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1. Relevant Events

Please find hereafter a list of events potentially interesting for your organisation.

JUNE		
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<i>International Conference</i> Oil Pollution 2007, The 20th ANNUAL	June 4-5 th , 2007	Lloyd's Maritime Academy, London, UK
<i>International conference</i> OCEANS '07	June 12-22 nd , 2007	Aberdeen, Scotland
Erocips <i>European Conference</i> "Emergency response to oil spills: regional approaches in a transnational framework"	June 14-15 th , 2007	Vigo, Spain
ICMRT '07 2nd International Conference on Marine Research and Transportation	June 28-30 th , 2007	Naples, Italy
Salon Européen de la Recherche et de l'Innovation	June 7-9 th , 2007	Paris Expo, Paris, France
JULY		
CPMR seminar "Maritime policies and globalisation"	July 8-9 th , 2007	Azores, Portugal
SEPTEMBER		
<i>International workshop</i> "Pollutant pathways and mitigation strategies of their impact on the ecosystems"	September 16-19 th , 2007	Kazimierz Dolny, Poland

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Special focus on...



9-12 October 2007 – Brest- France

An international conference on safety and security at sea will take place in Brest next October. This second Safer Seas session is organised by Brest Métropole Océane (Brest urban council) which is working within the framework of a broad scientific and technical partnership and in special coordination with the Brest Iroise science park (MAPO coordinator). It will be also be supported by the "Pôle Mer Bretagne" competitiveness cluster. The event will be international in scope and devoted to issues of maritime safety and security with a special focus on marine pollution. Famous organisations like IMO (International maritime organisation), DG Maritime affairs, EMSA (European maritime safety agency) will attend the meeting. The decision to hold Safer Sea in Brest is not a coincidence, indeed, located at the tip of Brittany, where the busiest and thus most hazardous shipping lanes in the world can be found, Brest has already undergone pollution, human, environmental and economic damage from a number of major tanker spills. The city has since succeeded in creating an indisputable synergy of skills on its territory, covering all aspects of the marine and maritime world. Today, more than half of French marine research and engineering potential in human terms are found here, as are all of the marine research institutes (IFREMER, the University, EPSHOM, CEDRE, CETMEF, etc.) along with the skills and facilities of one of France's most modern centres for naval shipbuilding. Brest's sound experience and high-performance response capacities in maritime safety are widely recognized. Numerous stakeholders, like the French Navy, Beacon and lighthouse service, maritime affairs network, international agency for maritime law, Cross Corsen regional SAR observatory, SNSM national sea rescue society, CEDRE documentation and research centre, and others, are mobilized in this sector.

Moreover, this led to the launching of the first Safer Seas in 2002, two years after the Erika spill and just a few months before that of the Prestige. The event was based on international conferences and seminars and a professional trade show for researchers, entrepreneurs and institutional representatives from France and abroad. It also included poster sessions and the possibility of guided tours to centres of excellence in Brest. The numbers, diversity and quality of its partners (International Maritime Organization, European Commission, Secretariat General of the Sea, etc.) and the players and specializations mobilized made the first event a true success, attracting over 500 participants from over 50 countries.

Therefore, it is a great opportunity to organise our final conference at Safer Seas. MAPO will organise a three day session which will begin 9th October with the final meeting to conclude the project. 10th October will be dedicated to the matchmaking events. A lot of SMEs will attend the overall conference as well as laboratories registered by MAPO. The last day will be dedicated to the thematic meeting which will focus on pollution at sea. This MAPO conference will be organised under the thematic Stepping up action against marine pollution: what means can be used? What sanctions? What perspectives? MAPO will be here presented as a best practice example. All European decision-makers will be invited. This meeting will aim at providing decision makers, scientists and industrialists with the latest information concerning scientific, technical and legal improvements about marine safety and the protection of the marine environment.



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2. Calls for proposals



Several calls for proposals from the first FP7 call are still open for submissions, you can have a look at the Cordis Website: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm> . Please find a selection of relevant calls for proposals hereafter.

ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus Call 2007

Identifier: FP7-ERANET-2007-RTD

Publication date: 22 December 2006

Budget: € 28 900 000

Deadline: 31 July 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: [Cooperation]

Theme(s): [Energy] [Environment (including Climate Change)] [Coordination of Research Activities] [Health] [Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology] [Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies] [Socio-economic sciences and Humanities] [Transport (including Aeronautics)]

Restrictions to Participation: see eligibility criteria in the Work Programme

Research for SMEs Call 1

Identifier: FP7-SME-2007-1

Publication date: 22 December 2006

Budget: € 100 000 000

Deadline: 04 September 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: [Capacities]

Theme: [Research for the benefit of SMEs]

Additional Information:

- A new document "**Instructions for drafting Part B of the proposals**" for this call is now available
- Please note that an **updated version of the Guide for Applicants** for this call is now available
- A **new document** "[Research for SMEs at a glance](#)" for this call is now available

Research for SME Associations Call 1

Identifier: FP7-SME-2007-2

Publication date: 22 December 2006

Budget: € 10 000 000

Deadline(s): 01 June 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time)

28 November 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time) -

Specific Programme: [Capacities]

Theme: [Research for the benefit of SMEs]

Additional Information:

- Please note that a new document "**Instructions for drafting Part B of the proposals**" for this call is now available
- A **new document** "[Research for SME associations at a glance](#)" for this call is now available
- **Information on 2008 budget:** once the necessary budgetary procedures are completed, an amount of 48 M€ from the 2008 budget is expected to be added to the call, giving a total budget for this call of 58 M€.
- Please note that an **updated version of the Guide for Applicants** for this call is now available

Coordination and Support Actions Call 1

Identifier: FP7-SME-2007-3

Publication date: 22 December 2006

Budget: € 2 000 000

Deadline: 10 May 2007 at 17:00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: [Capacities]

Theme: [Research for the benefit of SMEs]

Additional Information: **EPSS is now available for this call for proposals.**


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The general model grant agreement for research projects funded under the FP7 has been adopted by the European Commission. This model grant agreement is applicable to the indirect actions under the 'Cooperation' and 'Capacities' Specific Programmes of FP7. It consists of a core text and several annexes. There is also a list of special clauses to be introduced in the grant agreement where necessary. For any extra information, visit the

Sources: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls-grant-agreement_en.html

Warning, deadline approaching! 15 June 2007 !!!

AMPERA is launching its first transnational call for proposal based on 3 topics :

		<p><i>European coordination action to foster prevention and best response to accidental marine pollution</i></p>
<p>2005-2009</p> <p><u>Area</u> : marine pollution <u>Budget</u> : 1 570 000 €</p>	<p><u>Partners</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>Spain</u> Ministerio de Educacion y Ciencia (<i>coordinator</i>) ✓ <u>France</u> IFREMER ✓ <u>France</u> Marine Board of the European Science Foundation ✓ <u>Estonia</u> Estonian Science Foundation ✓ <u>Belgium</u> Belgium Federal Public Planning Science Policy ✓ <u>Portugal</u> Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia ✓ <u>Norway</u> The Research Council of Norway ✓ <u>Ireland</u> Irish Maritime Institute ✓ <u>Spain</u> Conselleria de Innovación e Industria 	

- **risk assessment studies, including :**
 - ✓ *the identification of sensitive coastal areas*
 - ✓ *studies relating to the transport of dangerous goods in the marine environment*
 - ✓ *risk assessments methodologies*
 - ✓ *studies relating to biomarkers*
- **clean-up and response techniques and related environmental considerations, restoration methodologies**
 - ✓ *This item aims at strengthening the protection of the coast by improving technological response capacities and expertise in hydrocarbons and chemical pollutions*
- **Instruments and technologies for detection and forecasting AMP**
 - ✓ *The main focus revolves around projects dealing with high resolution numerical models of marine transport of oil and other hazardous substances.*

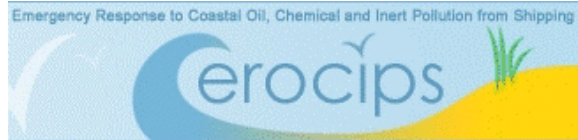
How much? .. a 300 000 € budget should be allocated for each project

Who? this 1st call for proposal is targeting European Researchers in the field of marine accidental pollutions

When? a preproposal should be submitted by the 15th of June the final version is awaited for September 2007

Sources : <http://www.cid.csic.es/ampera/documents/AMPERA-Call%20for%20proposals.pdf>

3. Projects closely related to MAPO



EROCIPS **Emergency Response to coastal Oil, Chemical and Inert Pollution from Shipping**

The recent loss of tankers such as the Amoco Cadiz, Sea Empress, Erika and Prestige has significantly affected the Atlantic Area's sea and coasts. Oil spills and pollution can affect the marine environment, fishing and tourism industries. Effective preparation is necessary to minimise the risks posed by shipping incidents.

