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### WORK-IN-NET delegation meets the European Commission



#### The WORK-IN-NET Consortium presented results at the European Commission and European Foundation in Brussels

On May 26 and 27 delegates of WORK-IN-NET met representatives of the European Commission and European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) in Brussels.

The aim of the WORK-IN-NET presentation in Brussels was to draw strategic conclusions from four years' explorations in the field of work-oriented innovations elaborated by the consortium and to discuss coming activities and future ideas with persons from within the Commission including the Dublin Foundation.

As representative from the Eurofound, Stavroula Demetriades, Head of Unit Industrial Relations and Workplace Developments, took part in this meeting. To initiate a more regular exchange of information with WORK-IN-NET, mutual visits were envisaged for next year as well as linking experts from both institutions to ongoing activities. Furthermore, the possibility to organize joint activities will be discussed in detail.

From the European Commission, Directorate General for Research, Marc van Achter, Dominik Sobczak, Marc Goffart and Werner Wobbe participated at the joint workshop.

Several initiatives from the European Commission and the partner countries of WORK-IN-NET were presented and possible joint activities discussed. The portfolio of the WORK-IN-NET project (as e.g. joint call, joint benchmark experiences and board, handbook, foresight exercise, evaluation) might be a good background and instrument for contributing to the joint goal to build up the European Research Area (ERA).

The WORK-IN-NET network in general aims at finding common ground for the various national research programmes, to co-ordinate relevant objectives and activities and to undertake joint pilot activities, such as joint calls, benchmarking exercises, evaluations and other co-operation activities. The joint strategy of the network is now formulated in a Joint Strategic Paper (JSP) which the partners have agreed upon and which is a step towards a closer European collaboration of funding agencies and research policies in this field.

With these goals, all WORK-IN-NET partners already practise the idea of a European Research Area. The network aims at building up enduring structures that last longer than an initial phase and strategic partnerships in other countries, regions and on European political level as work oriented innovation may become an important factor for the innovativeness and competitiveness of Europe.

The meeting took place at the office of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) that provides good working conditions and excellent service.

## The European WIN-fair

On the 6th of March of this year there was organized by the new Dutch WIN member NCSI a European WIN-fair in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.



Preceding the network meeting, programmes from seven Member states were presented in a kind of market stand. All representatives had brought a symbol for their country (a flag, bon bons, a poster; tulips for NL) and flyers and demonstrators of their programmes.

The visitors were the colleagues from the different countries themselves and the relations of the NCSI (Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation). They got information about the two participating German and Swedish programmes as well as about the Finish, Polish, Irish and Dutch programme and the programmes in Italy and Belgium.

To share some observations:

- These presenting countries have to cope with more or less the same problem, namely: there is some national common sense about the importance of innovating the work-organization and workplace.
- Germany, Sweden and Finland have national programmes on the subject for many years and with considerable budgets. In the rest of the countries national (or regional) programming is rather new and marginal.
- In the majority of these programmes there are investments by the government or from a public fund; companies and knowledge institutions profit from these sources.
- Best practices created in the companies in these programmes are not automatically followed as good models. Extra effort had to be put into dissemination and mainstreaming.
- The last point counts especially for innovations on the organizational level, less for workplace innovations in the narrow sense.

## Deepening cross-border contact between Dutch and German institutions

As a result of the Rotterdam's market of institutions and ideas on April, 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 a delegation of ITS, an institute of the Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, visited G.I.B. Innovative Employment Promotion Company in Bottrop, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. The meeting had the character of exchange of experience. The partners discussed the topics

- Funding of cultural and other creative economies,
- Support of business start ups,
- Support of modernising and vocational training for SME and employees,
- Process- and participation oriented support methods.

Since the meeting was very fruitful the partners agreed on a return visit in autumn 2008.

### **Netherlands: NCSI new member of WORK-IN-NET consortium**

Since April 2008, the Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation (NCSI) is a new member in WORK-IN-NET. WORK-IN-NET welcomes cordially the new partner.

The Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation, NCSI is established June 2006.



There were seven parties thus far operating separately on the theme that were brought together by the national Innovation platform. These parties were: two trade unions in the private sector and two employers associations, two universities and TNO (a RTO). These parties still are represented in the board of the Centre.

The Centre is funded (ca. 1 million euros) by three ministries: Economic, Social affairs and Education. Ten companies are sponsoring and involved in the programming of the Centre. A network of knowledge institutions is associated.

The NCSI is an action and knowledge institution. We are supposed to bring about a movement of social innovation in companies and public institutions. We do not generate new knowledge but gather and disseminate it. We bring together companies that ask for knowledge on social innovation and institutions that can deliver that knowledge. We facilitate demand driven research, to be executed by our partners: the knowledge institutions.

The topics we work on are: dynamic management, flexible organization, smart work and new labor relations.

We disseminate our findings by:

- Internet site including a database ([www.ncsi.nl](http://www.ncsi.nl))
- Workshops on the topics mentioned
- Two annual conferences, one together with the national Innovation platform
- Two series 6 of open seminars a year
- An academic course in cooperation with Universities
- Knowledge circles, learning networks
- Working papers.

Social innovation is described as: innovation of the work organization and optimal use of the competences of all staff with the aim to improve the companies performance and development of talents.

Additionally to NCSI, the Dutch institutions TNO and DEMIN are associated to WORK-IN-NET.

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More information: [www.ncsi.nl/](http://www.ncsi.nl/)

### **Poland: NCBiR new member of WORK-IN-NET consortium**

The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR) as a new member of WIN took over the membership of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

NCBiR is a government funded agency. It was established in July 2007. NCBiR shall fulfil its mission mainly by funding and managing strategic scientific research and experimental development programs. The Centre is responsible for specifying necessary research tasks, choosing organizations



(companies, research institutes, universities) to perform these tasks, supervising their implementation and introduction of the results into practical application. The key assumption is the outcome of strategic programs new technologies or products – shall be implemented and used in economy, health service, administration or other areas crucial for Polish society.

Encouraging collaboration between researchers and business community is another priority. On one hand, NCBiR intends to increase scientists' level of engagement in industry related research. On the other, the Centre is to encourage

entrepreneurs to develop more R&D intensive activity.

The Centre's tasks also include:

1. Supporting commercialisation and other forms of transferring the results of scientific research to the economy;
2. Supporting the development of the research staff, including in particular the involvement of young scientists in the implementation of research programs;
3. Implementation of international mobility programs for scientists.

The NCBiR will also represent Poland in international undertakings that will perform R&D activities. The National Centre for Research and Development is managed by the Director supported by the Board, which has the advisory role.

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More information: [www.ncbir.pl](http://www.ncbir.pl)

### **Finland: Reorganisation of work-oriented research funding**

Administration of the the Finnish Workplace Development Programme TYKES was transferred from the Ministry of Employment and Economy to Tekes - the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation in March 17 this year. 11 of the 12 members of the TYKES project team moved to Tekes together with the programme, while one stayed in the ministry. The TYKES project team forms a technology and research area 'Workplace Innovation and Development' in Tekes. The change will not affect the operations of the TYKES programme directly. In the longer term, this reorganization will hopefully open up better opportunities for ensuring the resources of workplace development in the future and lead to better integration of the promotion of technological, business and workplace innovations. As a consequence, Tekes will become a member of the WORK-IN-NET project, too. Tekes is currently an active member in many ERA-NET projects.

The new e-mail addresses of the TYKES project team are [forename.surname@tekes.fi](mailto:forename.surname@tekes.fi). For more information, see [www.mol.fi/mol/en/01\\_ministry/05\\_tykes/index.jsp](http://www.mol.fi/mol/en/01_ministry/05_tykes/index.jsp)

### **Norway: Research Council of Norway terminated WIN membership**

The management of RCN has decided that the organisation will leave the WIN consortium. According to the letter of RCN the reasons are a shortage of budget and personnel.

