

EMILIA-ROMAGNA, ITALY

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MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION ON
HIGH TECHNOLOGY NETWORK
AND TECHNOPOLES IN EMILIA-ROMAGNA

European Commission
Berlaymont, Piazza
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200 - Brussels
16-23 FEBRUARY 2011

The Emilia-Romagna Technopoles and High Technology Network will be on display in Brussels from 16 to 23 February 2011 at the European Commission's Headquarter, the Berlaymont Building. Alongside with the exhibition, R&D policies and programmes implemented by the Emilia-Romagna Region will be presented and discussed in workshops and seminars.

The Technopoles Project is co-funded by the 2007-2013 ERDF ROP and is the further step of the Regional High-Technology Network made up of 45 industrial research laboratories and innovation centres, organized in thematic platforms: agri-food, construction, energy and environment, ICT & design, mechanics and materials, life sciences. Laboratories will facilitate and promote technology transfer and the development of new high-tech enterprises, through the setting up of 10 technopoles throughout the regional territory.

The overall 241 million euro investment is earmarked for the funding of research projects, purchase of scientific equipment and for supporting research, technology transfer and spin-off creation facilities, employing 1600 researchers.

The opening of the exhibition will be held on 16 February. Further events are planned and will involve major institutional representatives from Emilia-Romagna and from the European Commission and will offer the opportunity to exchange experiences between European institutions and Regions, research centres, universities and enterprises.

The exhibition will also launch R2B – Research to Business, the international event dedicated to research and business matchmaking, which will take place in Bologna on 8 and 9 June 2011.



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16 FEBRUARY 2011

Emilia-Romagna Region
Avenue de l'Yser 19 - Brussels

10.00 - 13.00

Technopoles and Technology Platforms:
the regional experience within European networks
First Meeting of the Regional High Technology Network Labs
Event reserved to members of the Regional High Technology Network



Growing smart! **A new Framework Programme** **for a knowledge-driven and innovative Europe**

The Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, EU's main tool for funding research in Europe is approaching the end of its implementation in 2013 and the debate is ongoing on the future of the programme and its revision. The seminar aims at sharing experiences on the implementation and at debating the future revision of the programme.

14.00

Registration

14.30

Welcoming

Lorenza BADIELLO, Head of Emilia-Romagna EU Office

Opening Speech

Gian Carlo MUZZARELLI, Minister of Industry, Energy, Sustainable Development and Green Economy, Emilia-Romagna Region

Chair: **Paolo BONARETTI**, ASTER General Director

14.45

Keynote Speech

Marnix SURGEON, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

15.15

Roundtable

Research Policies in Europe

Dario BRAGA, Deputy Dean of Research, University of Bologna

Luca MORETTI, Expert of Research and Innovation, Permanent representation of Italy

Ezio ANDRETA, President of APRE

Claus SCHULTZE, DG Regio, European Commission

16.30

Conclusion

17.00 - 18.00

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Exhibition Opening

Emilia-Romagna, Italy "Future Lives Here"

Welcome Speeches

Gian Carlo MUZZARELLI, Minister of Industry, Energy, Sustainable Development and Green Economy, Emilia-Romagna Region

Mercedes BRESSO, President of the Committee of the Regions



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Green economy, a regional perspective Workshop

The role played by local and regional governments in promoting energy efficiency, developing renewable energies and generating green growth and jobs has recently been highlighted by a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation on climate action signed last October in Brussels between the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). The reason for this agreement is sharing best practices and fostering a closer collaboration between local, regional, national and European authorities in order to develop an effective green economy.

9.30

Registration

10.00

Welcoming

Lorenza BADIELLO, Head of Emilia-Romagna EU Office

Introduction

Gian Carlo MUZZARELLI, Minister of Industry, Energy, Sustainable Development and Green Economy, Emilia-Romagna Region

Morena DIAZZI, Director of DG Industry and Managing Authority ERDF ROP, Emilia-Romagna Region

Chair: **Richard TUFFS**, Director of ERRIN - European Regions Research and Innovation Network

10.30

Keynote speeches

Samuele FURFARI, DG Energy, European Commission

Rosanna MICCICHÈ, DG Regio, European Commission

11.00-12.30

Roundtable - The Regional Perspective

Invited Regions:

Emilia-Romagna, Valencia, Northern Ireland, Hessen, Fiandre

13.00

Conclusion and networking lunch

14.30-17.00

Tourism: Policies towards Europe 2020 Workshop



Tourism takes a crucial part in European development and innovation. More, it is no doubt one of the main drivers measuring and improving the quality of life. New keywords are "Sustainable and green Tourism". That is why Emilia-Romagna Region is promoting a dedicated workshop in order to discuss and benchmark this issues together with other European regions in the perspective of the new goals of Europe 2020.

Morena DIAZZI, General Manager DG Industry, Trade and Tourism, Emilia-Romagna Region

Francesca TUDINI, Tourism Head Unit, DG Industry, European Commission

Mattia PELLEGRINI, Member of the Staff Vice President Antonio Tajani, European Commission

Lenka NIELSEN, DG Regio, Unit Italia-Malta, European Commission

The Workshop will also be attended by other European regions.

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Towards Europe 2020: building an innovative and cohesive Europe

Globalisation, economic and financial crisis, new global players are the new challenges for Europe. Today's decisions will deeply affect our future and shape the European Union itself. The ambitious goal of creating a "smart, sustainable and inclusive Europe" can only be achieved through a shared participation at the EUROPE 2020 strategy among all levels of government and through a territorial integrated approach. The role of regions is thus a crucial aspect.

Innovation is the keyword to help Europe recover from the crisis. The dynamics of innovation, technological change and growth have a regional dimension that is worth addressing through regional innovation policy. The cohesion policy offers an important opportunity for regions to plan and experience innovation strategies adapted to their own economic, social and geographic context.

9.30

Registration

Chair: **Michele PASCA-RAYMONDO**, Deputy Director General, DG Regio, European Commission

10.00

Welcoming and Introduction

Gian Carlo MUZZARELLI, Minister of Industry, Energy, Sustainable development and Green economy, Emilia-Romagna Region

10.15-11.00

The Cohesion Policy towards Europe 2020

Morena DIAZZI, Director of DG Industry and Managing Authority ERDF ROP, Emilia-Romagna Region
Sabina DE LUCA, Director General for Community Regional Policy, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy

11.00-12.00

Innovation state of the art: EU visions and perspectives

Tonnie DE KOSTER, Deputy Head of Unit, Innovation Policy, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Lucio GUSSETTI, Director of the consultative works, Committee of the Regions

12.00-13.00

Conclusions

Vasco ERRANI, President of Emilia-Romagna Region

Johannes HAHN, European Commissioner of Regional Policy