

# Fit for Health Newsletter

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## FP7 Health Partnering Event: 30 May 2012 - Brussels

The event is geared to allow researchers, SMEs and any applicants interested in the 2013 FP7 Health call to **discuss new project ideas** and **meet potential partners** for forming consortia. The European Commission is organising an Open Information Day on 29 May 2012 in Brussels, prior to the publication of the 7<sup>th</sup> FP7-HEALTH-2013 call in June, to give you essential information and advice on how to develop a good project proposal and apply successfully.

To complement the Open Info Day, the projects “Fit for Health” and “Health-NCP-Net” are jointly organising an **FP7 Health Partnering** event the following day, on 30 May 2012. It will allow **researchers and SMEs** to meet **potential collaboration** partners to build a consortium. An accompanying programme will provide information on “what makes a good consortium” and give researchers from SMEs and academia interested in SME-targeted topics a platform to present their project ideas in 5-minute **flash-presentations**. In the afternoon, **bilateral meetings** will be arranged by our match-making tool using interests in specific call areas specified by participants in advance.

In addition to bilateral meetings between potential project partners, participants will have the opportunity to **meet with representatives of the European Commission** and **experts** of the support initiatives **Fit for Health** and **Health-NCPs** for **personalised support and information**. This event will be an invaluable opportunity to efficiently enhance your network and meet potential project partners from Europe and overseas. For further information and instructions on how to register for the Partnering event, please check the Fit for Health website <http://www.fitforhealth.eu/>

**Remark:** To register for the one-to-one meeting at the partnering event you will be asked to enter a short profile of your research interest and expertise profile on the B2 match registration site. If you are not available to participate in one-to-one meetings in Brussels you can participate in the virtual match-making campaign to be held on 7 to 11 May 2012 by directly registering your profile on the Fit for Health website at <http://www.fitforhealth.eu/>. Both matching processes are independent.



## Two International Trainings for FP7 Applicants: 15 June 2012 - Rome & 6 July 2012 - Madrid



Fit for Health is organizing two free of charge full-day international training events on 15th June, in Rome and 6th July, in Madrid. The training is geared towards applicants of the upcoming HEALTH call of the 7th EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), which is expected to be published in summer 2012, with a budget of more than 700 million euros.

The event is tailored to representatives and researchers from companies, universities, research institutes, hospitals, and patient organisations, which are in the process of coordinating or actively participating in the preparation of a proposal for the FP7-HEALTH-2013 Call. As this hands-on, interactive training is restricted to 50 participants once you have registered you will be asked to complete a questionnaire with details of the draft proposal that you plan to submit on the upcoming FP7-HEALTH 2013 call.

During this full-day interactive training, European experts with vast experience in FP7 will address in detail how to write the proposal, basics about financial/legal aspects and consortium composition. Successful applicants will share their insights in proposal writing. Due to the fact that small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play an even bigger role in FP7-Health Calls (about 25% of the budget is dedicated to SMEs), special attention will be paid to provide information of particular interest to SMEs and their participation in the training is strongly encouraged.

The trainings will be supplemented with virtual trainings dedicated to more in-depth financial issues in July and September 2012. If you are planning to participate in or to coordinate a proposal submission for the FP7 HEALTH-2013 Call, this is your opportunity and a perfect time to get more information and practical advice!

Registration will be open in March on <http://www.fitforhealth.eu/>

## Grant Negotiation & Project Management Training: 3 May 2012 – Brussels

Fit for Health is organizing an international Grant Negotiation & Project Management training for new and experienced coordinators of FP7 Health projects.

This training is combined with the information day (2 May 2012, Brussels, Belgium) organized by the European Commission for those coordinators who successfully submitted projects under the FP7-HEALTH-2012-Innovation 1 and –Innovation 2 Call. It will complement the information provided by the European Commission, providing additional presentations with tips for grant negotiation and managing your project with discussions of practical cases. During this one-day training we offer you information on the challenges of negotiating the consortium agreement – the basis for a successful project start and smooth implementation.

In a second part, we focus on project implementation, management, exploitation and ethical issues.

You will get insights into various aspects of project management and reporting procedures, as well as IPR issues. This event is offered to those coordinators (including support staff) invited by the EC to the coordinator's information day on 2 May 2012.

