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Eight New Universities Join Powers for Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) Alliance

The launch event was held on October 11, 2019, in the presence of YUFE partners and collaborators. It introduced this exciting initiative to the academic community as well as the general public, preceded by team meetings in preparation for the official launch of the project next December.



The University of Cyprus was honoured to host the YUFE (Young Universities for the Future of Europe) Alliance partners meeting; it marks a dynamic alliance of young European universities aspiring to collaborate closely to contribute to the future of education, while fostering strong university synergies across Europe. The launch event was held on October

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The YUFE consortium, consisting of 8 European Universities, was selected by the European Commission last June in order to bring about the implementation of a new European University model. UCY is a member of the consortium. It is worth noting that the consortium gathered the highest score amongst all proposals by the European Commission.

Addressing the Rectors and Delegations of YUFE's partners, as well as UCY partners, Rector Professor Tasos Christofides stressed the significance of this initiative, in view of the impact of placing internationalization in the heart of higher education, research and innovation: "Internationalization is the key to fostering creativity and entrepreneurship through the transfer and sharing of knowledge. The sharing and transfer of knowledge is vital to YUFE. I am confident that our alliance will transform our institutions - bring about change that will strengthen and enable our universities to work for the better". The Rector noted that enthusiasm, determination, and individual successes, as well as the young age demographic of the participating partners can lead to considerable achievements towards the consortium's efforts to establish an innovative model European University.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1201>

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CY-BIOBANK



Medical School of the University of Cyprus. CY-BIOBANK's main objective is the establishment of a Centre of Excellence around Biobanking and Biomedical next generation research, in Cyprus.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1203>

SAVE THE DATE

The CY-BIOBANK Biobanking and the Cyprus Human Genome Project's consortium, would like to inform you that the project's kick-off event will take place on Tuesday, November 26th 2019 at 9:30 am, in "Nicos Siakolas" auditorium, located at the



University of Nicosia and Brno University of Technology collaborate in the fields of teaching, research, innovation and exchange

The Dean of the School of Business at the University of Nicosia, Professor Angelika Kokkinaki, together with the Dean of the School of Sciences and Engineering, Dr George Gregoriou, held an official meeting on campus on Tuesday, 8 October 2019 with Dr Zdenka Konecna and Dr Jiri Kriz, Associate Deans of the School of Management at Brno University of Technology. During the meeting, an ERASMUS+ Agreement was signed between the two institutions. The two parties also discussed the broader framework for cooperation in the fields of teaching, research, and innovation, as well as the prospect of developing joint programmes of study.

More information: <http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1205>



A new handbook for teachers working in multicultural schools

The E-COURSE project team has published an educational handbook entitled "Enhancing the learning performance and participation of migrant children in Primary School Education".

The handbook, developed in line with the needs of teachers and schools dealing with children with immigrant backgrounds, guides and supports

educators in producing educational material and undertaking intercultural activities in their classes and schools. The handbook material has been successfully piloted in five European countries.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1257>



Public launching event for the Eastern Mediterranean Middle East – Climate and Atmosphere Research Centre (EMME-CARE)

On Tuesday, October 8th 2019, The Cyprus Institute organized the public launching event for the Eastern Mediterranean Middle East – Climate and Atmosphere Research Centre (EMME-CARE). The event was under the auspices and was addressed by, the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Dr. Costas Kadis.

The event was held at Cyl's premises in Athalassa and was attended by distinguished personalities from the political, academic and diplomatic communities of Cyprus and abroad.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1200>



AVAL develops learning material for an open educational model for ethical literacy

Added VALue Learning for Preschool Teachers & Pedagogical Coordinators –AVAL, a project implemented in Cyprus by CARDET, has reached its conclusion having successfully undertaken its bid to contribute to the development of an open model based on Ethical Literacy. During the first phase of the project, the implementing team carried out a survey with Preschool Teachers & Pedagogical Coordinators investigating their views as to the dominant principles in and the

importance they place in practicing values in learning.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1202>

Frederick University: Coordinator of a Project for the development of an Entrepreneurial mindset in students

The First Learning Activity of the European project "Development of an Entrepreneurial MindSet in Higher Education" was held with great success at Frederick University in Nicosia.

On 21 to 25 of October 2019 thirty students and ten academics and professionals from five European countries and seven universities and training centres took part in the First Learning Activity of the European project "Development of an Entrepreneurial MindSet in Higher Education" which is funded by the Foundation for the Management of European Lifelong Learning Programmes and the Erasmus+ KA2 programme.