### 3 News from Partners

#### Sweden: News from VINNOVA

New calls from VINNOVA in the area of work life development



VINNOVA – The Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems – promotes sustainable economic growth by financing needs-driven R&D and developing innovation systems. From the department of Working Life Development the following calls for R&D projects will be announced during spring 2008.

#### Open and Distributed Innovation Processes

This call is the second in the program "Innovative Companies: Management of Product Innovation" aiming at improving companies' ability to innovate and perform product development processes. This call focuses on innovation processes that are carried out in different types of collaboration and to a high extent are dependent upon external knowledge and technology. The call was closed for applications in February 2008 and 10 – 15 funded projects will run for three or four years. The budget is 4,7 M€. For more information contact Programme Manager: Carl Ridder, Tel: +46 (0)8 473 3164.

#### Research on Women's Entrepreneurship

This call for R & D projects is part of the Swedish government's efforts to strengthening women's entrepreneurship. The aim of the program is to generate research based knowledge that can be used to improve the conditions for women to start, run and develop companies. In the long run the aim is to increase employment and growth in the Swedish economy. The program is focusing on barriers and industry specific conditions for women's entrepreneurship. The budget is 3,2 M€ and 10 – 15 projects will be financed for three or four years. The call will be closed for applications in the beginning of April 2008. For more information contact Programme Manager: Pär Larsson, Tel: +46 (0)8 473 3191.

#### Applied Gender research for strong R&D Centres, (40 MSkr)

The aim of the call is to contribute to Swedish competitive power and sustainable growth by developing and strengthening perspectives of gender and equal opportunities within strong R&D centres. Each centre will identify changes that have to be taken in order to grow even stronger. A gender perspective will be laid on that development to make hindrances due to gender visible. In the short run this will bring gender awareness into the centres and start processes free from gender biases. The budget is 4.2 M€ and the call will close on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2008. For more information contact Programme Manager Ulla Göranson, Tel: +46(0)8 473 3162.

#### The Managerial tasks - Conditions, Ways of working and Results

The workplace's innovation system program concerns research and development focusing the organisational processes and conditions that form workplaces. The second call of the program "The managerial tasks - conditions, ways of working and results" is now launched focusing on the importance of the managerial function for the efficiency and sustainable development of operations. The aim is to enlighten, develop and renew how management is organised and carried out at various workplaces in Sweden. Taking the successful Swedish management tradition as a point of departure the idea is to develop knowledge, understanding and practice. The call will close on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The budget is 4.2 M€ and projects running for 3 – 4 years will be funded. For more information contact Programme Manager: Marianne Döös, Tel: +46 (0)8 473 3155.

#### VINNVÅRD – research for more effective and better health care

Vinnvård is a R&D programme to develop innovative work organisational structures within health care and social welfare. It focuses on leadership, organising and management of the practical operations in

health care in order to utilise knowledge in practise and produce effective care of good quality. The second call in this programme will close on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2008 and the budget is 5,3 M€. For more information contact Mats Engwall, Tel: +46 (0)8 473 3059, or visit [www.vinnvard.se](http://www.vinnvard.se).

More information: [www.vinnova.se/misc/menyer-och-funktioner/Global-meny/In-English/](http://www.vinnova.se/misc/menyer-och-funktioner/Global-meny/In-English/)

## Sweden: News from FAS



### Women's health

As the government last year emphasized the need of better knowledge and improvement of research

into women's health, grants have been allocated to different Swedish universities to research projects and research activities into women's health. FAS have administrated a process of peer reviewing of the applications. Of a total of 137 applications for project funding 17 projects will receive grants (approximately 9.5 million euro)

The projects cover a broad range both in terms of issues and research disciplines, such as various aspects of ageing, questions around sexuality and reproduction, different medical conditions and treatment etc. Some of the projects concern women's health in relation to working life or at the interface between working life and personal or family life.