The aim of the EROCIPS Project is to enable our environment and communities to coexist safely and sustainably with all types of shipping traffic in Atlantic Area waters. The EROCIPS Partnership (consisting of 16 organisations from 6 different European countries) has been working to minimise the impact of future coastal pollution incidents. In order to strengthen our response to pollution incidents the EROCIPS Partners have been pursuing a trans-national integrated approach to emergency response for coastal pollution incidents through:

- Developing an understanding of possible marine pollution scenarios and pollution risks
- Drawing up effective clean up strategies
- Creating regional modelling systems to predict the movement of the pollution
- Collating counter pollution resources
- Designing training manuals for response workers and volunteers
- Providing information to response managers and decision-makers
- Producing environmental protocols to determine the impact of an incident

The results achieved so far are in the form of guidelines, handbooks, maps and manuals, and are now available on the EROCIPS website www.erocips.org. All other Project outputs will be posted on the website by the 31st of October 2007 when the Project concludes. To maximise the benefits from the EROCIPS Project, all Project results are available free of charge to any interested maritime safety organisations and groups.

EROCIPS is hosting a number of international conferences to deliver its Project Outcomes to local and regional audiences. The next conference will be on the 14th and 15th of June in Vigo (Spain) where the Spanish and Portuguese EROCIPS Partners are holding their Joint National Conference. In addition, the EROCIPS Final Conference will be held in Poole (England) on the 6th and 7th of September. Further information on both of these conferences can be found at www.erocips.org

The EROCIPS Project is co-financed by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg IIIB programme. It is administered by the Atlantic Area Secretariat.

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The FP6 funded Specific Support Action project SAFE (www.saferenvironment.com) has successfully implemented 5 workshops for NMAS Environmental Multipliers in **Malta, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey and Hungary**. The workshops took place on January and February 2007.

The goal of the SAFE workshops was to prepare selected Environmental Multipliers for the **1st FP7 Call of Theme 6, Environment (including Climate Change)**, deadline May 2. Two full training days were dedicated in each country to present general information about FP7, the rules of participation and evaluation of proposals, an insight of theme Environment and the specific call objectives as well as introductory concepts about EU-project management. Training was provided by experienced staff from the SAFE partners Euroconsultants S.A., Innova and FFG.

A total of **33 environmental organizations from the 5 participating NMAS with 47 members** of their staff participated in the Workshops.

These workshops will be complemented at the European wide **SAFE Conference which will take place in Istanbul in Autumn 2007** (more information will be available soon).

For more information on SAFE and the Workshops, please contact Mr. Nikos Giannoulidis
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4. How to get involved in a European project?

When seeking cooperation for innovation, whether you are a laboratory or an SME, there is a common path you should follow to take part in a European RTD project. You will find hereafter the different stages you might go through to achieve integrating a European Project.

- **Brainstorming**

...Thinking about a good and innovative idea is crucial as it is the starting point of a long process. Once the idea has been found, the potentials must be recognized: an analysis of the sought innovations is to be realised by identifying products and services, production tools and organisation for the relevant field. Strategies of development for the short- and long-terms must also be established.

- **Seeking partners**

...the second stage emphasizes on looking for potential collaborators. This involves seeking organisations that might be interested in such cooperation, projects under construction you might join in and funding programs (such as FP7, e-Ten, Life, etc.).

- **Creating a consortium**

...when the partners are found, a consortium is set up. The partners must establish a course of action including schedules, deadlines and provisional budgets that will be followed and adjusted along the project. To prevent dispute between partners, tasks should be allocated at this stage, and one should perfectly know the organisation and his own role. The management of intellectual property and of the intended results of the project must also be solved.

- **Grant request**

...the consortium draws up an administrative, financial and technical plan for its submission a call for proposal or to answer a European policy.

- **Project managing**

...during the project duration, the partners have to handle administration and financial monitoring, to communicate on the project and to keep the European Commission informed of the project progress.



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