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Innovation Prize for Affordable High-Tech in Humanitarian situations

The Prize of the European Innovation Council on 'Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid' was launched on the 30 November. This Prize will be funded from the 2018-2020 Horizon 2020 Work Programme.

The challenge of this Prize consists in **developing innovative cost-effective tech-based solutions for humanitarian aid based on the frugal application of advanced technologies**:

- ⇒ *Frugal innovation* is a creative approach to problem-solving which starts from the needs of beneficiaries and works from the bottom up to develop contextually appropriate cost-effective solutions. It tends to be frugal in both ends and means, i.e. relying on the recombination of existing knowledge and technologies rather than on substantial, dedicated research and development investments.

- ⇒ *Advanced technologies* include notably nanotechnologies, advanced materials, industrial biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and processing, photonics and micro and nano-electronics.

The Prize, with a total value of EUR 5 million, will be allocated in **five awards of EUR 1 million each for the best, proven, cost-effective tech-based solution** in five distinct thematic areas:

- ⇒ shelter and related assistance
- ⇒ water, sanitation and hygiene
- ⇒ energy
- ⇒ health and medical care
- ⇒ other forms of humanitarian aid ("open category")

Cooperation between international organisations and NGOs responding to crises, beneficiaries and local actors, research and scientific communities and the private sector is strongly encouraged in the context of this Prize.

The contest is open to all entities and the deadline to apply is 15 January.

Further information on the 'Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid' Prize, and an indicative timeline, can be found at this link

https://ec.europa.eu/research/eic/index.cfm?pg=prizes_aid

We would appreciate your help in sharing the information with your partners and networks who might be interested in the Prize.

On the Prize website, you will download communication products, including a short video to share on social media, in mailings, events, etc.

In 2018, DG ECHO and DG RTD will undertake joint actions to facilitate contacts between the humanitarian organisations, research institutes and the private sector, and foster dialogue and collaboration among entities interested in this Prize.

Updates will be published on the Key Enabling Technologies website (<https://goo.gl/YzBYDg>), and on Twitter with the hashtag #EICHorizonPrize

If you are interested in receiving news about this initiative and related events, let us know by writing to

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WEBINAR

14 dicembre 2017: "Il Consortium Agreement in Horizon 2020"

Il Webinar "Consortium Agreement" si propone l'obiettivo di evidenziare le caratteristiche fondamentali dell'accordo tra i partner, sugli aspetti relativi alla governance organizzativa, finanziaria e accenni sulla proprietà intellettuale.

Per l'iscrizione o per maggiori informazioni:

<http://www.apre.it/aprewebinar>

NEWS

European Open Science Cloud: information session for proposers

The eInfrastructure and Open Science unit is organising a new **information session for proposers** focused on the INFRAEOSC-01-2018 of call for proposals (Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020 in the field of 'European Research Infrastructures and e-infrastructure' <https://goo.gl/AyQEeK>). It will offer an additional opportunity to discuss the procurement action of Earth Observation commercial services and build quality partnerships with researchers, private stakeholders, SMEs and Earth Observation actors from all over Europe, especially in the area of Copernicus/DIAS services to be procured

Web: <http://www.copernicus.eu/> ; <https://goo.gl/SCPTAU>

The info session hosted by the European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC) will be held in Brussels on the morning of 25 January 2018 in the West Midlands office in Brussels (Avenue d'Auderghem 22, 1040 Bruxelles) <http://earsc.org/>

The final agenda and registration detail will be soon available.

EVENTI

Science with and for Society – Brokerage event 2018 Bruxelles, 29 gennaio 2018

Il brokerage event prevedrà incontri bilaterali pre-organizzati al fine di facilitare la creazione di par-tenariati e collaborazioni internazionali per il Programma Science with and for Society di Horizon 2020, prossimi bandi 2018.

La partecipazione al brokerage event è gratuita, previa registrazione sul sito ufficiale dell'evento.

Maggiori informazioni sull'evento nonché il programma e la possibilità di registrarsi sono disponibili al link:

<https://horizon-swafs2018.b2match.io/>

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