The project which aims to develop an entrepreneurial mindset in students of Higher Education (HE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) is coordinated by the Department of Business Administration of Frederick University and is in its second year of implementation.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1247>





Hate Interrupter Teams: Youth Counteracting hate speech towards migrants and minorities through participatory and creative campaigning» (HIT)

The HIT project is a European project that provides young people with knowledge and tools to address hate speech towards migrants and minorities. With these tools, they can identify, and then report, these abusive speeches. To achieve this goal, the project offers a new model of empowerment of young Europeans through the creation of "Hate interruptor Teams" (HITs), aimed mainly at people from 14 to 19 years old. These teams are supported by young mentors, and young workers. In addition, they will have the possibility of counteract hate speech and behavior towards migrants (HSBM) in their communities, at school and among their peers.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1244>

Halting harassment and abuse in Sports using Learning Technologies (HALT)

The European University Cyprus participates in the second Transnational Meeting of the HALT Project "Halting Harassment and Abuse in Sports using Learning Technologies", which took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on Friday 18 October 2019.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1243>



EU NEWS AND EU POLICY

EU Budget: Commission helps prepare new cohesion programmes with regional competitiveness index and eurobarometer

On 7 October, the Commission publishes the 2019 Regional Competitiveness Index and a Eurobarometer on Regional Policy. This will help authorities in the Member States in charge of designing the future Cohesion Policy programmes for the 2021-2027 EU budget period to evaluate public opinion, identify regional assets and better focus investments.

Negotiations on the next EU budget for 2021-2027 and the future Cohesion Policy are ongoing with the European Parliament and the Member States. In parallel, the Commission has started a discussion with all EU countries on the priorities of the future Cohesion Policy programmes. This is so EU investments can reach the ground as soon as possible. The Competitiveness Index and the Eurobarometer aim to feed into this programming process.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1228>

EU-Wide coordinates risk assessment of 5G networks security

On 9 October, Member States, with the support of the European Commission and the European Agency for Cybersecurity, published a high-level report on the coordinated risk assessment of 5G networks. This marks the completion of another major step of the Commission's Recommendation for a common EU approach to the security of 5G networks.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1230>

EU Code Week 2019 brings coding and tech skills to millions of Europeans

The 7th edition of EU Code Week took place between 5 and 20 October. This year, thousands of activities took place in approximately 70 countries around the world. Through EU Code Week, anyone and everyone can help bring digital literacy to their community by organising activities! EU Code Week is a grassroots movement supported by the European Commission, which brings digital literacy, including coding, to all Europeans. The launch of this year's EU Code Week took place on international teacher's day. EU Code Week is part of the Digital Education Action Plan, which aims to help Europeans acquire digital skills that will help them take part in society and the labour market. The goal is that Code Week reaches 50% of all schools in Europe and the Western Balkans by 2020. Last year, 2.7 million participants in over 70 countries participated in the initiative, a true testimony to the growing interest in digital literacy, computational thinking, coding and tech skills.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1231>



Extending the reach for .eu domain users

From October 2019, Europeans living outside the European Union can register for a .eu top-level domain.

13 years after its initial launch, new rules on the .eu Top-Level Domain entered into force in April 2019, and will support better quality and more innovative services on .eu in an ever-changing digital environment.

From 19 October 2019, the updated Regulation will extend the right to register a .eu domain name to citizens of the European Union, no matter where they are residing in the world. Previously limited to residents of EU and EEA countries, the .eu space currently ranks as the seventh largest country code extension on the internet.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1235>



Commission's report on E-Government shows narrower gap between leading and lower-performing European Countries

On 18th of October the Commission published the eGovernment benchmark report, which assesses the use of information and communications technologies in public administrations, as well as the levels of cross-border interoperability and digital interaction between administrations and citizens or businesses in the EU Member States and 8 non-EU countries.

