

**NEWSLETTER n°1 – April 2010**  
**NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON INNOVATIVE PROCUREMENTS**

**Launching of a call for tender that aims to prepare future innovation policy on financing innovative procurement at the European level: “The preparation of a feasibility study on future EU support to public procurement of innovative solutions”** Info:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4318&tpa\\_id=135&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=4318&tpa_id=135&lang=en) Dead line: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

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**Innovation agencies collaboration on Innovation procurement through SBIR initiatives**

In May 2010, the INNO-Partnering Forum initiated a task force on the potential of an EU Small Business Innovation Research Programme. The task force is headed by the Technology Strategy Board contact:

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The INNO-Partnering Forum is an initiative of DG Enterprise and Industry carried out by a consortium of leading European innovation agencies

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On occasion of the **Belgian EU Presidency**, the Federal Public Service Economy organises a seminar entitled “**From knowledge to competitiveness**” where public procurement of innovation will be on the agenda, on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Brussels; see attached invitation and programme. For more information contact:

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**The Heide Rühle report recently adopted by the European Parliament IMCO Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection: “New developments in public procurement”**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+REPORT+A7-2010-0151+0+DOC+WORD+V0//EN&language=EN>

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The **Enterprise Europe Network**, representing more than 572 member organisations across the EU and beyond, decided to launch a **Working Group dedicated to “Innovation – public procurement – SMES”** in order to deliver guidance on SMEs access to Public Procurement and guidance to procurers to foster SMEs involvement in their calls. Info: [http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm); contact: Toni Saraiva [toni@eiscltd.eu](mailto:toni@eiscltd.eu)

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**LCB-HEALTHCARE procuring better building solutions**, aims to stimulate demand for innovative low-carbon solutions for the healthcare sector by providing procurement decision makers with the knowledge and tools to achieve more sustainable buildings within their budget constraints. **New website:** <http://lowcarbon-healthcare.eu/>; Contact: [info@lowcarbon-healthcare.eu](mailto:info@lowcarbon-healthcare.eu)

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**ENPROTEX**, Network of Public Procurement Organisations for Protective Textile and PPE, seeks to: spark innovation through public procurement to meet future needs of fire services; developing cooperation among public procurers; providing an interface with both end-users and manufacturers. The project aims to provide industry with forward commitments for the procurement of protective textiles products. **New website:**

<http://www.enprotex.eu/index>; Contact: [joshua.osifeso@firebuy.gov.uk](mailto:joshua.osifeso@firebuy.gov.uk)

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The **SCI-Network** network of European cities and other public authorities committed to driving innovation in the field of sustainable construction through public procurement, **just launched online working groups** on:

1. Sustainable renovation - innovative approaches
2. New technical solutions - innovative solutions for energy efficient buildings
3. Procuring innovation - procedures and methods
4. Developing a business case for sustainable construction, life-cycle/whole-life costing
5. Financing & contracting sustainable buildings; innovative solutions
6. Environmental standards - applications in construction procurement

Public authorities who are interested in participating in the online working groups should send an e-mail to [sci-network@iclei.org](mailto:sci-network@iclei.org) stating their areas of interest.

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