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INTRODUCTORY WORD

Dear readers,

First, we would like to introduce to you our **new colleague, Minja Maric**, who will be joining us in January 2015 in the Czech office in Prague. Minja will be working at a position of a Project Manager and will be mostly responsible for **PI-SCALE** project, an ICT project focused on flexible organic electronics.

The whole AMIRES team would like to wish all of you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** Let's the new year is successful one, full of happiness, positive minds and innovative ideas!

Enjoy the reading!



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NUMBER OF THE MONTH DECEMBER

40

(a number of approved new COST Actions)

The COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) approved on 30 October 2015 40 new Actions. COST Actions are bottom-up science and technology networks, open to researchers and stakeholders with duration of **four years**. They are active through a range of networking tools, such as workshops, conferences, training schools, short-term scientific missions (STSMs), and dissemination activities. COST does not fund research itself. A

complete Action list with their description is available [here](#). You can browse through all past and running COST Actions [here](#).

WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



Seal of Excellence Initiative

The Commission launched a new initiative, "Seal of Excellence", which aims to allow regions to recognise the quality label awarded to promising project proposals submitted under H2020 and promote their access to different funding sources like the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and other national or regional investment programmes. It is given to those projects which **succeeded in passing** all the selection and award criteria of the H2020 evaluation, but could **not be funded** under the available Call budget. In its pilot phase, the "Seal of Excellence" will first be given to proposals by **small and medium enterprises (SMEs)** submitted under the SME instrument of Horizon 2020. The action could then be extended to cover more areas of Horizon 2020. You can find more information on the [website](#) of the initiative.



Innovation Strategy in R&D projects: a step by step guide

As part of [Health-2-Market](#) project a step-by-step guide explaining how to develop and implement an innovation strategy in R&D projects was prepared. It was written by 19 experts across the EU and it is designed to be relevant to everyone wishing to **bring research results to market** whatever the field of research, with or without previous experience in doing so. It covers the following topics: **commercialisation routes, IP protection process, a business plan, a marketing strategy and a financing strategy.** It also gives some insights about **European legislation, standardisation and certification issues.** The guide is available [here](#).

HORIZON 2020



ERC StG 2015 Results are published

The European Research Council (ERC) has announced this month the awarding of its Starting Grants to **291 early-career researchers.** The funding, worth in total **€429 million and up to €1.5 million per grant,** will enable them to set up their own research teams and pursue ground-breaking ideas. The grants are awarded under the 'excellent science' pillar of H2020. Grantees of 38 nationalities received the funding. The new ERC projects will be hosted in 23 countries across Europe, with the United Kingdom (48), Germany (47), Netherlands (32) and France (29) as top locations. The indicative statistics can be found [here](#) and the press release [here](#).

FAQs on H2020 Health, Demographic Change & Wellbeing 2016-2017 Topics

The European Commission published FAQs on Horizon 2020 Health, Demographic Change & Wellbeing 2016-2017 Topics in November on the Participant Portal. They might be helpful for you, if you are preparing a proposal for any of the following topics: SC1-PM-01-2016: Multi omics for personalised therapies addressing diseases of the immune system; SC1-PM-04-2016: Networking and optimising the use of population cohorts at EU level; SC1-PM-09-2016: New therapies for chronic diseases; SC1-PM-10-2017: Comparing the effectiveness of existing healthcare interventions in the adult population; SC1-PM-21-2016: Implementation research for scaling up of evidence based innovations and good practice in Europe and low- and middle-income countries. You can check the FAQs [here](#).