This year's study shows improvements in the level of transparency as well as the use of digital services, such as eIDs and eDocuments.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1241>



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Psychology at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1258>

Professor Eveline Crone new ERC Vice-President

Professor Eveline Crone has been elected as the new Vice President of the European Research Council (ERC). She will take up duties on 1 January 2020, alongside two current Vice Presidents. Elected by the ERC Scientific Council, she will be in charge of ERC activities in the domain of Social Sciences and Humanities. Professor Eveline Crone has been a member of the ERC Scientific Council since 2017. She is Professor in Neurocognitive Developmental

2020 EU Budget: Council accept EP Amendments

The Council has informed the European Parliament that it cannot accept all the amendments for the 2020 EU budget adopted today in the Parliament's plenary. This triggers a three-week conciliation process, which will start on 29 October. The Council and the Parliament will have until 18 November to bridge their differences. In its draft budget for 2020 the Commission proposed setting the total level of commitments at €168.3 billion and payments at €153.6 billion. The Council's position, adopted on 3 September, sets total commitments at €166.8 billion and total payments at €153.1 billion, which is -€1.5 billion and -€0.5 billion less, respectively, compared to the Commission's proposal. Nevertheless, the Council's position still represents an increase of +0.6 % in commitments and +3.3 % in payments when compared to the budget voted in 2019.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1206>

Brexit: European Council adopts decision to extend the period under Article 50

The European Council has adopted a decision to extend the period under Article 50.3 (of the Treaty on the European Union), in the context of the UK's intention to withdraw from the EU. The extension will last until 31 January 2020 to allow more time for the ratification of the withdrawal agreement. The withdrawal can take place earlier on 1 December 2019 or 1 January 2020, if the withdrawal agreement is ratified by both parties. For the duration of the extension the United Kingdom remains a member state with all the rights and obligations set out in the treaties and under EU law.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1218>

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

More than 8000 responses on how to shape Horizon Europe

A strong focus on sustainable solutions and simpler rules: these were the two recurrent themes shared by more than 8000 respondents who collectively completed two surveys on Horizon Europe. These surveys followed an innovative co-design approach.

The first Horizon Europe survey, which ran from 28 June to 4 October 2019, dealt with key strategic orientations for research and innovation support for the programme's first four years, as well as descriptions of expected impacts, cross-cluster issues and intervention areas to be covered. 6806 responses were received, coming from 99 countries, including all EU Member States which made up 87% of the responses. Just over 50% of the responses came from

universities or research organisations, with around 15% from business or industry, 7% from NGOs, 6% from other public authorities, and 3% from international organisations.

Respondents showed broad support for the targeted impacts and priorities referred to in the survey's orientations document. They stressed the importance of research and innovation to contribute to sustainable solutions, especially for climate related challenges. More

information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1226>



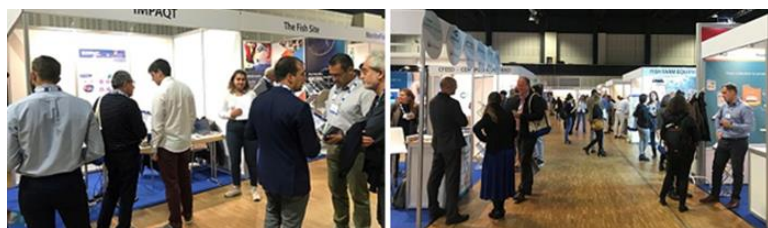
Composition of Horizon Europe Mission Assemblies announced

The European Commission has now made publicly available the names of the Horizon Europe Mission Assemblies members.

Mission Assemblies were not originally envisioned by the European Commission's in its plans for a mission-oriented approach under

Horizon Europe. They were formulated as a result of the significant number of responses received from exceptional candidates in the call for Mission Board members.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1229>



REA projects sharing results in the most important aquaculture event in Europe

Several EU-funded projects, managed by REA under Horizon 2020, participated in the Aquaculture Europe conference, in Berlin, on 7-10 October.

The EU imports approx. 65% of all the seafood and only produces 1.2% of the world aquaculture products. There is

definitely a lot to do to improve these figures and that is why under Horizon 2020 several projects are funded in this field.

The Research Executive Agency (REA) manages a significant share of these projects. So far, around 20 projects with an aquaculture component have been funded under Horizon 2020 with a total EU contribution of approx. EUR 120 million.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1232>

Digital Government: a thematic collection of innovative EU-funded research results

REA joined forces with DG CNECT and CORDIS to produce the publication Digital government: Co-creating innovative public services for citizens and businesses. The results pack is thematic collection of research results funded under EU's framework programme for research and innovation Horizon 2020 – Societal Challenges 6. The publication presents new opportunities for administrations to deliver seamless and more efficient services to citizens and businesses. It highlights 10 EU-funded projects that have pioneered innovative solutions and processes to launch fully Europe's public services into the digital realm. The examples included demonstrate the possibilities to make public administrations more open, innovative and collaborative.

