



First announcement of the Week of European Regions in Europe (WIRE2010)

15-17 March 2010, Granada (Spain)

The Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation and the European Commission jointly organise the Week of European Regions in Europe (WIRE2010) that will be held in Granada on 15-17 March 2010, under the auspices of the Spanish EU Council Presidency.

The event will focus on how to move from "synergies of policies" to "synergies of actions" for the optimal use of existing EU instruments, with the objective of making regions full protagonists in building the knowledge-based society.

WIRE2010 is the result of merging three different conferences:

- A. Conference on the efficient and effective use of budget earmarked in the Structural Funds for RTD and Innovation, including their synergies with the FP and the CIP.
- B. "Research Potential" conference, which focuses on the assessment of the results and the identification of best practices of the Research REGPOT programme (Capacities - FP7).
- C. "Regions of Knowledge" conference, which deals with the assessment of the results and the identification of best practices of the REGIONS programme (Capacities - FP7).

WIRE2010 will be a forum for discussion of stakeholder's good practices and ideas on how to make the best of European, national and regional funding for R&D and innovation and more efficient ways to conduct future actions. In this line, REGPOT and REGIONS programmes (Capacities - FP7) can play a crucial role and therefore will have a whole dedicated conference on the second day.

Due to limitations of the venue, attendance will be by invitation only, after a expression of interest on our webpage www.micinn.es/wire2010 (pre-registration facility).

Let us draw your attention on the poster session of WIRE, which will be a very good opportunity to get high visibility of the results of your project, cluster, research centre, etc. (please check the deadline for abstracts submission: 15th of December 2009).

**If you are interested in participating, please block the date of 15-17
March 2010 in your calendar!**

In the hope that you will be able to join us in Granada, very best wishes.

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