FROM OUR PORTFOLIO

FLUID Glass

FLUIDGLASS workshop - presentations

As a part of training activities FLUIDGLASS workshop for energy managers, industrial stakeholders and researchers from the field of energy efficiency was organised on **3 November 2015**. The event took place in Oskar von Miller Forum, Munich, Germany and was organized as part of FLUIDGLASS mid-term meeting. The topics for the training were identified in line with the latest trends in the field of energy efficient buildings and FLUIDGLASS development. The content of the training workshop was divided into two parts, while the first one was dedicated to the topic of **role of modern façade** and the second one to the **demonstration of the FLUIDGLASS system principle and the first results**. The following presentations have been made public so far:

- [R&D Project in Zurich](#) – Prof. Dipl.-Arch. ETH/SIA Dietrich Schwarz, Universität Liechtenstein;
- [Positive Buildings for a Sustainable Future](#) – Prof. Dr.-Ing. Werner Lang, Technische Universität München;
- [FLUIDGLASS](#) – Martin Schröcker, MSc., GlassX.



EffiBUILDING database gets 300 unique visits per month

The innovative [EffiBUILDING](#) database is becoming more popular among companies and researchers who want to promote their products and prototypes and contribute to the development of EffiBUILDING. Important manufacturers like **GAP Solutions** with their Integral Façade Technology or **Aeroqual** with their Indoor Air Quality sensors are already members of the database. Thanks to all the inputs, the market overview is getting wider in all the categories: energy efficient windows, façades, photovoltaic modules and indoor sensors. Moreover, EffiBUILDING is creating a networking environment between experts from different fields in order to share and improve knowledge merging.



AMBASSADOR concluded third year of its running

AMBASSADOR M36 review meeting took place at the beginning of December 2015 in Lavrion, Greece. The consortium presented intensive work of the last 18 months aiming to develop the solution and use cases defined during its first period. Several practical demonstrations were performed including the work with the **District Simulation Platform** as well as the **District Energy Management and Information System** developed within the scope of the project. The **Lavrion test site** visit concluded the demonstration of the latest AMBASSADOR work. For the last one year of the project, the work will be especially oriented towards the work on **three AMBASSADOR test sites** (Lavrion, CEA-INES, BedZED) in order to deploy and validate the **DEMIS and its effects on the energy / CO2 / costs efficiency**. Several dissemination events will be organised including **AMBASSADOR summer school** and its final conference. More information on AMBASSADOR project is available on its [website](#).



WASCOP kick-off meeting

The first meeting of the WASCOP (Water Saving for solar COncentrated Power) project will take place on 11th and 12th January 2016 in Brussels. WASCOP is a H2020 project dealing with saving water in cleaning and cooling activities of concentrated solar panels. In this project **11 different partners** will participate, where **Delphine Bourdon** from French CEA will be the project coordinator and **Pello Azkarate** from AMIRES will be responsible for the project management.

WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



Industrial Technologies 2016

Next issue of Industrial Technologies conference takes place **from 22 to 24 June 2016 in Amsterdam**, the Netherlands. The main focus of the conference is the **impact of Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)** on the future of industry that emphasizes the application of new and innovative technologies in the field of manufacturing to prepare the European industry for the future. The Dutch strategy on Smart Industry will act as the focal point to enhance the momentum to enter into a new era manufacturing in Europe. More information is available on the event's [website](#).

AMIRES SERVICES



EXPERT PACKAGE – cost effective support for experienced staff from RTD institutions

Expert package is prepared as a cost-effective solution for universities and research centres staff (not exclusively), who want to increase their chances in the project proposal selection process. These experts usually have sufficient knowledge of the European funding tools and used procedures and have wide network of partners. For this model we rely on consultants with expertise as evaluators or reviewers, large number of Evaluation Summary Reports and when needed on support of external experts (e.g. former evaluators). In particular we provide services in **ICT, NMP, ENERGY, and HEALTH** domains.

The package is based on **3 steps consulting process** during which AMIRES consultant and/or expert from the field (usually evaluator or reviewer in the relevant field) provide feedback for improvement. First step comments on idea, concept, novelty, partnership and relevance to the call. Second step is focused on proposal structuring, text clarity and formulation and project's implementation. The last step provides comprehensive overview of the proposal, incl. impact, budget comments, formatting and proposal finalization tricks. This service is provided on-line, preferably by emails and teleconferencing tools.

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