### Women's health and working life

One grant allocated to the Stress Research Institute at Stockholm University regards women's health and links between labour market and health status among immigrant groups in Sweden.

(Projectleader: Solvig Ekblad) The aim of the study is to gain better knowledge on the linkages between labour-market participation and health status among female immigrant groups in Sweden compared to male immigrants and to Swedish-born women. Immigrants aged 20-60 years who arrived in Sweden 1970-2006 will be compared to men and Swedish born women. Longitudinal register data will be used.

Another grant was allocated to Gothenburg University Institute of Medicine; department of Public Health and Community Medicine. In this study working life aspects will have some indirect influences connected to stress (Project leader: Cecilia Björkelund). The aim is to enhance the knowledge in the field of lifestyle in a wide sense and its consequences for health concerning cardiovascular and nutritional aspects in adult women in all phases of life. Another purpose is to use the knowledge as a basis for initiating and promoting interventions and facilitate the transfer process of research findings to clinical practice. This project will also use already existing different register data.

### Labour law

FAS will support a professorship of labour law for six years the grant goes to Professor Birgitta Nyström at the University of Lund. Professor Nyström received her Doctor's degree at Lund's university in 1990. She has published several works on labour law and especially in the field of EC labour law and conflict resolutions on the labour market. Birgitta Nyström is a member of the European Committee of Social Rights.

### Inquiry concerning the Swedish government's research funding agency

A commission of inquiry in Sweden proposes the establishment of a new coordinated research funding agency – the Research and Innovation Agency that accommodate four subject-oriented councils. The

proposal will be referred for consideration to parties concerned before the Swedish Government formulates a legislative proposal at the latest in the end of this year.

The proposal concern both FAS and Vinnova. The idea is to bring together all the funding instruments into one large council, organized in four councils focusing nature, engineering and innovation, medicine and health, climate, environment and agriculture science and society and culture. According to the commission of inquiry, the current agency organization of governmental research financing started in 2001, has not fully achieved the desired effects and instead of distinguishing, the commissioner wants to increase the potential of attaining both high scientific quality and social – and industry development of research findings. Although the inquiry has pointed at merits and successful work of the new agencies the need for a better coordination is pointed out. Reactions from the existing councils, has so far mostly been negative.

More information: [www.fas.se/default\\_206.aspx](http://www.fas.se/default_206.aspx)

### **Greece: New innovative projects**



Title: New method for the initial mix design and quality control of self-compacting concrete

#### **Abstract**

An improved method suitable for the mix design of self-compacting concretes of different strength categories, as well as the quality control of self-compacting concrete mixtures, has been developed at the Laboratory of Building Materials of a Greek university. Organisations or industries interested in compacting concrete are sought for technical co-operation (further development and /or testing) or commercial agreement with technical assistance.

#### **Description**

An improved method suitable for the mix design of self-compacting concretes of different strength categories has been developed at the Laboratory of Building Materials of a Greek university. This improved method is based on the General Japanese Method of Equivalent Mortar, but is modified in order to take into consideration the use of different types of sands and different types of filler materials, and is suitable for the initial mix design of different-strength self-compacting concretes (SCC) as well as for their quality control both in the mixing plant and on the construction site. The new developed method was successfully applied for the design of more than 60 SCC mixtures of different strength categories (ranging from C20/25 to C50/60) produced with different type of cements, different type of aggregates and different filler materials.

#### **Innovations and advantages of the offer**

This new method is ideal for the design and quality control of self-compacting concrete. It is easy to use by the laboratory personnel, with additional low cost for the needed equipment. The quality control may be as frequent as per one hour, enabling this way a strike control of aggregates differences in grading curve and in initial moisture. The method could also be used for investigation of the best



combination and suitability among different chemical admixtures (superplasticisers, VMAs - Viscosity Modifying Admixtures and retarders) cements and filler materials.

