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Welcome to the sixth edition of the **passport** newsletter. In this edition we focus on News due to the 7th Framework Programme for the year 2008.

FP7-thematic priority HEALTH

Objective: to improve the health of European citizens; boost the competitiveness of health-related industries and businesses, help find solutions to global health issues such as anti-microbial resistance, HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, emerging pandemics. The focus will be on biotechnology, the development of tools and technologies for human health, translating research into useful application for human health, and optimising the delivery of health care to European citizens.

Budget: € 6 billion over 7 years (2007 – 2013).

Information about the HEALTH program can be accessed on the CORDIS website:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/health_en.html

New provisional director for FP7-thematic priority HEALTH

The former director of the directorate Health Research, Mr Octavi Quintana Trias has changed the directorate. At the moment Mr. Dr. Manuel Hallen is nominated to lead this directorate provisionally.

EU-Commission starts PDM-URF (Participant Data Management – Unique Registration)

The EU-COM will start in February 2008 to contact all organisations, which are registered in RP7, to announce on single person for the central administration, which will be recorded in the PDM-URF and asked to update the registered data of the organisation in the database.

Montenegro signs agreement for RP7

On the 25th January 2008 Montenegro has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a collaboration with the EU-COM. Because of the agreement Montenegro is able to participate on the RP7.

OPEN CALLS for transnational research cooperation

FP7-KBBE-2008-2B (Biotechnology)

The Call is open for Activity 2.3.: Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes and **closes on the 26th February 2008.**

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=90

ERA-NET „EraSME“

The EraSME project is progressing in its joint activities with a fourth Call for Proposals. It is targeted at RTDI (Research, Technology, Demonstration and Innovation) projects between RTOs and SMEs. The main objective of this call is to strengthen the competitive capacity of SMEs. The 4th Call for submitting a proposal started on the 11th of January with a budget of 10 Mio.€ and is open for proposal according to a technology sector. **Submission deadline is 31st March 2008.**

www.era-sme.net

ERA-NET “PathoGenoMics”

Applied pathogenomics: Prevention, diagnostic, treatment and monitoring of human infectious diseases within the framework program Biotechnology. **Submission deadline is 3rd March 2008.**

www.pathogenomics-era.net

ERA-NET “NEURON”

Research content of this call is “European research projects on neurodegenerative diseases of the central nervous system”. **Submission deadline is the 7th April 2008.**

www.neuron-eranet.org

ERA-NET “EUROTRANS-BIO”

Strategic Goal of this Call is the increase of competitiveness among the European biotechnology industry, especially SME. The Call is open for all biotechnology fields. **Submission deadline is 15th February 2008.**

www.eurotransbio.net

ERA-NET Plant Genomics

The 2nd Call “Strengthening the European Research Area in Plant Genomics-integrating new technologies in plant science” is mainly addressing highly qualified applications of the fundamental biology of plant research. **Submission deadline is 2nd April 2008.**

www.erapg.org

International Events

Innovative with Aberdeen – The Frontiers of Excellence

March 5, 2008 in Edinburgh (UK)

Find out why Aberdeen is at the cutting edge of innovation and meet global research players working on everything from new technologies for the energy industry to translational medicine. Network with business leaders, parliamentarians and young entrepreneurs and discuss strategies for commercial investment and collaboration.

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/innovate>

Pharma industry and other major life science companies endorse BIO-Europe Spring 2008

April 7-9, 2008 in Madrid (ES)

The **BIO-Europe Spring** conference brings together companies from across the biotechnology value-chain in a forum specifically designed to facilitate the creation of strategic partnerships.

<http://www.ebdgroup.com/bes/registration.htm>

BioFusion™ 3rd Annual Partnering Conference

May 5-6, 2008 in Atlanta (USA)

As the newest member of EBD Group's family of events, BioFusion is expected to become the North American counterpart to BIO-Europe, the world's largest stand-alone biotech partnering conference. With a clear focus on generating one-to-one meetings, BioFusion builds on a unique and proven model that helps companies get partnerships started.

<http://www.ebdgroup.com/biofusion/registration.htm>

Trainings Sessions in **passport** regions

*What does it take to participate in EU funded research?
How do you prepare a proposal for EU funding?
And most importantly: What are the benefits for SMEs?*

Over 80 companies and 120 individuals have already participated in **passport** training sessions and there is still an opportunity for you to take advantage of these sessions to learn more about how FP7 can support the growth of your organisation. If you are an SME, research institution, university, representative of a life sciences cluster, an association or public health service, take advantage of receiving comprehensive information and training in 1 day!

Next **passport** training days:

Date	Region	Contact point
March 4 (beginner)	Germany	ZAB
March 5 (intermediate)	Germany	ZAB

For further information please contact your [regional project manager](#).

What is **passport**?

passport is a **free** support service for your company. **passport** is set up to work with SMEs from seven EU bioregions and coach them in the skills and knowledge needed to take part in EU Framework Programme 7 funded collaborative research and development projects for the life science sector. The **passport** project offers direct assistance by giving a fast track route to developing proposals with other companies and research institutes across Europe, gaining access to European funding.

Link: www.passportEU.net

Partners - Who is behind **passport**?

passport is led by Scottish Enterprise in Edinburgh in collaboration with eight partners representing 8 life sciences cluster in Europe. The partners are mostly regional development organisations and companies from UK, Netherlands, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Sweden and Denmark and have a wealth of complementary expertise in supporting SMEs in life sciences and health. Eurobiobiz and Inno TSD support the regional partners by providing expertise in training, knowledge and expertise specifically on accessing FP7 funding.



www.passporteu.net

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