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1. Enterprise Europe Network a New EU Project for the Benefit of SME's

Enterprise Europe Network:

Launched in 2008 by the European Commission under "The Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Program (CIP)" that will run from 2007 to 2013, the Enterprise Europe Network combines and builds on the former Innovation Relay Centres and Euro Info Centers (established in 1995 and 1987 respectively). The new integrated Network offers a "one-stop shop" to meet all the information needs of SMEs and companies in Europe.

The Enterprise Europe Network offers easy access and proximity to local services for SMEs, thus creating regional business gateways. Regional consortia cooperate to create a coherent support structure for local companies, boosting the region's profile and its competitiveness. Accordingly, Turkey has joined CIP program in order to increase its SMEs competitiveness fostering innovation through research and development, ensuring widespread use of information and communications technologies, and providing for transformation to high value-added production in industry and services.

In Turkey, Enterprise Europe Network Program will be implemented by 7 different consortiums:

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EEN IST - Businnova

Sabancı University, is a partner of EEN IST-Businnova Consortium whose members are:

- KOSGEB (TEKMER)
- Sabancı University
- Istanbul Chamber Of Industry (ISO)
- KOSGEB (IMES)

The project coordinator for Sabancı University is Mr. Mehmet Kırca. Within the project, EEN Businnova Consortium aims to reach SMEs that are located in the Marmara Region, while Sabancı University is primarily focused at the Asian Side of Istanbul.

As part of the framework of the EEN project, partners will use instruments including business partner search within technology and business cooperation databases and fast access to information on funding opportunities. Individual on-site visits to companies will be conducted to assess their needs and provide them with a broad range of promotion and information material. Representatives of the Network will also help businesses understand EU law, how it applies to their business and how to make the most the internal market and EU programs.

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Business actors will be encouraged to share, define and disseminate good practices in fields such as innovation, expansion to new markets, enlargement of the client base, improvement of market position, etc. As a result, the Enterprise Europe Network, Businnova - Istanbul will help SMEs realize their potential in terms of growth and regional job creation.

The objective of the project for the first three years will be to ensure awareness-raising concerning the changes to be brought by the adoption of the EU policies and to encourage companies to form business strategies for growth and global competition through innovation. The project will promote and facilitate technology transfers and innovation, improving the competitiveness and degree of cooperation among companies in the Marmara region and in Europe.

Awareness raising concerning EU policies is particularly important in Turkey because relations with the European Union is a subject that receives public attention only as long as there is tension and most of the time, news cover only political relations. The technical aspect of the negotiations carried out by bureaucrats are neglected by the media. Thus, the project aims to keep this subject constantly on the agenda of the SMEs through its activities. In addition to this, awareness-raising on innovation as a concept and its application to business processes, on related policies, legislation and support

raising on innovation as a concept and its application to business processes, on related policies, legislation and support programs will form the other focus of the project activities. The project will act as an interface between academia and SMEs, bridging the gap by assessing their technological needs, weighing their expectations, and by helping them identify and acquire the most adequate technologies and cooperation partners.

The project aims to offer integrated SME services covering EU-related advisory services, supporting innovation and technology transfer, and encouraging participation in framework programs. Also, the Consortium aims to meet the challenge of integrating and leveraging the existing efforts of different SME support structures while avoiding the duplication of studies and efforts.

In the long term (during the six years project period), The EEN Businnova Consortium will aim to transform Turkish SMEs of the Marmara Region from being companies producing with inefficient, low value-added methods mostly operating in the local market, into becoming technology-aware and innovative companies which are global players abiding by European standards. To reach this objective, SMEs first have to recognize the need to become more competitive and the need to have long-term business strategies.

For further information please visit:

www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu

www.aia-istanbul.org

2. Open Call for Proposals

EU 7TH FRAMEWORK - TUBITAK

Sponsored Institution	Call Title	Deadline for Submission	Theme
EU 7th Framework Program (FP7) Cooperation Specific Program			
EU FP7-Cooperation	FP7-ICT-2009-C	24 May 2009	Information and Communication Technologies
EU FP7-Cooperation	FP7-ICT-2009-C	26 May 2009	Information and Communication Technologies
EU FP7-Cooperation	2009/S 89-127602	17 July 2009	Information and Communication Technologies
EU FP7 Ideas Specific Program			
EU FP7-Ideas	FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IAPP	27 July 2009	People
EU FP7-Ideas	P7-PEOPLE-2009-IOF	18 August 2009	People
EU FP7-Ideas	FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IIF	18 August 2009	People
EU FP7-Ideas	FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF	18 August 2009	People
EU FP7-Ideas	FP7-PEOPLE-2009-RG	08 October 2009	People
TUBITAK			
TUBITAK	Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program (2221)	End of every month	-
TUBITAK	Career Development Program (3501)	07 August 2009	-
TUBITAK	Support Program for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)	4 September 2009	-
TUBITAK	Italy National Research Council (CNR) Cooperation Program (2504)	23 September 2009	-
TUBITAK	Support Program for the Initiative to Build Scientific and Technological Cooperation Networks and Platforms (1301)	Open	-

TUBITAK	Patent Application Promotion and Support Program (1008)	Open	-
TUBITAK	Short-Term R&D Funding Program (1002)	Open	-
European Science Foundation (ESF)			
ESF	Mediterranean Climate Variability and Predictability (MedCLIVAR)	15 September 2009	-
SAN-TEZ			
Ministry of Trade and Industry	2009 Industry Thesis (SAN-TEZ) Program	15 August 2009	-
IBB			
Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Council	Project Istanbul	18 July 2009	-

3. RGP News

Proposals and Activities of RGP Directorate in March through April 2009

The RGP Office has processed 47 proposals for the following sponsoring agencies from March through April 2009.

