

Participant reviews

During the events since 2009, many productive and lasting contacts were established between researchers from North Rhine-Westphalia and other parts of Europe. That's why our participants are keen to meet in Düsseldorf in March each year as part of their FP7 proposal preparation.

Andrea E. Reinhardt,
microTEC, Duisburg



“The event combines excellent networking opportunities, in particular for companies, with essential information about forthcoming calls.”



Dr. Sean McCarthy,
Hyperion, Cork

“An important event in Europe if you want to prepare successful FP7 proposals.”

Venue

WÖLLHAF Konferenz- und Bankettcenter
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Successful R&D in Europe 4th European Networking Event

Topics: • ICT • Energy • NMP • Life Science • People

8 - 9 March 2012
Düsseldorf International Airport, Germany



North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) in the heart of Europe

Geographically central position in Europe – 18 million people – gross state product: 543 billion euros (21.7 % of German GDP) – economic hub of Europe – region with the largest concentration of universities and research facilities in Europe: 69 universities, more than 50 research centres – among them 12 Max Planck institutes, 11 institutes of the Fraunhofer Society and 11 Leibniz institutes, all jointly funded by federal and state governments – and some 100 research facilities attached to universities.

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Impression from the 3rd European Networking Event in 2011

Successful R&D in Europe 4th European Networking Event

For the fourth time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and partner regions in Europe to find new R&D partners for FP7 projects. The series of events has been a great success with over 750 participants since 2009. In 2012, partner regions are: Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and Russia. The networking event will be structured in parallel brokerage sessions focussing on five topics:

- Information and Communication Technologies
- Energy
- Nanotechnology and Production Technologies
- Life Science
- People (focus on ITN/IAPP)

The event addresses especially small and medium-sized enterprises, research institutes and universities. Participants are invited to become involved in established and new networks of researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers. Giving a short presentation or finding a partner by talking to decision-makers opens doors for new FP7 projects.

Call for presentations is open until 17 February 2012 under www.frp.nrw.de/network

Programme

Thursday, 8 March 2012

- 13.00 Welcome
- 13.05 Opening Session: Svenja Schulze, Minister of Innovation, Science and Research, North Rhine-Westphalia
- 13.15 Keynote Speech: Dr. Rudolf W. Strohmeier, Deputy Director-General, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- 13.30 Introduction of Partner Regions
- 13.35 Success Stories in Europe based in NRW
- 14.15 Session 1: Parallel Workshops:
■ ■ ■ "NRW projects seeking partners in Europe"
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 16.15 Session 2: Parallel Workshops:
■ ■ ■ "European projects seeking partners in NRW"
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 18.15 Session 3: Parallel Workshops:
■ ■ ■ "Services for proposals and projects"
- 19.15 *Reception/Dinner Speech*
Dr. Joanna Drake, Director for SMEs and Entrepreneurship, DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission
- 21.00 "Düsseldorf by night"
Bus tour/city sightseeing

Friday, 9 March 2012

- 9.00 Welcome
- 9.10 "Services for proposals and projects"
Ingrid Zwoch, NCP Life Science
Sandra Haseloff, NCP Mobility
- 9.35 Success Stories in Europe based in NRW
- 10.10 Session 4: Parallel Workshops:
■ ■ ■ "NRW projects seeking partners in Europe"
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 12.00 Session 5: Parallel Workshops:
■ ■ ■ "European projects seeking partners in NRW"
- 13.00 *Interactive Lunch/Find a Partner*

The conference language is English.



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**Online: www.frp.nrw.de/network or via
Fax: + 49 208 / 300 04-61**

Organisation/Company

Position/Title

First name, last name

Address

Postcode/Town/City

Phone/Fax

Email

I will attend the workshops on

8 March 2012 9 March 2012

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICT | <input type="checkbox"/> People |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NMP | <input type="checkbox"/> ICT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |

I will attend

- dinner
 "Düsseldorf by night"

Conference fee: 55 € (40 € for one day) per person including VAT.

Free participation for speakers in sessions 1 to 5. Please find special offers for hotel accommodation under www.frp.nrw.de/network