

International congress for innovation

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The projects of the INTERREG Programme in Europe are meant to benefit from each other. In order to answer this purpose the Central Europe Programme, that is a co-project to the Alpine Space Programme, organised the “Cross Fertilisation Workshop Innovation” enabling chances to exchange know-how and generate additional benefit for the projects. The workshop took place on 15th April 2010 in Stuttgart, Germany. As a representative for the many other projects in the Alpine Space Ludwig Karg, head of B.A.U.M. Consult Munich, had the chance to showcase the AlpEnergy project.

The workshop was part of the congress of “Strategies for Innovation and Competitiveness in Europe”, which was opened by Minister for Economic Affairs Ernst Pfister. The congress was directed at giving new impulses to everybody, involved in the process of innovation. It focussed on two main issues: Know-how transfer between research and economy and the transfer of innovation within European regions. The European Commission promotes innovation processes with strategies and research programs: e.g. the 7th EU Research Framework Programme helping business companies or the European Territorial Cooperation Project with its sub programmes like the INTERREG Programme supporting key players on a regional level.

The guiding mission of the event was “innovation”, which is the key to competitiveness for business companies and research institutions in Europe. For each transnational cooperation in which Germany is involved one exemplary project was presented. The program committee chose the following:

- AlpEnergy, Alpine Space Program
- FASILIS, North West Europe Program
- BASIC, Baltic Sea Program
- I3SME, Central Europe Program
- ACT4PPP, Central Europe Program
- Innotrain IT, Central Europe Program

As Ludwig Karg pointed out AlpEnergy is an important contribution to the international discussion about Smart Grids. To use the existing grid at an optimum, Information and communication technologies (ICT) are supposed to make the entire power supply system smarter. Meeting the need for ICT solutions AlpEnergy demonstrates how Virtual Power Systems (VPS) can be implemented. It shows the way to an ideal balancing of power generation and consumption, which is the basic requirement for the connection of more decentralised and renewable energy power plants to the grid.

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CEO of B.A.U.M., Ludwig Karg presents the AlpEnergy project at the congress for innovation in Stuttgart