The online version of the publication is available on the CORDIS website.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1233>

€8 million available to fund science outreach events across Europe

A call for project proposals to organise European Researchers' Night events is open until 9 January 2020.

It is the occasion to get funds to organise a Europe-wide public and media event for the promotion of research careers, in particular towards young people and their families.

This is an opportunity to bring researchers closer to the general public and to increase awareness of research and innovation activities by: Supporting the public recognition of researchers; Showcasing the impact of researchers' work on people's daily lives; Encouraging young people to embark on research careers.

Universities, Research Centres, Civil society organisations, and other legal entities across Europe and Associated Countries are invited to submit proposals to organise events. The call makes available around €8 million that could fund more than 60 projects.

Evaluation results will be known by 15 April 2020 at the latest. Successful proposals will be then invited to prepare a grant agreement, which should be signed by June 2020. The events will take place on 25th September 2020.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1234>

Defence Research: Cooperative Financial Mechanism (CFM) Close to Confirmation

A final version of a Cooperative Financial Mechanism (CFM) between the EIB and the EU Defence Agency (EDA), has been sent to Member States for sign-off. The CFM is an innovative programme launched by EDA with a view to facilitating the financing of collaborative defence capability and research projects between Member States. It is considered to be a front-runner to the new EU Defence Fund which will be launched as part of the next EU programming period from 2021-2027.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1237>



Vestager promises Europe will go its own way on Artificial Intelligence rules

Margrethe Vestager, the EU's new souped-up digital and big tech regulator, has promised ethical and human-centred rules on artificial intelligence (AI) in the first 100 days of her mandate.

The EU can't be a leader in AI "without ethical guidelines," she told MEPs in her confirmation hearing. "The artificial intelligence you want must serve humans. That's a different kind of artificial intelligence" from that seen in the US and China, she said.

The new rules will build on the EU's reputation as the world's foremost technology watchdog and regulator of online privacy.

However, Vestager promised Brussels would be "very careful not to over-regulate" AI by issuing hard rules that could slow innovation. "Obviously we need the feedback from many, many businesses, but I also believe you have to act fast."

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1238>

JPI Oceans: Funding for microplastics projects

JPI Oceans partners and Brazil have agreed to fund five international joint research projects on microplastics in the ocean.

The new projects will conduct research into the sources of microplastics and look into analytical methods for identifying smaller micro- and nano-plastics. The projects will also focus on monitoring and mapping of microplastics in the ocean including their effects on the marine environment.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1239>

The first big data Centre of Excellence in Eastern Europe takes off

The €15 million Teaming project was launched mid-October in Sofia (Bulgaria). Being the only big data centre of excellence in Eastern Europe, GATE will play a strategic role for disseminating the best practices and innovative models to the so-called Widening Countries. This ambitious Teaming project intends to sustain big data growth, through an attractive and stimulating research environment and advanced infrastructure supporting open innovation.

Based in Sofia, this autonomous Centre of Excellence is to be established as a joint initiative between Sofia University (Bulgaria), Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden) and the foundation Chalmers Industrial Technology; a leader in innovation management, university-industry collaboration and technology transfer.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1240>



A further step forward for batteries in the EU's clean energy and clean mobility transition

On 22 October 2019, the general assembly of “Batteries Europe” took place in Brussels. This platform is the research and innovation strand of the European Battery Alliance and is an important initiative of the Commission's Strategic Action Plan on Batteries.

The event gathered over 200 companies and research organisations along the batteries value chain as well as representatives of Member States and European regions. It was opened by the Director-General of the European Commission's

Directorate-General for Energy, Ditte Juul Jørgensen, together with Diego Pavia (CEO of Innoenergy).

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1207>

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Climate change: significant drop in EU emissions in 2018 but further effort needed to reach 2030 target

The European Union (EU) cut its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2 % in 2018, according to preliminary estimates released on 31st of October by the European Environment Agency.

However, rising energy consumption continues to hamper progress on the share of energy generated by renewable sources and on energy efficiency. As in previous years, the transport sector remains a particular concern with rising GHG emissions, low uptake of renewable energy sources and insufficient reductions of transport fuels' life-cycle emissions.

