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Brussels Science News for University of Southern Denmark is a monthly newsletter targeting SDU researchers, scientists, management and staff. The newsletter will focus information on funding options, network events and partnership possibilities in the EU.

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❖ University of Southern Denmark takes on Brussels and Horizon 2020

March 1st University of Southern Denmark (SDU) is making a greater strategic commitment to the increasing importance of the EU and Horizon 2020. New employee Christian Walther Bruun starts at South Denmark European Office with the goal of strengthening the University of Southern Denmark in the EU and especially in Horizon 2020.

The main tasks for Christian the first year will be to match and advise researcher, scientists, management and the staff at the university, increase the university's visibility in Brussels, strategically strengthen the university in the EU and disseminate information on EU research policy and calls.



Christian has a background in the Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education where he worked with strategic research, international science and innovation policies – both in relation to the EU and globally. Christian will be closely working together with the existing research support system and SDU Grants Office and will on a regular basis be at SDU. Find contact information on page 5.

❖ SDU Grants Office – GO

SDU Grants Office (SDU GO) is the new name of the external funding coordinating unit of SDU. The unit consists of the heads of the five research support units of SDU, a project leader and coordinator, SDU representative in Brussels and the Dean of the Technical Faculty. The members are:

- Per Michael Johansen, Dean, Faculty of Engineering
- Jeppe Kristensen, SDU GO Project Leader, Faculty of Engineering
- Søren Elmer Christensen, Faculty of Engineering
- Anja Morgen, Faculty of Business and Social Sciences
- Christina Dahl, Faculty of Science
- Rune Nørgaard Jørgensen, Faculty of Humanities
- Olaf Svehnigsen, Faculty of Health
- Christian Walther Bruun, Representing SDU at South Denmark European Office

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❖ Don't forget EUopSTART (and the last FP7 calls)

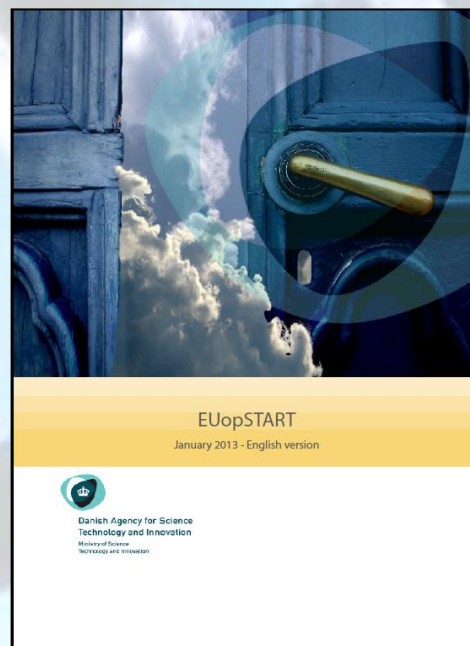
With the aim of internationalising Danish research and innovation the Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation distributes EUopSTART grants. The grant covers preparatory work for Danish businesses and knowledge institutions with a view to participating in European and international research schemes.

This means that if you now are planning to apply for a FP7 grant, or in the future a Horizon 2020 grant **you should apply for EUopSTART funds** (a number of other schemes such as NIH, NSF IMI, and AAL are also covered). **This will cover salary, travel cost and external consultancy.**

In the EUopSTART program you are able to prepare applications for funds based on draft calls – that means you don't have to wait for 2014 with your EUopSTART application for Horizon 2020. Right now you can still apply for EUopSTART funds for open FP7 calls such as People (CIG), Environment, ICT, Transport and ERA-nets.

For more information on EUopSTART – click [here](#).

For more information on open FP7 calls – click [here](#)



❖ News on Horizon 2020

Everyone is holding their breaths – waiting – for Horizon 2020. The European Council has proposed a budget but the Parliament is not happy, but with this first Brussels Science News it's a good moment to stop and take stock of where we are. As of now the Horizon 2020 process is on track.

We know a lot already:

- Budget will amount to around 70 billion EUR.
- A stronger focus on impact and effect will be given in the evaluation criteria.
- If the success rates of 2,36 % from FP7 is used as a guide then Denmark can expect total funds from Horizon 2020 at 12 billion DKK.
- Horizon 2020 will focus on societal challenges facing EU society, e.g. health, clean energy and transport
- We know that the countries have agreed on simplified rules, which will reduce the amount of documentation, streamline the number of different rules in different programmes to just one and a simplification of the budgeting of projects.

Remember to save the date for the **Horizon 2020 Kick-Off Conference** arranged by the Danish Ministry for Science, Innovation and Higher Education 29. oktober 2013, Tivoli Congress Center.

There are also things that we don't know yet – such as.

