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The mid-term review of the implementation of the LMI has been published. The review can be found under the following link:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/swd\\_lmi\\_midterm\\_progress.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/swd_lmi_midterm_progress.pdf)



## Open Days 2009

The LEADERA project was present at the Open Days 2009. A workshop dedicated to lead markets aimed to look how regions can 'go global'. The LMI is a 'demand-side innovation' package, using legislation, public procurement and standardisation/certification to facilitate the uptake and diffusion of innovations in 6 sectors.

## LEADERA First call 2010

LEADERA celebrates its first joint call for 2010. The call has been launched on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 while the deadline for the pre-proposal submission is on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (two-stage application process).



The project website ([www.leADERA.net](http://www.leADERA.net)) has been enhanced with an on-line support tool for the electronic submission of proposals for the first call (ESS) and an online partner search tool as well.

For the communication of the first joint call a number of information events have taken place at partner regions.

**Innobasque** and **Basque Government** have organized an Information meeting in Bilbao on the 26<sup>th</sup> January about LEAD ERA first call for projects. This

meeting was mostly addressed to enterprises, networks of enterprises, clusters and consulting firms. 150 persons participated in this meeting.

Another Information meeting was organized in Meux (Belgium) by **Wallonia Region** and **NCP Wallonnie** for promoting the call. An important number of enterprises and stakeholders participated in this conference.

These two meetings have counted upon the participation of another LEAD ERA partner region. The **Region Alsace** was represented in

Meux in order to present regional competencies in the field of lead markets and the specific eligibility criteria and funding rules of Alsace Region. Wallonia Region was represented in the meeting in Bilbao in order to introduce LEAD ERA project. This initiative could facilitate the partner's search within the set-up of transnational consortia and could be used as a "good practice" by the other partner regions and funding agencies of LEAD ERA.

The following events have been already scheduled:

**Lower Austria** - St. Pölten, 18/2/2010 and Arena Nova, 23/2/2010

**Alsace Region** - Strasbourg, 23/2/2010

**OSEO** - Pessac/Aquitaine, 25/2/2010

## Consortium Enlargement

4 new members have entered the consortium after the official start of the project. These partners are Navarra (ES), Andalucía (ES), Region Western Greece (GR) and Oséo (FR). The enlarged consortium

counts 13 members from 6 different member states.

IMADE (Madrid Region) will also join the consortium as an associated partner.