Title: Development and Documentation of New Ultrafine Cement Grouts for In-Situ Soil Improvement - Reinforcement in Construction

#### Abstract

New ultrafine cements with maximum grain size as low as 10  $\mu\text{m}$  were developed at the Laboratory of Soil Mechanics & Foundation Engineering of a Greek university & were used for the preparation of suspension grouts, suitable for the improvement of relatively fine-grained sands or rock formations with small joint apertures. Suspension properties were optimised using special admixtures. Organisations or industries are sought for cooperation, possibly under a technical cooperation or joint venture.

#### Description

New ultrafine cements with maximum grain size as low as 10  $\mu\text{m}$  were developed and used for the preparation of suspension grouts suitable for the improvement of relatively fine-grained sands or rock formations with small joint apertures. Suspension properties were optimised using special admixtures. Penetrability and effectiveness of grouts is evaluated by performing laboratory injections using specially constructed devices, and by conducting permeability and static and dynamic loading tests on grouted sand specimens. These experimental techniques are applicable to all types of suspension grouts

#### Innovations and advantages of the offer

- Ultrafine cement grouts can substitute hazardous chemical solutions in permeation grouting applications.
- Ultrafine cements of various types and gradations are tested.
- Groutability criteria are improved.

Title: Optimisation middleware for dynamic embedded software applications

#### Abstract

A Greek university laboratory and Testing Centre of VLSI Design has developed middleware for dynamic embedded software applications providing source-to-source transformation and optimisation. This middleware is composed of various optimisation tools, each one implementing an optimisation methodology. Organisations or industries interested in computer programming are sought for cooperation, possibly under a joint venture agreement or commercial agreement with technical assistance

#### Description

A Greek university laboratory and Testing Centre of VLSI Design has developed a middleware for dynamic embedded software applications providing source-to-source transformation and optimisation. This middleware is composed of various optimisation tools, each one implementing an optimisation methodology. Knowledge for modelling dynamic embedded software applications regarding resource requirements can be provided. The optimisation tools can offer solutions regarding dynamic data type transformations, dynamic memory allocations, dynamic data assignment and access scheduling, covering the whole range of services required by dynamic applications

Innovations and advantages of the offer: Software metadata model and profiling automation tools have been developed, with methodologies for:

- Dynamic data type refinement
- Dynamic memory allocation
- Dynamic data assignment

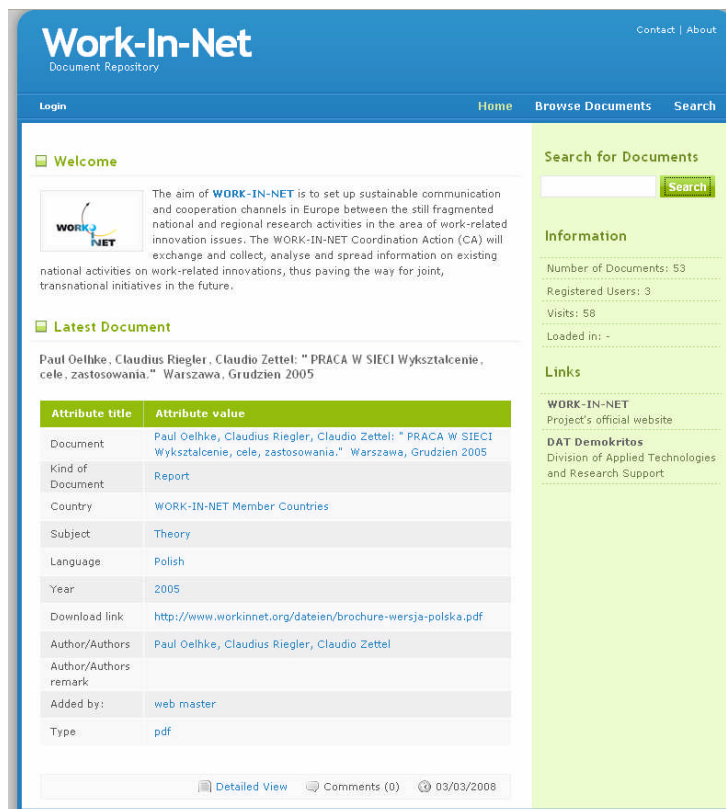
- Dynamic data access scheduling.

