

SUCCESS STORY

DETECT-IT SUCCESS STORY

PARAGON Ltd., a Greek company, provides specialised R&D services. PARAGON registered their profile on the DETECT-it database and was informed automatically of relevant FP6 opportunities. They responded to at least 15 DETECT-it partner searches, particularly in the IST sector. These responses led to several proposal submissions. The successful proposal "SENSE: Smart Embedded Network of Sensing Entities" is one example of success story in which PARAGON was involved. SENSE was initiated in collaboration with a DETECT-it partner. This project aims to develop methods, tools and a test platform for the design, implementation and operation of smart adaptive wireless networks of embedded sensing components.

“As a research and development SME dedicated to be at the cutting edge of technological advancement, and aware of the inherent difficulties and obstacles in following this path on a European scale, PARAGON acknowledges and appreciates the presence, efforts and collaborative mentality of fellow colleagues in the DETECT-it project. They are at the right place at the right time, to provide one of the most required items in the business: timely and widespread dissemination of crucial information to the actors in the European research arena. I look forward to continuing successes in DETECT-it 2, and to further collaboration for FP7.”

Mr. Harry Tsalalis, Head of Research & Development, PARAGON.



PARTNERS

DETECT-IT 2 PARTNERS

DETECT-it 2 is a network of 26 partners in 15 countries, including 17 EC Business Innovation Centres (BICs). DETECT-IT 2 also continues to work with a wide network of Associate Partners from the successful DETECT-it 1 project.

DETECT-it 2 is coordinated by EBN, the representative association of the EC BIC partners:



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A DEDICATED NETWORK OF INCUBATORS DETECTING NEW FP7 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMES



- Detecting Research & Development capabilities of SMEs
- Detecting needs of industry / researchers
- Connecting regional clusters in IST, Energy and Biotechnology

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WHAT?

WHAT IS DETECT-IT 2 ?

DETECT-it 2 aims to help SMEs take full advantage of FP7. This project follows on from the success of the DETECT-it 1 project, when the RTD needs and capabilities of over 1000 SMEs across Europe were audited. The accomplishments of this project and its extensive database will be built upon in DETECT-it 2. From the outset DETECT-it 2 will be geared towards preparing SMEs for the first calls of FP7.

DETECT-it 2 will work with existing regional clusters across Europe and will focus on the following priority areas:

- IST
- Energy
- Biotechnology

The project aims to encourage networking of active research players and to stimulate regional clusters to work together. In this way they can identify common research objectives and build mutually beneficial research projects. A key element of the project concerns the transfer of knowledge from cluster experts in old member state partners, new member states, candidates and third countries.

The focus of resources will be placed firmly on the bottom up approach of developing "SME intensive" FP7 projects through connecting regional clusters.

SMEs will be encouraged to develop ideas for new research projects and to submit expressions of interest for other FP7 projects.

FOR YOU?

WHAT CAN DETECT-IT 2 DO FOR YOU?

→ SMEs & SME Intermediaries

- ▶ Do you have an idea that you would like to be developed into an FP7 proposal?
- ▶ Do you need assistance in forming a consortium and in building your proposal?
- ▶ Do you want to become a partner in an EC project?

→ Universities & Research Centers

- ▶ Do you plan to submit an FP7 proposal, but require assistance in finding suitable partners for your consortium?

Then DETECT-it 2 is suited to YOUR needs

- Assistance in building your proposal from FP7 Experts and BICs
- Brokerage Events showcasing opportunities in FP7
- Information and training on FP7
- Networking through regional clusters in IST, Energy and Biotechnology
- Experienced practitioners in FP5 & FP6.

FP7 Experts :



THE BRUSSELS ENTERPRISE AGENCY



PERA
THE INNOVATION COMPANY

Dr. Paolo ZUPA
consultant



TEG

EurExcel
european association of innovating SMEs

Fraunhofer
Technologie-Entwicklungsgruppe



PROTON
EUROPE
Innovation from Public Research



DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FP7 PROPOSALS

Training, Partner Search, Brokerage Events

Assistance from Clusters, FP7 Experts and BICs in building new proposals

Do you have a new Research Idea?

SME

Do you want to become a partner in an RTD EC project?

Find out about opportunities through Clusters and Partner Search emails

Send an Expression of Interest with BIC assistance

INTEGRATION INTO FP7 PROPOSALS