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## INTRODUCTORY WORD



**In the opening of April's newsletter we would like to share with you news about a job opening in AMIRES.** Since our activities have been growing, our team also needs to grow. Therefore we are looking for a new colleague for the position of **Project Manager of European R&D&I projects!** To find out more on this position, please see the AMIRES services section of this newsletter or check our [website](#).

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## NUMBER OF THE MONTH APRIL



**(number of currently open FP7 calls as of 26/04/13)**

FP7 is slowly but inevitably coming to its end and only few last calls are currently being opened (especially in Specific Programme People). In the middle of April, ICT 11 call was closed and incredible number of 614 project proposals was prepared and submitted (among those also two projects supported by AMIRES). The interest in most of the last FP7 calls was similarly high and therefore it is obvious that the forthcoming framework programme HORIZON 2020 is raising expectation on how the future appearance of European support of R&D funding will look like. **AMIRES is monitoring the overall progress and will keep you updated about next development of the HORIZON 2020 schemes, rules as well as budget.**

## WHAT'S NEW IN EUROPEAN R&D



**Updated Guide to FP7 projects financial issues**

On March 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 the European Commission released the **fifth update of the "Guide to Financial issues related to FP7 Indirect Actions"**. The purpose of this guide is to help FP7 participants to understand and interpret the financial provisions of the Grant Agreement (EC-GA). **The main clarifications and modifications introduced in this fifth update are due to the adoption of the new Financial Regulation No 966/2012** and concern especially points such as the reduction of the time-limit for payment of pre-financing to 30 days from the entry into force of the grant agreement, the reduction of the time-limit for payment for interim and final payments to 90 days from the receipt of the reports, the abolition of the coordinator's obligation to open and operate an interest bearing bank account and the abolition of the coordinator's

obligation to declare and reimburse to the Commission the interest generated by the pre-financing. The updated Guide is available [here](#).



### **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Renewable Heating and Cooling sector**

The European Technology Platform for Renewable Heating & Cooling has recently **published its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRA) which is the first of its kind for the Renewable Heating and Cooling (RHC) sector**. The document identifies the activities and investment needed in the short and medium term to have RHC technologies satisfy an increased share of heating and cooling demand and make them cost competitive across all market segments, with a view to prioritising the allocation of resources for R&D under Horizon 2020. The SRA can be downloaded [here](#).



### **Smarter Data for Europe**

The development of “Big Data” applications and e-infrastructure can stimulate a new wave of economic and social progress – but it needs leadership from both public and private sector. What are the opportunities, obstacles and solutions to making public and private data work harder for us all, in healthcare, energy and other domains? **Science|Business will host a panel discussion on the future of European “Big Data” on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 in Brussels, Belgium**. More information on the event are available [here](#).

## **FROM OUR PORTFOLIO**



### **AMBASSADOR actively involved in clustering activities**

In March 2013, **AMBASSADOR team was actively participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on the Impact of EeB PPP** that was jointly organised by the European Commission with the support of the Energy Efficient Building Association. The objectives of the Workshop were to address innovation and exploitation issues in running projects and explore potential for cross-project clustering. Presentations from this two day event are available [here](#).

**Synergies and possibilities for clustering for AMBASSADOR were especially identified with FP7 projects [RESILIENT](#), [E-HUB](#) and [FC-DISTRICT](#)**. Possible common activities of these projects with AMBASSADOR will be considered and established during following months under AMIRES leadership.



As a first joint activity with **RESILIENT** project, the AMBASSADOR team 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 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2013**. This event, benefitting from the support of the European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP/E2BA), is meant to be an open research forum, offering a key opportunity to manufacturers, service providers, research laboratories, standard development organizations, urban planners, etc. to meet and network, share information, assess outcomes from the most advanced projects, discuss possible synergies, envision possible standards evolution, etc. The event particularly aims at fostering collaborations between FP7 projects involved at the crossroads of ICT, energy and construction, addressing sustainability and energy efficiency at building, district, and city levels. More information on the conference are available [here](#).

## WHERE YOU CAN MEET AMIRES



### **Seminar on Smart cities and communities**

**On May 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 a seminar dedicated to the concept of smart cities and communities will take place in Prague.**

This seminar is organised by the Technology Centre ASCR. AMIRES will contribute 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. More information is available on the following [link](#).



### **iONE FP7stand in ENF 2013**

**Between June 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 the Europe's largest conference on nanotechnology and materials will take place in Dublin, Ireland** under the auspices of the Irish presidency of the Council of the EU.

The representation of the [iONE FP7 project](#) at this high level event will be organised by AMIRES and at the project exhibition stand you will be able to **find more information on**

**the project as well as first demonstrations of its outputs.** More information on the ENF 2013 conference is available [here](#).

## AMIRES SERVICES



### **Looking for a new member of our team**

To reinforce our team, **AMIRES is opening a position for a Project Manager of European R&D&I projects.** The successful candidate will be responsible for the **overall administration and management of FP7 projects in energy efficiency domain and will be also assisting in the preparation of other project proposals.** We are looking for a

candidate with degree in technical field with at least 3+ years of experience with project administration and management (FP7 is an advantage). The candidate will be fluent in English, has to have good computer literacy and electronic communication skills, has to be strong in communication, presentation and has to dispose with good organisational skills. Responsibility, flexibility, ability to work both in team and independently as well as target orientation is an essential requirement. **Detailed information on the position are available on our [website](#).**