



First announcement of the Week of Innovative Regions in Europe 2011

7 -9 June 2011, Debrecen, Hungary

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WIRE2011 connects cluster development and research infrastructure policy in order to enhance innovation performances and regional development.

Under the aegis of the Hungarian EU Council Presidency the conference 'Week of Innovative Regions in Europe 2011 (WIRE2011)'; - giving an appropriate follow-up of WIRE 2010 conference in Granada held under the Spanish EU Council Presidency -, will be organized jointly with the European Commission on 7-9 June 2011 in Debrecen, Hungary dedicated to possible synergies between research infrastructures and cluster policy. The conference – considering the document of 'EUROPE 2020, a strategy for a smart, sustainable and inclusive development strategy' and the 'Innovation Union Flagship Initiative' - focuses on questions related to knowledge, innovation and competitiveness in economy with respect to research infrastructure investments, clusters and their effects on how they can support smart growth in the regions.

WIRE2011 will put on the floor today's urgent questions for innovation and research policy at regional level:

- Can the regions use the resources devoted to research and innovation more efficiently?
- How smart specialisation strategies can enable to optimise the use of research infrastructures by considering their role in clusters, regional innovation support systems and networks?
- Can the regional dimension of research infrastructures contribute to regional development and better regional research and innovation performance?
- Can tools, such as European Research Infrastructure Consortia, help to improve the construction of and the access to high quality large research infrastructures?

Useful information:

Further information and registration will be available on www.wire2011.eu after 21st February. 25 regions/clusters/research infrastructures will have the opportunity to present their good practices on synergies between clusters and research infrastructures. Application forms will be available on the website.

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