The EEA analysis shows that the EU is firmly on track to achieve its 2020 target to reduce GHG emissions by 20 %, compared with 1990 levels. Preliminary data from Member States indicate that the EU's total emissions decreased by 2.0 % in 2018, bringing the total reductions to 23.2 % below 1990 levels.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1259>

EU investment budget for 2020: a boost for the climate

MEPs adopted their position on the 2020 EU budget on Wednesday, saying it must provide a “solid starting point to launch the new generation of EU programmes”.

The Parliament underlines, in its draft resolution, that the 2020 EU budget is “the last chance for the European Union to come closer to meeting the political commitments set for that period, including towards reaching the EU climate target”. It should pave the way for the new long-term 2021-2027 EU budget, the so-called multiannual financial framework (MFF).

MEPs have boosted the Commission's draft budget by adding altogether more than €2 billion to protect the climate. Furthermore, they increased the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and the Erasmus+ programmes and approved further support in line with Parliament's priorities in areas such as SMEs, research, digitalisation, migration and external policy, including development and humanitarian aid.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1208>



EU makes 22 new commitments for clean, healthy and safe oceans and launches the Ocean Tracker

The European Union will announce 22 new commitments at the 2019 edition of Our Ocean conference, which will take place in Oslo, Norway on 23-24 October 2019, for better governance of the oceans. In addition, the EU is also launching 'The Ocean Tracker', an interactive map to follow the over 10 billion euros commitments already made by governments, businesses and NGOs.

These EU commitments are meaningful actions to strengthen ocean governance, in particular with regard to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and more specifically, the Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. The EU pledges include projects to tackle plastic pollution, make blue economy more sustainable and improve research

and maritime surveillance.

The Ocean tracker, itself a commitment made in 2017, when the EU hosted the Our Ocean in Malta, will make sure that the progress of all pledges is clear to see.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1213>

REGIONAL POLICY

EU week of Regions and Cities 2019

The latest edition of the European Week of Regions and Cities took place on 7-10 October, with a four-day conference in Brussels. The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance. This year's edition of the event saw over 9000 attendees and 1000 speakers participate in a programme of lectures, debates and workshops, which covered each dimension of the EU's Cohesion Policy.

In addition to the main programme of sessions at the Brussels conference, the week also saw a number of side events take place across EU Member States, as well as playing host to the ceremony for the REGIOSTARS awards for 2019.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1236>

**RISE IMET 2020**

International Conference on Interactive Media, Smart Systems
and Emerging Technologies

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE SITES

June 3-5th 2020, Nicosia, Cyprus

Venue: A.G. Leventis Gallery, Nicosia, Cyprus

CALL FOR PAPERS

The RISE IMET International Conference on Emerging Technologies and the Digital Transformation of Museums and Heritage Sites will be held in Nicosia, Cyprus, on June 3-5th 2020. The conference is organised by the Research Centre on Interactive media, Smart systems and Emerging technologies (RISE). RISE constitutes a centre of excellence and a joint venture between the three public universities of Cyprus (University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology and Open University of Cyprus), the Municipality of Nicosia, the Max Planck Institute for Informatics (Germany) and University College London (UK) (<http://www.rise.org.cy>). This is the first conference in a series of RISE annual conferences focusing on Interactive Media, Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies (RISE - IMET).

The conference is dedicated to the exploration of current practices in the use of emerging and interactive technologies such as augmented, mixed or virtual reality, holographic models, 3D models, artificial intelligence, sensors and gamification in museums and heritage sites. The aim of this conference is to promote critical and interdisciplinary approaches and conversations between participants from diverse fields and to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue between academics and professionals from various backgrounds on digital advances, innovation and their impact on the field of cultural heritage. Thus, we encourage the submission of abstracts from academics and professionals from the fields of museum studies, cultural heritage, computer science, heritage management, artificial intelligence, visual arts and cognitive science amongst others.

Potential themes include but are not limited to:

Advantages, challenges and limitations of emerging technologies | Current theoretical and practical approaches in digital heritage

Case studies of successful or not-so-successful implementations of emerging technologies in museums and heritage sites (critical approaches to the application of emerging technologies)

Emerging trends in the digital presentation, interpretation and management of cultural heritage | VR, AR, MR, Mobile Applications and Gamification in museums and heritage sites | Cultural Informatics and ethical considerations

The application of emerging technologies in specialised areas of cultural heritage, e.g. contested heritage, intangible cultural heritage, World Heritage Sites

Immersion, immersive experiences and authenticity in cultural heritage | Interactive/Emerging Technologies and education/museum pedagogy

New technologies and visitor behaviour analysis/visitor studies | Cultural tourism and emerging technologies: museums, heritage sites and smart applications

Technologies of crowdsourcing for museums and heritage sites/participatory memory practices through technology

Affective technologies and museums | Galleries, technology and contemporary art

More information: <https://cyprusconferences.org/riseimet2020/>



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EEN NEWS

Enterprise Europe Network, a network that provides, free of charge, integrated support services to Cypriot enterprises wanting to invest in entrepreneurship, knowledge, research, technology and innovation.

