

## WIRE 2010

The Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation and the European Commission jointly organise the Week of Innovative Regions In Europe, which will be held in Granada (Spain), 15th-17h March, 2010.

The event will focus on the connectivity between the different governance levels of the European, National and Regional strategies and programs on Research and Technological Development, using the Financial Perspectives mid-term assessment and the future frames.

## Concept and motivation

The Spanish Government will seize the opportunity offered by the occasion of its Presidency to focus the attention of political leaders and social stakeholders on the competitiveness of European regions and its relation to research effort.

The Week of Innovative Regions in Europe is the result of merging three different conferences:

- Conference on **the efficient and effective use of budget earmarked in the Structural Funds for RTD and Innovation (SF)**, including their synergies with the Framework Programme for RTD (FP) and the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP).
- **“Research Potential” conference**, which focuses on the assessment of the results and the identification of best practices of the Research Potential (REGPOT) calls within the FP7 Capacities Programme, aimed at the increase of the research capabilities of the best research centres of the European regions, with an special emphasis in Convergence and Outermost regions.
- **“Regions of Knowledge” conference**, which deals with the assessment of the results and the identification of best practices of the Regions of Knowledge (REGIONS) calls within the FP7 Capacities Programme, aimed at fostering regional cooperation through ‘research-driven clusters’ by means of a comparison of the different regional strategies and joint action plans defined.

## Date and venue

The event will be held on 15th-17th of March 2010 in the city of Granada, which is living proof of the rich Moorish architectural legacy.



## Programme

The Conference will take place over three days, with the following tentative structure:

- **1st Day:** General presentations. Regional Policy and CIP. Poster session.
- **2nd Day:** Parallel sessions on REGPOT and REGIONS with practical cases presentations and round tables. Poster session.
- **3rd Day:** Discussions on good practices and possible synergies between REGPOT and REGIONS, the CIP and the SF. Discussion and approval of a Conclusive Document and Recommendations.

A draft programme will be made available at the end of 2009.

## Target audience

Around **500 participants** will take place, from different fields

The target attendants for this event are national and regional authorities, administrative and policy officials for the management of Structural Funds, current and potential participants of REGPOT and REGIONS programmes, the members of the Committees for the mentioned programmes, National Contact Points, researchers (public and private), entrepreneurs and, in general, all those people who may have a genuine interest in regional development through research and innovation.

## Poster session

- WIRE is an occasion to share experiences of regional innovation practices, cluster formation or upgrading the quality of research centres. It is also an occasion for partners search in view of future call for proposal or regional collaboration initiatives.
- Research centres, universities, regional administrations, companies, and other stakeholders interested in Research and Innovation are invited to present their contribution in WIRE as a poster.
- Two sessions will be organized where the participants will have the opportunity to present their contribution, proposals or needs, to WIRE using a poster. You are kindly invited to submit a description of your contribution to the WIRE 2010. A selection of contributions will be made by the Organizing Committee and communicated in due time to the selected participants in the Poster session.

## Registration

- A Pre-Registration will be open soon in the website, where potential participants could manifest their interest in the event and their willingness to present a contribution. The official registration will be open from December 2009 to mid February 2010.
- Due to restrictions by the venue, the number of participants has to be limited. Hence, early registration is recommended.

## Further information

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