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International Training for Horizon 2020 Newcomers



Fit for Health is organizing, free of charge, a full-day international training event addressing newcomers to the European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020.

The event provides those not familiar with Horizon 2020 with comprehensive information on the opportunities and rules of European research funding. It addresses all those involved in biomedical, clinical and public health research and innovation: representatives and researchers from companies, clusters, universities, research institutes, hospitals, patient organisations, etc.

Small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play an ever bigger role in Horizon 2020: Our training takes this into account and we specifically encourage researchers from SMEs to participate.

Apart from general introductions to Horizon 2020 and the Societal Challenge related to Health, demographic change and wellbeing, the programme features presentations on participation rules, related European programmes, etc. Special attention is paid throughout the event to serving the information needs of SMEs. The event is presented by a team of European experts with vast experience in European research funding programmes.

If you are thinking to participate in Horizon 2020 and are not yet familiar with this programme and the general principles of EU Health research, then this is your opportunity, and the perfect time, to jump onboard!

[More information](#)

Horizon 2020 : Update on Creating New Business Opportunities for SMEs in the Life Sciences Area Conference



On 13 June 2013, Fit for Health organised a strategic conference on how SMEs in the Healthcare sector could gain a sustainable benefit from their participation in Horizon 2020, showing opportunities on the long term strategy and helping them to get prepared in time for this new framework programme.

The novel structure of Horizon 2020 was presented by the EC and the new orientations were discussed with participant SMEs' representatives.

There is a wide range of participation possibilities in the Health sector covering a heterogeneous field and SMEs need to be prepared for their participation right from the beginning.

[Click here to see the presentations of the conference.](#)



New Guides on Horizon 2020 & Funding opportunities in Health Research

Fit for Health has published two new user-friendly guides, which provide information about Horizon 2020 and funding opportunities for Health research.

Horizon 2020: This guide provides basic information about the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union - a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Special attention is given to funding opportunities for SMEs in Horizon 2020.

Alternative Funding Opportunities for SMEs in Health Research: This guide provides basic information on funding opportunities for Health research including the programmes EUROSTARS, Innovative Medicine Initiatives, and "Health for Growth" of the Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) as well as information on The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).

The Guides can be found at: <http://www.fitforhealth.eu/publications.aspx>



IMI Partnering Platform updated for the 9th IMI Call 2013



The IMI Partnering Platform allows potential IMI applicants to identify suitable cooperation partners for the upcoming 9th Call of the Innovative Medicines Initiative. The IMI Partnering Platform does not only facilitate the quick and targeted search for possible partners but also displays European-wide cooperation offers specific to IMI.

Registered users have the opportunity to be informed via E-mail-Alert about new participants interested in the same (potential) topic(s). A matchmaking function integrated in the partner search shows how well one's own profile fits to those of potential cooperation partners. Networking via the Platform is open to all IMI applicants on the European level.

Up to now more than 890 profiles from 38 different countries have been published!

IMI-Partnering Platform: <http://www.imi-partnering.eu/>

The partner search tool is accessible on the official website of IMI JU:

<http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search>



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