More information: [www.gsrt.gr/default.asp?V\\_LANG\\_ID=2](http://www.gsrt.gr/default.asp?V_LANG_ID=2)

## 4 Examples of Good Dissemination Practice

### Information System I: WORK-IN-NET data now easily accessible

On April 2008 the new WORK-IN-NET database as an additional interactive system for internal and external exchange has been launched. The system makes documents, programmes, organisation and expert addresses related to the WORK-IN-NET project easy accessible and will be able to integrate further documents. The search modus of the database is easy and in an intuitive way to use. The development of this system has been carried out by NCSR Demokritos (development the electronic tool) and G.I.B. (editorial staff).



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**Welcome**

The aim of **WORK-IN-NET** is to set up sustainable communication and cooperation channels in Europe between the still fragmented national and regional research activities in the area of work-related innovation issues. The WORK-IN-NET Coordination Action (CA) will exchange and collect, analyse and spread information on existing national activities on work-related innovations, thus paving the way for joint, transnational initiatives in the future.

**Latest Document**

Paul Oelhke, Claudius Riegler, Claudio Zettel: "PRACA W SIECI Wykształcenie, cele, zastosowania." Warszawa, Grudzien 2005

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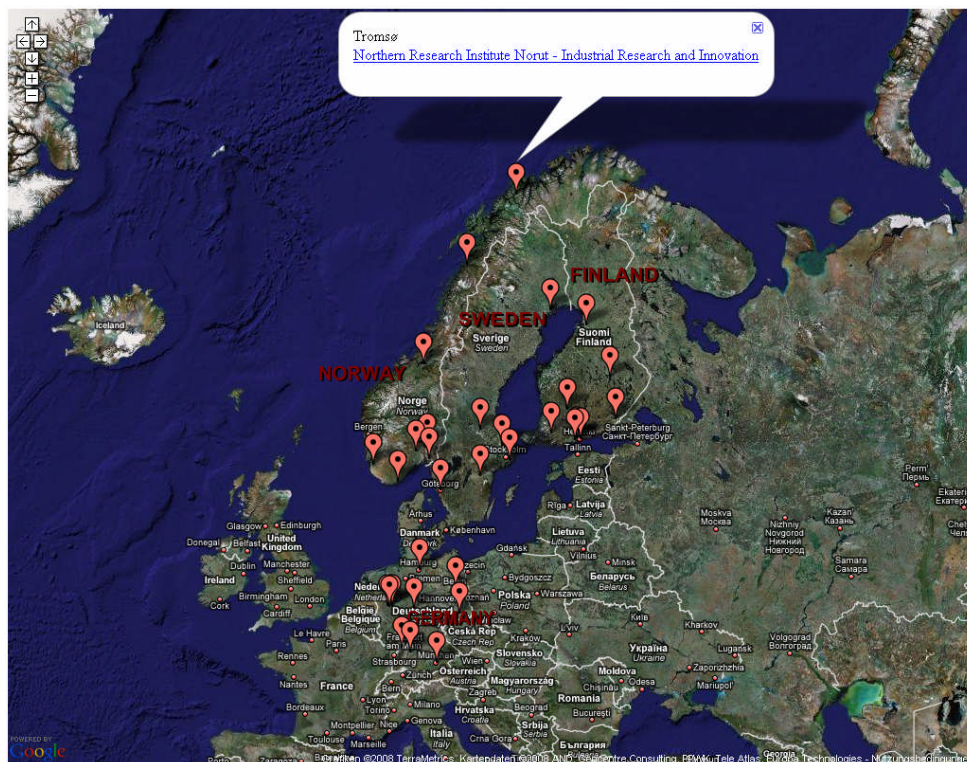
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- DAT Demokritos**  
Division of Applied Technologies and Research Support

More Information: [www.dat.demokritos.gr/wn/](http://www.dat.demokritos.gr/wn/)

## Information System II: Internet-based map showing work related R&D institutes

In addition to the several information systems which focus on text-oriented documents an internet-based tool has been developed which communicates geographic-related information. The map shows work-related R&D institutes and provides links to further information about the organisations. This tool is the results of a joint exercise of WIN members (especially task leader Finland) to map relevant institutions in partner countries.