- 27 proposals for TUBITAK Support Program for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)
- 1 proposal for TUBITAK The Participation Program for International Scientific Research Projects (1011)
- 3 proposals for TUBITAK Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program (2221)
- 1 proposal for TUBITAK Short Term R&D Funding Program (1002)
- 1 proposal for TUBITAK International Conference for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)
- 4 proposals for TUBITAK Support Program for Research Projects of Public Institutions (1007).
- 1 proposal for TUBITAK Bilateral Cooperation INTEN-C.
- 1 proposal for TUBITAK German-Turkish Research and Development Projects Involving Science and Industry (2+2 Projects)
- 2 proposals for EU FP7 Cooperation, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Program.
- 1 proposal for EU FP7 Marie Curie International Re-integration Grants (IRG)
- 1 proposal for EU FP7 Marie Curie European Re-integration Grants (ERG)
- 1 proposal for EU FP7 Ideas Specific Program ERC Advanced Grant for Physical Science and Engineering
- 2 proposals for SAN-TEZ Industry Thesis Program
- 1 proposal for Izmir Development Agency

Attended Meetings and Events of the RGP Directorate in March through April 2009

- "Turkey Research and Innovation Capabilities", 02 March 2009, organized by Istanbul-IBM UR Leadership Exchange Forum, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation.
- "The ERC Conference", 13 March 2009, organized by TUBITAK, Sabanci University, Koc University, Bogazici University and Istanbul Technical University, RGP staff attended to the ERC Conference.
- "European Union Association Conference", March 18-21, 2009, Dr. Cemil Arıkan attended to conference in Prag.
- "Innovation and National Innovation Initiative in Turkey", 26 March 2009, The Turkish Academy of Sciences, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation at 2009 Academy Conferences.
- "RGP Presentation", 2 April 2009, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation in Siemens.
- "Crisis and Innovation", 6 April 2009, organized by METU, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation.
- "Innovation and National Innovation Initiative in Turkey", 9 April 2009, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation at 7th Engineering Consultancy Congress.
- "Crisis and Innovation", 29 April 2009, Dr. Cemil Arıkan made a presentation at 24th Antibiotic and Chemotherapy (Ankem) Congress.

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Prof. Dr. Mete Soner at ERC Conference



ERC President and Chair of the ERC Scientific Council, Prof. Dr. Fotis Kafatos at ERC Conference

4. Latest Research News

Sabancı University Faculty has been awarded with a new grant from the TUBITAK Short Term R&D Funding Program (1002)

Dr. Volkan Patođlu, Faculty Member at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been awarded a TUBITAK Short Term R&D Funding Program (1002) for his project entitled "The Performance Comparison of Feature Extraction Methods to be Used in Prehensile SEMG Signals for Control of a Multifunctional Prosthetic Hand".

Sabancı University Faculty members have been awarded with three new grants from the European Commission FP7 Cooperation Program

Dr. Hikmet Budak, Faculty Member at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been awarded a FP7 Cooperation Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology Program for his project entitled "Drops: Drought-tolerant Yielding Plants".

Dr. Yücel Saygın, Faculty Member at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been awarded a FP7 Cooperation ICT-Information and Communication Technologies Program as a coordinator for his project entitled "Mobility, Data Mining, and Privacy".

Dr. İsmail Çakmak, Faculty Member at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been awarded a FP7 Cooperation Program for his project entitled "NUE-Crops: Improving Nutrient Efficiency in Major European Food, Feed and Biofuel Crops to Reduce the Negative Environmental Impact of Crop Production".

5. Upcoming Events

- "Assistances Provided By TTGV for Technology Based Projects", May 26, 2009, KOSGEB IMES.
- "Conference on "Sustainable Development -a Challenge for European Research", May 26-28, 2009, Brussels, Belgium.
- "31th ESARDA Annual Meeting", May 26-28, 2009, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- "Offshore Wind & Transmission Forum", May 27-28, 2009, Brussels, Belgium.
- "4th International Conference on ICT for Development Education and Training", May 27-29, 2009, Dakar, Senegal.
- "Conference on Innovation and the Economy", May 2, 2009, Brussels.
- "EuroNanoForum 2009, Prague", June 2-5, 2009, Czech Republic.
- "SERI 2009", June 3-5, 2009, Paris, France.
- "Civilian European Land-Robot Trial", June 15-18, 2009, Oulu, Finland.
- "17th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition From Research to Industry and Markets", June 29- July 3, 2009, Hamburg, Germany.
- "Advanced Lecture Course on Molecular Mechanisms in Signal Transduction and Cancer", August 16-24, 2009, Spetses, Greece.
- "Medical Informatics in a United and Healthy Europe-MIE 2009", August 30-September 2, 2009, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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