company successful. **We look forward to working with you in 2013 and wish you a year filled with joy, happiness and success.**

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH DECEMBER

1

(celebrating first AMIRES birthday in the Czech Republic, celebrating first project launch)

AMIRES has recently celebrated first year from its foundation in the Czech Republic. During this first year, other firsts occurred – first proposal submission, first successful evaluation and first project start.



AMBASSADOR FP7 project (Autonomous Management System Developed for Building and District Levels) started on November 1st 2012 and its kick-off meeting took place in Grenoble, France in the second week of December 2012. During an intensive two days meeting organised by the project coordinator Schneider Electric the partners had not only the opportunity to present their

organisations and their involvement in the project, but also to discuss the first tasks to be delivered in following months. In this period AMIRES will be especially working on the launch of AMBASSADOR website (available from January 2013).

WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



HORIZON 2020 – new rules for participation in preparation

Even though, it is still one year ahead to the start of the new Framework Programme HORIZON 2020 (2014 – 2020), its content and rules are intensively discussed both at European and national level. New financial aspects are expected in e.g. percentage funding (single rate up to 100 % for research project and 70 % for “close to market actions” with some exceptions), overheads (of only one rate of 25 % of direct costs, excluding subcontracting and similar activities) or VAT (Financial regulation will be

applied – “...where it is not recoverable under the applicable national VAT legislation and is paid by a beneficiary other than a non-taxable person...”). **Since the whole process is still on-going and clarifications and further updates to the new rules will be presented during 2013, AMIRES will monitor the progress and keep you updated about next development of the whole HORIZON 2020 proposal.**



ICT call still open with deadline in April 2013

Majority of all FP7 calls for 2013 have been already closed, with undergoing evaluations or closely reaching their deadlines, the ICT Call 11 is still open with available budget of € 236 million with deadline for submission on April 16th 2013. More information on the call is available [here](#).

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) call for proposals 2013 has been opened



The new IEE call for project proposals has been open with available budget of € 65 million for funding. The IEE project proposals are expected in areas such as energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, clean transport or local energy investments. The call closes on May 8th 2013. More information (including the date and detailed info on IEE Info Day) are available [here](#).

FROM OUR PORTFOLIO



New treatment of spinal cord injury – I-ONE FP7 project

A spinal cord injury (SCI) affects 2,5 million people worldwide with more than 130.000 new cases appearing each year with very poor patient prognosis. SCI has a significant impact on quality of life, life expectancy and create large economic burden, with considerable costs associated with primary care and loss of income. Several experimental regenerative therapies to treat SCI have been developed in the last few years but none of these approaches have provided full recovery, both in experimental injury models as well as in humans. The vision of I-ONE FP7 project is to develop and test for the first time flexible organic electronics for the development and testing of Active Multifunctional Implantable Devices (AMIDs) leading to treatment of SCI. I-ONE FP7 project partners have recently met in Faro, Portugal and discussed the overall project development during first six months. AMIRES has been responsible for the launch and regular update of [I-ONE FP7 webpage](#) and during the meeting also presented the dissemination strategy of the project.

WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



PPP information day

In January 2013 the Technology Centre ASCR will be organising an information day dedicated to the Public Private Partnership in European R&D&I. AMIRES will contribute to this info day by a presentation on its experience with a preparation of AMBASSADOR project. More information will be available on following [link](#).

AMIRES SERVICES



Analysis: Potential for involvement of companies and R&D institutions into international / European R&D&I activities

In cooperation with the [South Moravian Innovation Centre](#), AMIRES has recently prepared an analysis on potential for involvement of South Moravian R&D companies and teams into the international research cooperation in the areas of materials, surfaces, sensors, processes and integration of these technologies into product to production. This analysis was conducted under the framework of the SMART FRAME project (implemented through the Central Europe Programme co-financed by ERDF).

The analysis was based on realisation of coordinated interviews with selected teams and their evaluation taking into account four criteria – innovation support, international activities, willingness to cooperate and operational capacity. **Among the main findings of the analysis could be found the following: Continuous demand for clarification of the differences between EU funding such as FP7 and funding from Structural Funds for the potential applicants; Relative abundance of available national funding for R&D in the Czech Republic; Missing innovation project ideas and leadership and Underestimation of importance of IPR protection not only in international projects.**

If you are interested in similar analysis please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for more information.

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