More Information: <http://rdmaps.ath.cx/>

## 5 Dates, Events & Activities

### European Workplace Participation Forum, Rome, 24. – 26. September 2008

#### NEW WAYS TO EFFECTIVE FORMS OF WORKER PARTICIPATION

The *European Workplace Participation Forum* is expected to give an overview on the new tendencies with regard to both the new contents and the evolving forms of participation processes. Concerning the content of participation, experiences regarding company performance, work organisation, health and safety as well as vocational training seem to be of growing importance. As to the forms of participation it is intended to analyse which kind of institutional setting is needed to effectively promote co-operation between company-level actors. In particular, the development of new forms of participation, the relationship between different forms and levels of participation as well as the preconditions and procedures of participation at the workplace are aspects that need to be analysed more deeply.

The aim of the event is to grasp the changes taking place in labour relations and, in particular, to collect and debate innovative participation experiences at the workplace as well as the relationship between different forms of participation. These developments will be analysed in countries all over Euro-

pe in order to be able to examine the different framework conditions and in particular the role of the respective institutional context for the success of new participation experiences.

The conference is organised by the Institute for Labour Foundation, Bologna (member of WORK-IN-NET) and supported by European Commission, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Rome and Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Düsseldorf.

Call for papers:

[www.ipielle.emr.it/progetti/rldwl/docs/callForPapers\\_thirdConf.pdf](http://www.ipielle.emr.it/progetti/rldwl/docs/callForPapers_thirdConf.pdf)

Draft programme and registration form:

[www.workinnet.org/dateien/DRAFT\\_PROGRAMME\\_WIN.pdf](http://www.workinnet.org/dateien/DRAFT_PROGRAMME_WIN.pdf)

## 6 New Publications

### Sweden: A new report from VINNOVA on evaluation of research programs

VINNOVA's Focus on Impact: A Joint Approach for Impact Logic Assessment, Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Analysis

This report describes VINNOVA's ambitions and activities aimed at understanding and increasing the impacts of VINNOVA's efforts in research, innovation and sustainable growth in Sweden. The report outlines VINNOVA's various processes for quality-assuring the direction and implementation of these efforts from an impact perspective. However, the emphasis of the report is on accounting for and drawing conclusions from the impact analyses which VINNOVA has conducted since the beginning of 2001. In significant ways, these are unique in an international perspective.

To order or download the report, see

[www.vinnova.se/In-English/Publications/Products-hidden/15852/](http://www.vinnova.se/In-English/Publications/Products-hidden/15852/)

### Finland: New Journal on Working Life issues



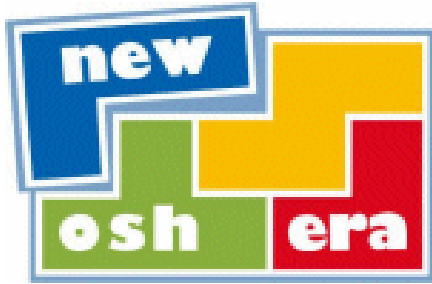
Telma is a Finnish journal that specializes in the development of work life. It is published by the Finnish Work Environment Fund and the Centre for Occupational Safety. The journal brings the latest knowledge related to the development of work life, focussing mainly on laying the foundations for improving occupational safety, well-being at work and productivity, as well as good leadership practices and collaboration in work communities. Telma is distributed free of charge to occupational safety and health personnel, supervisors and trustees of enterprises, and to work life researchers and information and communication specialists. The journal is published four times a year – in printed form and as a digipaper on the Internet. The main articles are translated into Swedish and English, and appear on Telma's website.

