



**ERRIN** European Regions  
Research and Innovation Network

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## **Adding the regional dimension to the European Research Area**

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# **ERRIN is**

- a Brussels-based Network...
  - ...of regional representatives...
  - ...who want to further engage their respective regional practitioners in European Research & Innovation projects, programmes and policies.
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# Why ERRIN?

- The Lisbon Agenda lacks the regional dimension and the Lisbon Strategy is missing from the regional agenda
- Brussels based representatives form a bridge between practitioners / intermediaries in the regions and decision-makers in Brussels.
- Representatives need a forum for mutual learning, dialogue with EU institutions, and training on R&D.



# Why do we need partnerships between regions?

- There are common challenges and there is a wealth of experience
- Exchange of good practice is crucial
- To reduce the learning curve
- To better support mechanisms at the European level
- To facilitate project building

# **ERRIN objectives**

- Knowledge Sharing at the European Level
  - Inter-regional exchanges
  - Practitioner Development
  - Policy and Thematic Development
  - Working with other Networks and Organisations
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# ERRIN- Past, Present and Future

## **Stage 1- 2001-2004**

→ An informal network

## **Stage 2- April 2004-March 2006**

→ A project funded by the European Commission, DG RTD, Regions of Knowledge Pilot Action

→ Establishment of a platform for 200 regional representations

→ **Stage 3- From January 2007**

→ An independent and sustainable Network



## **ERRIN II**

- Officially launched 19 October 2006
  - Establishment of a non-profit organisation (ASBL)  
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  - Finances based on membership fees
  - Activities focus on concrete support for “practitioners”
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# ERRIN Tools

- **ERRIN Website** - an online community for regions working on research and innovation
- ✂ → *Calendar of events, reports from seminars, funding opportunities, partner search...*

<http://www.errin-brussels.org>





# ERRIN Tools

- ERRIN Website
  - **ERRIN Events** – building capacity and bringing stakeholders together
    - **Briefing Sessions** for capacity building
    - **Workshops** making practitioners come together
    - **Workshops with Market Place** developing common ideas and projects
    - **Annual General Events**
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# ERRIN Tools

- ERRIN Website
- ERRIN Events
- **ERRIN Working Groups** – engaging practitioners
  - *Innovation Funding (Helsinki)*
  - *Space Research (Brussels Capital)*
  - *Biotechnology (Milan Chambers of Commerce)*
  - *Health (Veneto Region)*
  - *Transport (Cantabria)*
  - *Energy (Stuttgart)*



# ERRIN Tools

- ERRIN Website
  - ERRIN Events
  - ERRIN Working Groups
  - **ERRIN Secretariat & Management Board**
    - A networking structure offering credibility & continuity
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# Workplan 2007

- Engaging regional practitioners (i.e. Working Groups)
- Capacity building and awareness raising (i.e. briefing sessions, seminars)
- Sharing policy knowledge and expertise
- Key themes: Lisbon & Cohesion policy / FP7 / CIP European Innovation policy
- Forum for exchange of experiences and developing ideas and projects



# Workplan 2007

- Jan. 16, "Synergies between structural funds and FP7", seminar
- 25, "First Call, Regions of Knowledge", Workshop and Marketplace for ideas
- Feb. 15, "First Calls, FP7" Workshop/Marketplace on Energy & Health
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# Workplan 2007

- March.        19, Briefing on EIT and regional entrepreneurship  
                  23, IPR in FP7
- April.         2, Lunch debate, EIT and German Presidency  
                  18, First meeting Health Working Group  
                  20, Market Place, Intelligent Energy Programme  
                  24, ERRIN Spring Event

# Workplan 2007

May. 10, ERRIN Info Day and Market Place, FP7 Call,  
Public Health Management

– 24<sup>th</sup> Publication FP7 People

June 10 Publication of FP7 People

August 8th Publication FP7 ICT Security Calls

– Oct. 11 – 17th Open Days

ERRIN Annual General Meeting

Briefing sessions, Workshops and Science Cafés

# ERRIN Added Value

- ERRIN is seen as the only Network dedicated to the **regional dimension** of ERA and is multidisciplinary. ERRIN facilitates communication with practitioners from other regions and with regional & local authorities.
- ERRIN is a facilitator for an open platform to **multiple and diverse stakeholders** (Triple Helix).
- As **Brussels based**, ERRIN enables things to happen quickly and facilitates the communication with EU institutions
- ERRIN may **help researchers and businesses** to take part in European projects, which could bring further opportunities.



Thank you for your attention!

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