



Editorial

Innovation is the best way to strengthen Marche Region production system. The first regional calls on the new European Operative Plan (Por Marche ERDF 2014-2020) were introduced by Marche Region Research and Innovation office to the business and academic world during a meeting held at the auditorium of iGuzzini (www.iguzzini.it) in Recanati on 12.03.2015. These first calls are three opportunities, said Ms Sara Giannini, Regional Minister for Industry Research and Innovation,

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/?p=1601>

NEXT latest news

Adriatic Investment Forum @ GEC2015:

the first Adriatic Investment Forum took place during the Global Entrepreneurship Congress 2015. GEC (www.gec.co) is an annual gathering of entrepreneurs, investors, policy makers and researchers from all over the world, and this year hosted inspiring talks from, among others, Andrea Illy, Oscar Farinetti and Bob Dorf.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/?p=1576>



Cross-Border Collaboration //Workshop:

The innovation workshop “Living Labs towards smart communities” held in Milan, on March 18, 2015 has shown the innovative potential of the Living Labs methodology in the development of services of business sectors.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/?p=1569>

The 1st National Competition “Your Innovative Idea” – 20 February 2015, Tirana

Foundation “Partnership for Development” in collaboration with the Agency for Research and Technology Innovation, in the framework of the Next Project activities organized in Tirana Albania, on 20 February 2015, the 1st National Competition “Your Innovative Idea”.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/the-1st-national-competition-your-innovative-idea-organized-on-20-february-2015-tirana-albania/>

REDASP Workshop – Support For Using The Online Platform

The workshop was held on 10th March 2015 in Business Innovation Centre (Kragujevac, Serbia). The workshop presented the strategic framework and infrastructure for support innovation at national and regional level, through the use of the NEXT collaborative platform. Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje in the framework of Next Project (Collaborative platform to support research and technology transfer) organized the Workshop – Support for using the online platform.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/redasp-workshop-support-for-using-the-online-platform/>

Itu Awards

To mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) announced a public competition for awards to individuals most responsible for improving the quality of life through ICT innovation through the implementation of projects and promoting the goals of the International Telecommunication Union.

[Read more](#)

Montenegro participates within the South East Europe and Mediterranean program in few projects related to innovations

FORSEE (Regional Forecasting in the field of ICT for South Eastern Europe)

The overall objective of the project is enhancing regional cooperation in the field of information and communication technology (ICT) research, development and innovation.

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Establishment of the First Science and Technology Park in Montenegro

Connecting science and business sectors; Improving the competitiveness of SMEs and promotion of entrepreneurship; and Support for start-up companies

[Read more](#)

Regional Strategy on Research and Innovation in Western Balkan countries

There is a two-year project aimed at making "Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation in the Western Balkans

[Read more](#)

NEXT Market outlook and trends

Bosnia Herzegovina Country Outlook

One of next project goals is to increase the awareness about the assets that any territory can offer to the partnership. So, we have cooperate to settle a Country Outlook with each partner.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/?s=Bosnia+Herzegovina+Country+Outlook>

EFISIO, Financing Smart City

EFISIO is an [interactive platform](#) for mapping national and international projects, using diagrams, models and financial instruments for the implementation of interventions in the “smart city” contest. Objective of Efsio is becoming a real community of practice on the issues of “Financial Planning for Smart City” and a dynamic discussion and debate among administrators, technicians and operators.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/efisio-financing-smart-city/>

NEXT Smart Innovation People

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BIOerg, New [Startup](#) From Università Politecnica

• Have a look to the interviews of the new members of the Gallery provided by the partner Apulia Region:

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SMART PEOPLE GALLERY, REGIONE PUGLIA:

Patrizia Boffi, Puglia <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/category/smart-people/page/4/>

Graziano Pesole, Puglia <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/category/smart-people/page/4/>

NEXT Co-operation & investment opportunities

Financing opportunities in the energy sector:

Innovazione: i bandi in scadenza per startup e pmi e i I principali settori incentivati: dall'efficienza energetica all'Ict, fino al rilancio del Made in Italy e alle nanotecnologie.

<http://www.energiesensibili.it/it/innovazione-ecco-i-bandi-scadenza-startup-e-pmi/>

Enterprises: 10 Billion Of Euro To SMEs For Growth And Innovation

The plafond amount constituted by Intesa Sanpaolo Bank and Small Industry Enterpreunership Italian Association (Confindustria Piccola Industria) for Italian SMEs

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/enterprises-10-billion-of-euro-to-smes-for-growth-and-innovation/>

The Crowdfunding Market In Europe

The crowdfunding is growing and Forbes the US magazine, [publishes the results](#) of a Cambridge university study about the alternative finance sector.

<http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/the-crow-funding-market-in-europe/>

NEXT Events e Learning corner

28. April 2015 - Save the date for this interesting event organized Marche Region – Are you an SME? Participate and learn how to apply for Horizon 2020! <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/save-the-date-may-28-think-global-act-local/>

- The Italian Embassy in Tirana and Marche Region did sign a Memorandum of Understanding related to Next project, as a cooperation field in promoting Adriatic-Jonian Macro Region strategy. Here you can read the MoU [MOU ALB_MR](#) <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/mou-italian-embassy-in-tirana-and-marche-region/>
- Patents licenses and tech transfer, <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/when-patent-licences-dont-lead-to-tech-transfer/>
- Boosting event in Ancona PITCHING1» <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/?p=1574>
- Webinar Triple Helix Association – <http://blog.adriatic-next.eu/critical-success-factors-in-university-industry-collaboration/>
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