

Connecting the territory

*through the innovation **network***



At the Andalusian Technology Park

MALAGA, TO HOST THE FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN PROJECT INOLINK - 25TH OCTOBER 2012

Malaga will be host to the final conference of the Inolink project, organized by Andalusian Technology Network (RETA), Lead Partner of the project. In this final conference, where the main results and best practices identified during the development of this project, which aims to increase the range of regional innovation policies in different parts of Europe, as well as the identification and the exchange of good practices in this area, will be presented.



The program will include the participation of Manuel González, Project Adviser, South INTERREG IVC IP, who will make a presentation on "INTERREG IVC: Insight into Interregional Cooperation". In addition, the project partners will present some of the main outputs developed under the project, the "Study on Regional Innovation Systems in the EU" and the "Good Practice Guide".

The conference will be completed with the presentation of the Regional Improvement Plans, as a result of the exchange of best identified practices and with a round table on these best practices. The day will also feature a presentation on Horizon 2020, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, headed by a representative of Spain's Centre for Technological and Industrial Development.

AGENDA FINAL CONFERENCE - INOLINK PROJECT

Málaga, 25th October, 2012

Venue: Sala Multimedia. Centro de Ciencia y Tecnología. Andalusian Technology Park (Málaga)

- 📅 9.00 h. **Registration**
- 📅 9.30 h. **Welcome and official opening.**
Mr. Felipe Romera Lubias, President, RETA, the Andalusian Technology Network.
- 📅 9.45 h. **Presentation on “INTERREG IVC: Insight into Interregional Cooperation”**
Mr. Manuel González, Project Adviser, INTERREG IVC IP South.

PART 1. INOLINK Project. Main results at a glance

- 📅 10.00 h. **Dissemination of main results of INOLINK**
Mr. Daniel González-Bootello, General Manager, RETA. INOLINK Lead Partner.
- 📅 10.15 h. **Presentation of the “Study on Regional Innovation Systems in the EU”**
Mr. Christoph Schreyer, Communication Manager, NANOBIIONET. INOLINK Partner.
- 📅 10.45 h. **Presentation of the “Good practices Guide”**
Ms. Soizic Tsin, Project Manager, Coventry University Enterprises. INOLINK Partner.
- 📅 11.15 h. **Coffee-break**
- 📅 11.35 h. **Presentation of the “Regional Improvement Plans”**
Ms. Verónica Ramírez, Project Manager, RETA. INOLINK Lead Partner.

PART 2. INOLINK Project. Opportunities for transfer of good practices

- 📅 12.00 h. **Round table. Presentation of the best practices of the Project and the implementation in other regions**
Mr. Daniel González-Bootello, General Manager, RETA. INOLINK Lead Partner.
Ms. Ana Gonçalves, Diviçao de Empreendedorismo e Transferencia de Tecnologia da Universidade do Algarve, CRIA. INOLINK Partner.
Ms. Soizic Tsin, Project Manager, Coventry University Enterprises. INOLINK Partner.
Mr. Dimitar Radev, Executive Director, RAPIV. INOLINK Partner.
- 📅 12.45 h. **Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between Coventry University Enterprises and Rabanales 21 Science and Technology Park**

PART 3. Future Opportunities

- 📅 13.00 h. **Horizon 2020. The framework programme for Research and Innovation.**
Mr. Luis Guerra, EU R&D Framework Programme Department. Spain’s Centre for Technological and Industrial Development
- 📅 13.45 h. **Closing**

SPEAKERS

Manuel Gonzalez joined the INTERREG IVC Information Point South mid-2008. His tasks mainly consist of providing advice to potential applicants and supporting project development. He is also involved in project assessment.

Previously, Manuel worked for a consultancy firm dealing with European Policies, where he acquired a deep knowledge in European Cooperation Programmes. In 2006, he joined the INTERACT Point in Valencia as project manager, and in 2008, he joined the INTERREG IIC South JTS to work as Project Officer and was responsible for monitoring approved operations.

Manuel studied Political Sciences in the University of Granada and has a Master degree in Business Administration from University of Madrid and a Master in European Studies from the College of Europe (Natolin, Warsaw).



Daniel Gonzalez Bootello is RETA's General Manager. Engineer in Telecom from the University of Malaga, he started his career in Madrid working as a strategy and management business consultant for Arthur Andersen. He then moved on to Iberdrola, where he led the deployment of powerline communications in the Greater Madrid Area and coordinated FP6 project OPERA.

He joined RETA in 2006, where he has successfully led government funded ICT consultancy and innovation support activity programs on a regional level. He holds his current position since March, 2012.



Luis Guerra holds a PhD in Mechanical Engineer by the Politechnical University of Madrid. He has been involved in FP projects since FP5, both at research and management level. He joined CDTI, the Spanish Innovation Agency, in 2007 for heading the Spanish Delegation in the Research for SME programme as well as giving support to participants as National Contact Point. In 2008 he was also nominated in the CIP Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme as expert in support of the Spanish Delegation of the Programme and since then, it participate in numerous groups dealing with SME research and innovation policy at EU level, especially, in the last two years, within the future framework of Horizon2020.



Christoph Schreyer

German language and literature studies at the Leipzig University (1983-1988).

Teacher for German as a foreign language and German studies (Université de Metz et al.) (1993-1998).

Consultant for communication and public relations agencies in Saarbrücken and Berlin (1999-2008).

PR manager for the center of excellence cc-NanoBioNet and the German nanotechnology association ("Deutscher Verband Nanotechnologie") in Saarbrücken (since 2008).



