Dear Readers

The Idealist consortium welcomes you to read the May 2016 edition of the project newsletter. In this issue you can find info about our latest activities (Full Proposal Check Event, Future Match at CeBIT), a summary of the last ICT call, forthcoming events with a highlight on the -ICT 2016 proposers' event in Bratislava, as well as top tips from evaluators on how to write a good proposal.

Enjoy reading!

Yours
The Idealist2018 team
Idealist Full Proposal Check Event

Idealist held a Proposal Check Event for ICT calls in H2020 in 2016 on the 7th of March 2016 in Lisbon. The event offered proposers a chance to improve the quality of project proposals based on feedback from experienced external experts and national contact points (NCPs). The event aims to transfer useful knowledge and increase proposers’ chances for funding. This year’s service was also offered remotely on a limited basis as a pilot.

A total number of 12 proposals originating from 5 countries (9 topics covered) were evaluated by 6 experts and 5 supporting NCPs during the whole day event in Lisbon.

In the case of remote evaluation in Oslo, 9 proposals from 5 countries were evaluated by 5 experts with the support of 4 NCPs (5 ICT topics covered).

Idealist video on Evaluators Tips

Evaluators are those who will read your proposal and judge how good it is. Watch our short video to know what they are in particular looking for in a successful proposal. Increase your chance for funding by applying their tips.

You can find the Idealist2018 video at:

http://www.ideal-ist.eu/evaluators-top-tips-h2020-proposals

The video was filmed by the Norwegian team during the remote Full Proposal Check Event pilot in Oslo this year.

This year’s ICT Proposers’ Day event will be held in Bratislava on 26-27th of September. Save the date! Registration starts in May. Idealist2018 together with EEN is organizing a Face2Face Brokerage once again at the event (https://www.b2match.eu/ictproposersday2016).

Future Match at CeBIT- summary

The International ICT Brokerage event "Future Match" at CeBIT has been organized this year in Hannover (14-18th March) by the Enterprise Europe Network, that has been running since 1999, with the aim of enabling exhibitors and visitors of the fair to find partners for scientific, technological and commercial cooperation. In 2016 there were 275 registered participants from 33 countries (223 companies, 19 universities, 9 R&D organizations, 9 International organizations/projects, 15 networks, clusters, development agencies, other associations). Since 2011 the Idealist project has been involved in the event as a co-organizer and active participant. Its major objective is to provide advice on how to access EU funded projects and to improve awareness about Idealist services and tools among EEN ICT innovative companies.

This year, the Idealist activities during the event included meeting with participants representing 47 organizations, most of them SMEs, from 18 countries: Albania, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, and Slovenia. These people were mostly interested in specific H2020 opportunities for SMEs (SME-I, FTI, Innovation actions). They needed the ICT NCP support personnel to help them activate these opportunities and make them available in Idealist for partner search and pre-proposal check. In this context, the recommendation made to them to attend the 2016 Proposers’ Day event and the Face-to-Face Brokerage event was very much appreciated.
## Submission figures for the ICT 2016 call

The ICT 2016 Call closed on 12 April and the submission service worked without any problems. The numbers of submissions are detailed below:

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WIDESPREAD Brokerage 2016@WIRE

The NCP_WIDE.NET project invites organizations (interested in forming consortia for Teaming and Mentoring calls, as well as to discuss ERA Chairs and COST Actions) to participate in the WIDESPREAD Brokerage 2016, the first brokerage event dedicated to the Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation part of Horizon 2020.

This event is dedicated to interested universities, research centres, authorities, enterprises, clusters etc. to discuss with potential project partners in light of future WIDESPREAD calls. Schedule meetings with other participants with the help of a tailor made matchmaking tool, publish your co-operation profile, enjoy, visibility and gain access to a large pool of excellent organizations, the key to winning proposals.

When: WIDESPREAD Brokerage takes place as a parallel event during WIRE 2016 (www.wire2016.eu) on June 8th 2016, between 10:00 - 17:00,

Venue: Muziekgebouw Frits Philips, Brainport Eindhoven Region, Netherlands

Registration: Please register here: www.b2match.eu/widespread2016

Contact: The NCP_WIDE.NET Team is at your disposal for any help or additional information you may need. Please contact Vassiliki Kalodimou at vkalodimou@helpforward.gr or visit the contact page at www.b2match.eu/widespread2016 and locate your nearest contact point.

NCP_WIDE.NET Project is the transnational network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation under Horizon 2020. The mission of NCP_WIDE.NET is to facilitate transnational co-operation between NCPs for the purpose of raising the general standards of support to program applicants.

I-Know 2016 - International Conference on Knowledge Technologies and Data-driven Business

The i-KNOW conference will take place on 18-19th October, 2016 in Graz, Austria (www.i-know.at). The International Conference on Knowledge Technologies and Data-driven Business (I-Know) has a 15-year history of bringing together the best minds in its field. Together we have successfully shaped research and practice on how knowledge and data are best leveraged in business and industry, and how knowledge technologies shape this relationship. Knowledge Technologies have dramatically changed over this period. In order to pick up recent trends, and to allow I-Know to always be at the cutting edge of this development, organizers issued the “Call for Workshops” (May 9 - deadline for workshop submission).