[www.telma-lehti.fi/index.phtml?s=9](http://www.telma-lehti.fi/index.phtml?s=9)

[www.digipaper.fi/telma/](http://www.digipaper.fi/telma/)

## 7 News from Europe

### Strategy Workshop in NEW OSH ERA was a success



The NEW OSH ERA project has moved into the second phase of the four-step process of the ERA-NET scheme, which is the identification and analysis of common strategic issues.

Having reviewed the results of the first phase of the project, a consultation process has been initiated among the NEW OSH ERA partners. The aim of this process is to define the general direction for NEW OSH ERA, to agree on the priorities for future joint activities and to develop a joint strategy.

The Strategic workshop, organised on 22 January 2008 in Brussels, was an important part of the NEW OSH ERA strategic consultation process. With this workshop the consortium wanted to broaden the process to involve national networks, the Commission, the social partners and potential future NEW OSH ERA partners. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the preliminary results of the consultation process and the future of NEW OSH ERA. Another important objective of the workshop was to involve OSH stakeholders at the policy level so that they can influence the future development of NEW OSH ERA and support the consortium to achieve its objectives.

The different options for ERA-NET projects within FP7 were discussed as well as how NEW OSH ERA objectives are linked to the Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work and to the activities of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, and how to form strategic alliances to foster OSH research. Experiences from other ERA-NETs and from European Science Foundation were presented to identify success factors and lessons to be learned.

At the end of the consultation process, the consortium aims to have a consolidated vision on the future of the NEW OSH ERA, agreed research priorities for the joint activities, agreement on the long term and mid term objectives, clear strategies to achieve those objectives and a roadmap for implementation of joint activities. This will form a Memorandum of Common Understanding which is planned to be endorsed at the Mid-term Conference of NEW OSH ERA which will be held in Cracow, May 29-30, 2008.

More Information: [www.newoshera.eu/](http://www.newoshera.eu/)

## 8 Important Links

### WORK-IN-NET partner organisations

#### Finland

Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation - Tekes  
[www.tekes.fi/](http://www.tekes.fi/)

Work Environment Fund  
[www.tsr.fi/](http://www.tsr.fi/)

#### Germany

Project Management Organisation in the DLR of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (WORK-IN-NET Coordination)  
[www.pt-dlr.de/](http://www.pt-dlr.de/)

Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany  
[www.mags.nrw.de](http://www.mags.nrw.de)

G.I.B. Innovative Employment Promotion Company GmbH  
[www.gib.nrw.de/](http://www.gib.nrw.de/)

#### Greece

Secretariat for Research and Technology, Ministry of Development  
[www.gsrt.gr/](http://www.gsrt.gr/)

#### Ireland

National Centre for Partnership and Performance  
[www.ncpp.ie](http://www.ncpp.ie)

#### Italy

Regional Government of Emilia Romagna  
[www.emilia-romagna.it/](http://www.emilia-romagna.it/)

Istituto per il Lavoro  
[www.fipl.it/](http://www.fipl.it/)

#### Netherlands

Netherlands Centre for Social Innovation  
[www.ncsi.nl/](http://www.ncsi.nl/)

#### Poland

National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)  
[www.ncbir.pl/](http://www.ncbir.pl/)

Federation of Engineering Associations  
[www.mnii.gov.pl/en](http://www.mnii.gov.pl/en)

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Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems  
[www.vinnova.se/](http://www.vinnova.se/)

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## **Associated partners**

### **Austria**

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture  
[www.bmbwk.gv.at/](http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/)

### **France**

ANACT – The Agence Nationale pour l'Amélioration des Conditions de Travail  
[www.anact.fr](http://www.anact.fr)

### **Netherlands**

TNO Work and Employment  
[www.tno.nl](http://www.tno.nl)

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