



Welcome to the April newsletter of Startup Europe Regions Network. We would like to share with you interesting initiatives, news and events about EU regions, as well as information about SERN activities and upcoming events.

Enjoy your reading!



EU Parliament approves Horizon Europe

The Parliament has approved the partial agreement on the Horizon Europe, the next EU research and innovation programme (2021-2027), with almost 90% of the votes of all the MEP in the plenary. This paves the way to the preparation of the Strategic Plan, setting-up the Mission Boards and partnership initiatives in order to guarantee that as of January 2021 the new Horizon Europe programme will be fully operational. More information [here](#).



EVENTS

1. [Connecting Startup Cities Conference](#), Berlin, 14 May 2019
2. [The European Cluster Conference](#), Bucharest 14-16 May 2019
3. [VIVA Technology startup event](#), Paris 16-18 May 2019
4. [High-Level Conference - Digital Cities Challenge: A strategy for EU cities in the 21st Century](#), 5 June 2019



PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. European Capital of Smart Tourism 2020, application till 10 May 2019
2. European Business Award 2019, application till 28 May 2019
3. Transformative Action Award 2019, application till 31 July 2019
4. **The RESponsible island (prize for renewable energy islands)**, application till 26 September 2019



OPEN CALLS

1. EIT Digital Venture Programme: International Growth Support for European Entrepreneurs, deadline 5 May 2019
2. Next Generation Internet (EC Initiative) 2 Open Calls, deadline 1 June 2019
3. COSME: Support for the Implementation of the Entrepreneurship Competence Framework (COS-ENTRECOMP-2018-3-01), deadline 22 August 2019
4. Horizon 2020: Empower SME clusters to bring SMEs 'across the valley of death' (BBI-2019-SO4-S4), Bio-based Industries Coordination and Support action, deadline 04 September 2019



WEBINARS

1. [European IPR Helpdesk: IP Management in H2020 with special focus on MSCA](#), 24 April 2019 (10:30-12:00 CEST)
2. [The European Crowdfunding Network: Crowdfunding platforms - manage investments and follow-on rounds](#), 25 April 2019 (15:00 CEST)
3. [EASME: Financing Energy Efficiency](#), H2020 Call topic EE11, 30 April 2019 (13:30-16:30 CET)
4. [European Microfinance Network: EaSI Technical Assistance Webinar on Fundraising for SMEs: "How to secure investments for your MFI"](#), 16 May 2019 (14:00 - 15:00 CEST)



Welcome new members!

We welcome **Business Development Center Kragujevac** (Serbia), **STEP RI Science and Technology Park of University of Rijeka** (Croatia), **Science and Technology Park TERINOV** (Portugal), **Startup Angra** (Portugal) and **Science and Technology Park of São Miguel NONAGON** (Portugal) to our network. We look forward to collaborating with you! More information [here](#).



We would like to invite you to become a member of SERN! Membership of the SERN is open to any legal representative of European regions, development agencies, universities or any other legal entities that contribute to the development and implementation of regional policies towards startups and entrepreneurship in Europe.