Important dates:

May 16 - notification of selected workshops
May 23 - call for workshop papers
July 25 - deadline workshop papers
August 22 - accept/reject notification of workshop papers
September 12 - camera ready version of workshop papers
October 18-19 - I-Know 2016 Conference in Graz
Cloud Forward 2016 - From Distributed to Complete computing

The 2016 edition of Cloud Forward will take place at Círculo de Bellas Artes -Madrid, Spain, from 11th to 13th October 2016.
Read more: http://cf2016.holacloud.eu/

About Cloud Forward 2016
Following the successful CF2015 conference held in Pisa in October 2015, the Cloud Forward 2016 Conference brings together experts from industry and academia to consider the future of Cloud Computing. Based on the HOLA Cloud project and platform - which documents European research, development and innovation in CLOUDs – the conference will provide the scientific community a dedicated forum for discussing innovative architectures and services in the area of distributed computing (through the Distributed and CLOUD computing track), as well as new technologies beyond CLOUDs, requirements and future goals (through the COMPLETE computing track).

The conference will focus both on research and development efforts in the domain of CLOUDs, and in future scenarios and technologies that exploit CLOUD computing as a utility, such as Internet of Things.

The event will be the occasion to revise the technology roadmap released after CF2015. Integral to the conference, the work of the Clusters of experts working on ‘beyond current CLOUD’ topics will be presented. Finally, a dedicated track for SMEs will be organised to encourage innovation from research.

Contact Information
Call for Papers: http://cf2016.holacloud.eu/papers/
For additional information please contact: info@holacloud.eu

The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation webinars

The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation is organizing a series of webinars:

DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS FOR "FAST-MOVING CONSUMER GOODS"
Date: 24 May 2016 - Time: from 10:30 to 11:30 (Brussels time)
Registration deadline: Monday, 23 May 2016.
More information on this webinar will be soon published.
To register: http://www.eubusinessinjapan.eu/webinar-70-distribution-channels-fast-moving-consumer-goods

JAPAN AS A HUB FOR THE ASIAN MARKET FOR EUROPEAN COMPANIES
Date: 26 May 2016 - Time: from 10:30 to 11:30 (Brussels time)
Registration deadline: Wednesday, 25 May 2016.
The webinar is targeted at EU companies that are considering investing in Japan. Especially, for those companies that are looking for useful information on Japan’s FDI promotion policy and incentive programmes.
For more details and how to register: http://www.eubusinessinjapan.eu/library/event/webinar-66-japan-as-a-hub-for-the-asian-market-for-european-companies

ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES IN JAPAN
Date: 31 May 2016 - Time: from 10:30 to 11:30 (Brussels time)
Registration deadline: Monday, 30 May 2016.
The webinar is targeted at EU companies seeking to supply technologies, components or software for next generation cars, and want to understand in what directions the Japanese car industry is heading.
For more details and how to register: http://www.eubusinessinjapan.eu/webinar-71-alternative-vehicle-technologies-japan
To register you will first have to register as a member via: http://www.eubusinessinjapan.eu/user/register and then when your registration request is confirmed, please log in and click on the following links to register for the webinars. The participation is free of charge.
EU-EECA R&I collaboration in the field of Information and Communication Technologies

EECA Cluster Final Conference
“EU-EECA R&I collaboration in the field of Information and Communication Technologies”

The Final Conference of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Cluster (www.eeca-ict.eu) will be held on 13-14 June 2016 in Chisinau, Moldova: “EU-EECA R&I collaboration in the field of Information and Communication Technologies”.

The Conference will bring together senior representatives from leading commercial, government and research organisations from the EU and the entire Eastern Europe and Central Asia region to share knowledge and experience, lessons learnt, good practice and innovation.

Main Objectives
• Present Collaboration Opportunities among ICT research and industrial organisations under R&I teams and New Support Opportunities for the EECA in H2020
• Discuss/Present Recommendations for the future cooperation between the European Technology Platforms (ETPs) and the EECA region (common R&I priorities, factors hindering this collaboration and actions to overcome them)
• Facilitate networking among EU and EECA organisations

Who should participate?
ICT stakeholders from the EU and Eastern Europe and Central Asian countries (R&D&I specialists from universities, research centres, companies, representatives of ICT associations) interested in participation in projects of the upcoming HORIZON 2020; Policy makers in charge of policy setting and development of ICT sector.

ICT areas of focus
The conference will focus on 2 key ICT sub-fields which demonstrate a high potential for EU-EECA collaboration, namely:
• Big Data, Software and Services; and
• Interactive Content, Media and Creative industries

Overview of the EECA Cluster
The EECA Cluster is formed by two complementary projects, EAST-HORIZON (GA No 611063) and EECA-2-HORIZON (GA No 610793), funded by the European Commission under 7th Framework Programme for Research & Technological Development (2007-2013) in the “Information and Communication Technologies” Theme (FP7-ICT). The aim is strengthen the links and boost cooperation among the research and industrial communities of both regions to exploit emerging opportunities for international partnerships (both under EU and EECA RTD&I programmes) and jointly address common societal challenges. More details on the EECA Cluster at: http://www.eeca-ict.eu

Certain number of the EU experts could be reimbursed by the Cluster.
Please, send your EoI to the emails below.

Welcome to this important event!!
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