The mission of the Enterprise Europe Network in Cyprus is to contribute to the qualitative improvement of domestic enterprises and to strengthen their competitiveness targeting to expand their presence in international markets.

The Enterprise Europe Network in Cyprus is a member of the European network Enterprise Europe Network and the Consortium consists of the Research Promotion Foundation as the Coordinator, the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the European Office of Cyprus as members.

More information: <http://eencyprus.org.cy/en/>

High demand of European Start-Ups and SMEs for equity financing from the European Innovation Council (EIC)

A total of 1,852 applications were received following the first 'cut-off' of the EIC Accelerator programme on October 10, requesting a record of more than €5.2bn of financial support.

Almost 500 companies requested blended financing (grant and equity) totalling €2.8bn - with equity representing, on average, two thirds of the requested amount per application. Grant support of €2.4bn was requested from approximately 1,350 companies. More than 2/3 of the latter have mentioned their agreement for a possible counter-offer in terms of forms of financial support (i.e. blended finance).

Companies from Spain (228), Italy (173), Israel (164), Germany (142) and France (134) submitted the largest number of proposals, with Israel (80), Spain (78), France (37), Germany (35) and Italy (34) submitting the largest number of blended finance applications.

More information: <http://www.eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1227>

INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE EVENTS

The "Participation in International Brokerage Events" Programme aims to the international networking of Cypriot organisations. Through implementation of the Programme it is anticipated to support the extroversion of Cypriot organisations and to eliminate the weaknesses attributed to the small size of the Cypriot market and lack of critical mass of resources and infrastructures.

Furthermore, Cypriot entities will be supported in exploiting research results of Cypriot origin that cannot be utilised in the local market, as well as identifying technologies and technical know-how which are not available in Cyprus.

DESCRIPTION

DATES AND PLACE

EEN brokerage event "E-Mobility Match 2019" in the frame of 7th Forum E-Mobility

More information: <https://e-mobility-forum.b2match.io/>

28 November 2019

Kiel, Deutschland

Innovations to reach a Circular Tourism Destination

More information: <http://into2019.talkb2b.net>

28 November 2019

Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Cycl'eau 2019 – Water Management, micropollutants and innovation in urban waters

More information: <https://cycleaustrasbourg.b2match.io/>

4 December 2019

Strasbourg, France

AgriFoodTech b2b Meet & Match 2019

More information: <https://agrifoodtech2019.b2match.io/>

11 December 2019

Den Bosch, Netherlands

Pro' Energy B2B Meetings

More information: <https://energaia.b2match.io/>

11 December 2019

Montpellier, France

EVENTS CALENDAR DECEMBER 2019

DESCRIPTION	DATES AND PLACE
B-Day: Boosting Connectivity Investments More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1260	3 December Brussels, Belgium
A Sustainable Future for Europe – The contribution of frontier research More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1261	3 December Brussels, Belgium
Financing the Energy Transition: Incentives to bring all regions on board More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1262	3 December Brussels, Belgium
MSCA Stakeholders' Conference More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1263	3 December Brussels, Belgium
Artificial intelligence and health, Antimicrobial resistance and news vaccines More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1264	4 December Brussels, Belgium
Collaborating towards a Horizon Europe mission on climate-neutral cities by and for citizens – how do we ensure smartness? More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1265	4 December Brussels, Belgium
Towards a sustainable economy: how to make the circular economy a business model for the EU More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1266	4 December Brussels, Belgium
Guild Forum on European Universities initiative - Vision for Europe's higher education sector More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1267	5 December Brussels, Belgium
Invented and made in Europe" - healthcare innovation roundtable More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1268	9 December Brussels, Belgium
Cybersecurity: What does it mean to EU Citizens? More information: http://eoc.org.cy/en/index.php?id=1269	10 December Brussels, Belgium
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