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Workshop Tuesday 25 November

Robotics & Autonomous Systems in Horizon 2020 ICT Call 2

London 1 Victoria Street, Major speakers – Greg Clark MP, Khallil Rouhana Director: Components & Systems, Juha Heikkilä HoU Robotics. Overseas Delegates welcome. Talks Demonstrations Networking. Organised by The KTN – see

https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/ras-sig/events-view/-/events/19318641?p_p_auth=jIcbxi41

IoT Event 27 November

Horizon 2020 - ICT 30 Community Networking day

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Digital Learning

The Commission Info Day on Technologies for better human learning and teaching scheduled for 23 October in Luxembourg was cancelled. The Commission has just announced the date for a Digital learning round table which "will gather digital learning specialists from across Europe". Agenda and registration will be available shortly.

The announced date is Date: 16/12/2014 Venue: Jean Monnet building, Luxembourg

Innovation Procurement

The high level event on Innovation procurement in Italy, Milan, 26-27 November 2014".

During this event the good practices, the funding opportunities and calls will be presented by EC and other actors in the field, and discussed also in networking sessions.

Agenda and registration link for the Milan event are online here:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/modernizing-the-public-sector-and-boosting-economic-growth-through-innovation-procurement-tickets-13238483661>

FLAG-ERA

(the Flagship ERA-NET) has opened its Joint Transnational Call (JTC) for collaborative research projects (at least 3 independent participants per proposal). For details see [FLAG-ERA website](#). This call is set to close on 27 January 2015, there are two opportunities supporting projects in synergy with one of the two FET Flagships; The Graphene Flagship (11.5M€) and the Human Brain Project (7M€). Results expected Sept 2015. Existing Flagship participants can apply provided that their Member state is involved in this call. Flagship association mechanisms, are described

<http://www.flagera.eu/flagship-association-mechanisms>

Commission Budgetary difficulties

Commissioner Máire GEORGHEGAN-QUINN - Strasburg September:

"Two key measures have been adopted already in 2013: (1) a reduction of the average pre-financing rates for all research grants; (2) the postponement of calls for proposal closure dates thus spreading the payment needs to later years. "

Understanding from DG Connect on first measure: Grant Agreement initiation letters carry news that the pre payment now offered is 33% of total EU reimbursement for the project. The default accounting period is 18 months, this taken with the new advance rate leads to negative cash flow during the second year of the project. An option exists for the consortium to request three accounting periods (12 months each). This at the cost of an extra set of end of period reports may mitigate the negative cash flow issue.

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We have some information which allows estimation of overall success rates:

Topic code	Title	Budget (M EUR)	Proposals received	Approx Retained
ICT-01-2014	Smart Cyber-Physical Systems	56	158	10%
ICT-02-2014	Smart System Integration	48	106	10%
ICT-03-2014	Advanced Thin, Organic and Large Area Electronics (TOLAE) technologies	38	37	25%
ICT-05-2014	Smart Networks and novel Internet Architectures	24	37	19%
ICT-06-2014	Smart optical and wireless network technologies	30	90	13%
ICT-07-2014	Advanced Cloud Infrastructures and Services	73	157	15%
ICT-09-2014	Tools and Methods for Software Development	25	75	9%
ICT-11-2014	FIRE+ (Future Internet Research & Experimentation)	31.5	30	17%
ICT-13-2014	Web Entrepreneurship	10	108	10%
ICT-15-2014	Big data and Open Data Innovation and take-up	50	106	13%
ICT-17-2014	Cracking the language barrier	15	30	19%
ICT-18-2014	Support the growth of ICT innovative Creative Industries SMEs	15	85	20%
ICT-21-2014	Advanced digital gaming/gamification technologies	17	91	4%
ICT-22-2014	Multimodal and Natural computer interaction	31	108	9%
ICT-23-2014	Robotics	74	154	11%
ICT-26-2014	Photonics KET	47	101	14%
ICT-29-2014	Development of novel materials and systems for OLED lighting	18	9	44%
ICT-31-2014	Human-centric Digital Age	7	48	11%
ICT-32-2014	Cybersecurity, Trustworthy ICT	38	59	16%
ICT-33-2014	Trans-national co-operation among National Contact Points	4	1	100%
ICT-35-2014	Innovation and Entrepreneurship Support	7	55	18%

Conference in Croatia

10th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems to be held in Dubrovnik, from September 27- October 3, 2015.

Details: <http://www.dubrovnik2015.sdewes.org>