- We don't know what the final calls will look like – will they be broad or will they be narrow. More will be revealed in May.
- We don't know the final budget and are crossing our fingers that the Irish presidency, the European Parliament and Mr. Van Rompuy will seal the deal. We are still waiting for the negotiations on the general EU budget

The Horizon 2020 process

30/11 2011	Commission proposal	
1/1 2012	Start of negotiations	
31/5 2012	Agreement on the framework programme in the Council ("partial general approach")	
Mid 2012	Last call for proposals during FP7	
Primo 2013	Opinions adopted by the European Parliament	← WE ARE HERE
Mid 2013	The Council and the Parliament adopt Horizon 2020	
1/1 2014	Horizon 2020 begins and the first calls will begin to be published	



Find out more about Horizon 2020 – click [here](#)

❖ U-Multirank – a new way of ranking

A new multi-dimensional model for international ranking of institutions of Higher Education is being launched. The purpose for this is to obtain a broader picture of the accomplishments of the universities – not just focusing on research expertise as have usually been the case with university rankings. No less than 500 institutions will be included and ranking will be based on opinion of peers. The ranking will focus on comparing institutions with similar characteristics. Five criteria have been chosen for the new ranking: 1) research reputation, 2) quality of teaching and learning, 3) international orientation, 4) success of knowledge transfer and 5) contribution to regional growth.

The first results are expected in 2014. Read more about U-Multirank and how to sign up [here](#).

❖ Open Days – Smart Specialization Strategies

South Denmark European Office is engaged in a number of activities in 2013. In the fall one of them will be the European Commission Open Days – a week of regional events in Brussels. South Denmark European Office have joined a consortium with four other regional offices from Poland, Germany and The Netherlands. This consortium will host an event focusing on **'Smart Specialization Strategies'** in different European regions. The title so far is: "Regional partnership: European challenges- local solutions". How can regions play a role in moving from the financial crisis via specialization? How does innovation and cooperation between universities and local communities help to promote growth and strengthen the knowledge base in the regions. Especially social science scientist could be involved in the event.

For more information on Open Days look [here](#):

For question about South Denmark involvement please contact EU Project Manager Rune Scharff Andreasen på + 032 4 777 79 105 or rsa@southdenmark.be

WHERE TO LOOK FOR SUPPORT ON EKSTERNAL FUNDING?

For support on all external funding incl. EU Funding please contact the research funding unit at your faculty:

- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Engineering](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Humanities](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Science](#)
- ✓ [Research support at the Faculty of Health Sciences](#)

If you have any specific EU science and innovation related questions, are planning initiatives towards EU and Horizon 2020 in Brussels or at SDU or questions about this newsletter to please direct them to: Christian Walther Bruun, + 32 4 777 77 587 or cwb@southdenmark.be

THE SDU EUROPEAN SCIENCE EVENT CALENDAR

Please let us know (at cwb@southdenmark.be) if you are planning to attend or have questions about the conferences

Event	Date	Place	Relevant for:						
			Engineering	Sciences	Health	Humanities	Business and Social	General science	
The 1st International conference on Internet Science	10-11 th of April 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Icon Conference 2013 (cultural heritage)	10-12 th of April 2013	Glasgow	X			X			
BPI Europe 2013 (biomanufacturing)	17-18 th of April 2013	Düsseldorf	X		X				
3rd EERA Annual Congress 2013	18.-19 th of April 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Stimulating Innovation in Plant Genetic Resources: A role for the EIP on Agriculture	23 th of April 2013	Brussels		X					
ImagineNano 2013	23-26 th of April 2013	Bilbao		X					
EUCHIS 2013 - 11th International Conference of the European Chitin Society	5-8 th of May 2013	Porto		X					
eHealth week 2013	13-15 th of May 2013	Dublin	X		X				
Researchers Careers and Mobility	14-15 th of May 2013	Dublin						X	
Green Week 2013	22-25 th of May 2013	Brussels	X	X	X		X		
Pioneers in Healthcare	5-6 th of June 2013	Brussels			X				
The RCPCH Annual Conference 2013 (pediatrics)	5-8 th of June 2013	Glasgow			X				
European Wolfram Technology Conference 2013	11-12 th of June 2013	Frankfurt	X						
EuroNanoForum 2013	18-20 th of June 2013	Dublin		X					
3rd Annual General Conference of The European Political Science Association	20-22 nd of June 2013	Barcelona	X	X	X	X	X	X	
EHMA Annual Conference 2013 (Health management)	26-28 th of June 2013	Milan			X		X		
Sustainable Energy Week	24-28 th of June 2013	Brussels	X	X					
Inaugural European Conference on the Arts and Humanities 2013	18-21 st of July 2013	Brighton				X			
28th Annual Congress of the EEA (economy and econometrics)	26-30 th of August 2013	Gothenburg					X		
Open Days	7-10 th of October 2013	Brussels	X	X	X	X	X	X	
The European Public Health Association	13-16 th of November 2013	Brussels			X		X		
Euro Science Open Forum	21-26 th of June 2014 (Deadline for applications May 9, 2013)	Copenhagen	X	X	X	X	X	X	
The 7th European Public Health Conference 2014	2014	Glasgow			X		X		

Background: (www.atomium.be - SABAM 2009 - DJ Sharko)