Please register for both events by following the instructions in the invitation given by your EC project officer.

[Click here for more information](#)





## Virtual Brokerage Event: 7-11 May 2012

Save the date: Participate in the Intensive virtual match-making for Health research FP7 funded project initiatives, which will take place during the second week of May 2012.

Are you developing research activity in the field of Health/Life Sciences and would like to benefit from co-funding of the European Commission's 7th Research Framework Programme (FP7)?

A new call for proposals will be open in the summer of 2012.

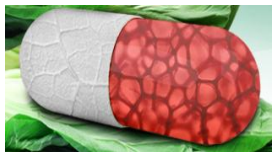
-We offer you the possibility to promote your expertise and address targeted partner searches among the largest available database of project initiators: 3.000 experts' profiles and close to 8.000 researchers' contacts.

In particular, for one week (from May 7th to May 11th 2012), the Fit for Health Network of experts will conduct an intensive "match-making" process whereby we will assist each company on the database individually in order to help them find relevant partners.

Therefore, if you want to align your expertise with the draft topics of the FP7 Health-2013 call, we would encourage you to enter/revise your profile / partner search accordingly, as soon as the draft topics become officially available.

You can enter or revise your profile or partner search on the Fit for Health site at <http://www.fitforhealth.eu/participate.aspx>

## Meet4LifeSciences Partnering Event: 26-27 June 2012, Basel



Fit for Health, in cooperation with the BIO-NET project and Enterprise Europe Network, is organizing a free-of-charge partnering event. The event's aims are:

- to provide support for SMEs and researchers in finding appropriate partners to build fruitful consortia in order to participate in FP7-funded research projects.
- to help establish useful networks for the exploitation of results and business development.

The first day of the event will provide SMEs and academic researchers with the opportunity to visit companies active in the fields of Health, Biotechnology and AgroFood which are involved in FP7 projects.

The second day of the event will mainly include keynote presentations which will provide participants with invaluable insights on future R&D challenges, tips on how to address market needs as well as private and public funding opportunities for project development. Afterwards, SMEs will have the opportunity to present themselves in short presentations. A variety of networking opportunities will facilitate the creation of personal contacts.

The main focus of the event will be on pre-arranged partnering meetings. Prior to the event, each participant will elaborate on their research skills and needs by completing expertise profiles. These profiles will be made available in an online catalogue. Furthermore, a match-making facility, based on keywords, will be provided so that participants can select in advance those with whom they wish to meet. Each 30-minute face-to-face meeting will give participants the opportunity to explore the possibilities for future collaboration.

More information, including an agenda and a link for registration, can be found on the [Meet4LifeSciences](#) website.

## Cooperation between Europe and the USA: 23-24 April 2012, Vienna



The BILAT-USA project has the pleasure to invite you to the symposium “Ways of successful science, technology and innovation cooperation between Europe and the USA” that will take place on 23-24 April 2012 at the MID TOWN Meeting and Businesscenter in Vienna, Austria. The symposium will be organised in cooperation with the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC) which is a partnership between the EU Member States and the European Commission.

BILAT-USA is a project funded by the 7th Framework Programme to improve awareness towards EU-U.S. Science & Technology cooperation through setting up a sustainable, knowledge based, and bi-regional dialogue platform between S&T key players as well as stakeholders from the EU-Member States and Associated countries and from the United States. The project includes various information- and awareness-raising actions, such as establishing a comprehensive web-site and databases dedicated to EU-U.S. STI cooperation, organizing a number of specialized thematic and training workshops and staging high-level events both at the scientific level as well as at the political and policy-making level.

The symposium will bring together SFIC members and observers, representatives of national ministries, research organisations and funding agencies, as well as researchers. It will start in the morning of the first day and end around lunchtime of the second day. The provisional programme can be found below.

<http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/home/sficsymposium>

## Latest news & Health-related Events on our Website



- [Innovation in Healthcare without borders](#) (16-17/04/2012 - Brussels, Belgium)
- [Ways of successful science, technology and innovation cooperation between Europe and the USA](#) (23-24/04/2012 - Vienna, Austria)
- [Grant Negotiation & Project Management Training](#) (03/05/2012 - Brussels, Belgium)

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