<p>Soizic Tsin Soizic is currently working as a Project Manager at Coventry University Enterprise Limited. She is actively involved in the management of EU funded projects ranging from Regional Economic Development, Innovation Support, knowledge transfer, to Strategy and policy development. In the last year, Soizic has been particularly working in the field of Creative industries and Digital Media. She has been recently appointed as the coordinator of an INTERREG 4C project, BOO-Games which main objective is to boost the Video Games industry in Europe.</p>	
<p>Dimitar Radev Dimitar Radev holds a PhD in Fluid Mechanics, Institute of Mechanics, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Sofia. Since 2004, he is Executive Director of Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations-Varna (RAPIV), and he is member of the Management board of RAPIV and the Executive Board of National Scientific and Technical Unions, Varna. Previously, he was the Executive Director of the Bulgarian Ship Hydrodynamics Centre (BSHC). With an experience as research scientist of more than 10 years, he has acquired a high knowledge in projects management.</p>	
<p>Veronica Ramirez joined Andalusian Technology Network (RETA) in 2008, as an R&D Technician providing support to SMEs to become more innovative. Since 2010 she has been the project manager of RETA being involved in the management of regional, national and European projects. She is also devoted to reinforce the representation and the knowledge of agents of the regional innovation system. From 2004 to 2008 Veronica worked as Research Scientific in the Institute of Materials Science-CSIC and previously as a Quality Control Lab Technician in an agrofood industry. As a technician she was particularly involved in the control of the processes and quality of the production. As a research she acquired experience in the coordination and development of R&D projects. Veronica studied Chemistry in the Univeristy of Malaga and holds a PhD in Materials by the Science University of Sevilla. She has also specialized training in in management of R&D&i and Entrepreneurship by the San Telmo International Institute.</p>	

THE INOLINK PROJECT PARTNERS HAVE MET IN EXTREMADURA

The Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura, FUNDECYT, has received the European partners of Inolink project (www.inolink.eu) this week. The purpose of this meeting has been to develop a regional workshop about improvement of plans in innovation.

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The steering committee of the project was also held at FUNDECYT (Extremadura, Spain). The members were received by the General Director of the Foundation, Víctor Píriz, who stated: "We are delighted to welcome this consortium. Moreover, Extremadura bets on innovation as a driver of development. Projects like Inolink are very important for the region, as they allow us to know what is done in other parts of Europe in relation to innovation".



Inolink Partners during the meeting developed in Extremadura

During these two days FUNDECYT has received regional entities from Saarland (Germany), Abruzzo (Italy), West Midlands (UK), Varna (Bulgaria), Maribor (Slovenia), Algarve (Portugal) and Andalusia (Spain).

In the framework of Inolink Project

DELEGATION FROM COVENTRY REALISED AN EXPERTS VISIT IN VARNA

Within INOLINK project, delegation from Coventry, UK, including Ms. Soizic Tsin, project manager, CUE Ltd., Dr. Brian More, Director Business Development, Coventry University and Mr. David Wick, lecturer at the Institute for Applied Entrepreneurship (IAE), realised an experts' visit in Varna on 13 and 14.09.2012.

The aim of the visit was to prepare the transfer of the selected best practices: the establishment of Technology park in Coventry is the practice which is to be transferred to RAPIV and the activities and the programmes of one of the Institutes of the Technology park - Institute of Applied Entrepreneurship (IAE) are selected to be transferred to Varna Free University "Chernorisetz Hrabar".

The visit proved to be very successful and the main result of it was identifying the next steps for preparation of the transfer.



On 13th September, meetings took place at the premises of RAPIV. Dr. Brian More presented the experience of CUE Ltd. in the establishment of a Technology Park in Coventry. Second presentation of Dr. Dimitar Radev showed the progress of RAPIV in developing preliminary concept for the establishment of a Black Sea Technology Park in Varna. As a result from the meetings and discussions, Partners agreed to elaborate joint action plan for realization of the transfer. The plan will involve activities until the end of INOLINK project and afterwards. Partners agreed that among the first activities to be included in this plan is preparing the preliminary design of the Park. Experts from CUE Ltd. can advice on and participate in the development of the preliminary design. The delegation was accepted by Mr. Kosta Bazitov, Deputy Mayor.

On 14th September, the delegation visited Varna Free University "Chernorisetz Hrabar" (VFU). The delegation was welcomed by prof. Anna Nedyalkova, rector of Varna Free University. Experts from CUE Ltd. discussed with prof. Anna Nedyalkova and with the management of the Unikversity the opportunities for transfer of the best practice of the Institute for Applied Entrepreneurship to Varna Free University.



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXTREMADURA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM MET IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE FUTURE INNOVATION STRATEGY OF EXTREMADURA REGION

The Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura, FUNDECYT has invited all representatives of Extremadura Science and Technology System to a breakfast meeting within the framework of the European project INOLINK (www.inolink.eu).

The objective of this meeting was to share the results of a regional study about innovation systems in Europe, developed within the Inolink project, and to discuss about the future innovation strategy of Extremadura region.

This breakfast meeting was held at Badajoz Center Hotel and was attended by the General Director for Technological Modernization and Innovation, Mr. Alejandro Hernandez Renner, who emphasized the present day difficulties and urged those present to *work with faith*. "What we'll be able to positively generate in Extremadura will happen through innovation, internationalization and entrepreneurship," the General Director said and added that "this is not the time for half-made measures but a moment for the design of relevant policies and solid innovation strategies."

Moreover, Fundecyt General Director, Victor Píriz Maya, encouraged attendants to "work for the new regional innovation strategy, providing solutions, ideas and getting involved in the whole process". He added that "in Europe, they are convinced that the future must be set on the basis of the Smart Specialization. In this sense, Extremadura has already started with the implementation of a regional digital agenda. It's an example of what we can do well in Extremadura in terms of common sustainable innovation".

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