

**Projects (conditionally) approved under Interreg V-A Euregio Meuse-Rhine by the
 Monitoring Committee on February 2 2017**

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| Project name: | Euradiomics |
| Lead partner: | Oncoradiomics SPRL (BV) |
| Total no. of partners: | 7 |
| Priority axis : | 1 (Innovation 2020) |
| Total eligible costs: | € 3.402.970,70 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.701.485,35 |

The EMR has the research potential to become one of the leading regions for the development and commercialization of radiomics-based IT solutions. The lead partner of the project, for instance, is driven by the ambition to strengthen its position as the market-leader in this emerging field of medical research. Building on these assets, the proposed project aims at developing the new technology of radiomics into innovative software solutions and decision-making support tools for oncology doctors and patients.

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| Project name: | EURLIPIDS, a Virtual Platform for Lipid Research |
| Lead partner: | DSM |
| Total no. of partners: | 14 |
| Priority axis : | 1 (Innovation 2020) |
| Total eligible costs: | € 4.896.543,00 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 2.448.271,49 |

Building on the Euregio's knowledge and expertise in the field of lipid-technologies, the projects aims at establishing an excellence platform for lipid-based research and technological solutions ("Lipid Valley"). Bringing together research institutes, clinics, industrial partners and SMEs, the platform will be built on three pillars: (1) a study component for MA and PhD students to strengthen the human capacities for lipid research in the EMR; (2) research for new analytical methods (biomarkers, biomedical materials); (3) economic valorization of the research activities through the development and market launch of new clinical products. Indeed, as underlined by the partnership, the planned research and valorization activities shall lead to patent-protected solutions which will enable the participating industrial partners, SMEs and spin-offs to gain direct advantage from their participation in the project.

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| Project name: | Light Vehicle 25 |
| Lead partner: | AutomotiveNL bv - Helmond, NL |
| Priority axis : | 1 (Innovation 2020) |
| Total no. of partners: | 7 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 2.401.784,21 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.200.892,10 |

Building on the results of previous Interreg-funded EMR projects ("Automotive.NET", "ACEMR"), the partnership of "Light Vehicle 25" aims at strengthening the competitiveness of the EMR through the

development of cross-border value chains in the automotive branch of lightweight engineering. In particular, closer collaboration between companies and research institutes across borders shall stimulate the joint development and commercialization of new automotive lightweight components. Driven by the ambition to significantly reduce fuel consumption and the emission of CO₂, three prototypes shall be developed by cross-border consortia in the course of project implementation. Following their production and testing, the partners intend to actively disseminate the results of the funded demo projects, in particular towards potential clients such as the key target group of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). At the same time, the results of project will allow the two participating vocational education and training centers from Wallonia to include modules on “new technologies” in their training curricula for automotive professions.

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| Project name: | EMR START-UP |
| Lead partner: | Greenville nv - Houthalen-Helchteren, BE |
| Priority axis : | 2 (Economy 2020) |
| Total no. of partners: | 10 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 4.112.911,98 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 2.056.455,99 |

Bringing together 10 incubators and business support organizations from BE, NL and DE, the projects aims at supporting the creation of 150 internationally oriented start-up companies till the end of 2019. In order to achieve this aim, the partners propose to launch and implement an “EMR START-UP Programme”, designed to offer free working space and individual coaching to “undetected talents with entrepreneurial spirit” from the participating regions. Accompanied by an euregional team of professional coaches, each “starter” will have to pass different stages of the start-up programme (idea – application – pitching – go/no go – working – business plan – new company). In this context, the provision of the proposed incubation services at cross-border level (network of incubators, euregional team of coaches, joint b2b activities) and hence the creation of an “euregional eco-system” for start-ups is presented as an innovative approach to boost the international orientation of young entrepreneurs. Based on the development of a self-sustaining business model (“EMR START-UP 2.0”), the partners strive for the continuation of the proposed cross-border incubation programme beyond the closure of EMR START-UP on 31 December 2019.

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| Project name: | MOBI |
| Lead partner: | Office of German-speaking Community of Belgium for People with Disabilities |
| Priority axis : | 3 (Social inclusion and education) |
| Total no. of partners: | 5 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 1.887.138,06 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 943.569,03 |

The MOBI Project focuses on specific objective 3.1: Increase of social integration of vulnerable groups. The project aims to improve opportunities for people with Dual Diagnosis in EMR and to support their active participation over the long-term. Against the backdrop of the MRE’s 2020 Strategy (especially in the area of healthcare provision) the aim is to create an inclusive network which offers optimal support and medical care for people with DD. Through coordinated, interlinked and cross-border work, the objective is to develop technical standards to support people with DD so that across the whole EMR region a suitable provision of care can be accessed with comparable quality levels.

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| Project name: | N-POWER |
| Lead partner: | Université de Liège - Liège, BE |
| Priority axis : | 3 (Social inclusion and education) |
| Total no. of partners: | 11 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 3.916.115,08 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.958.057,54 |

The main objective of the N-POWER project is to support innovative ‘neighbourhood development policies’ enabling the EMR cities to effectively reintegrate their ‘excluded’ neighbourhoods and populations in a creative, inclusive and sustainable development pathway. This will not only contribute to the reduction of environmental inequalities between neighborhoods and to the economic revitalization of the deprived neighbourhoods through the creation of new local activities and jobs, but also, to the social development of neighbourhoods, through effects in terms of e.g. community learning, social integration, social cohesion and collective organizational capacity. The N-POWER project will thus jointly work on environmental, social and economic reintegration of the excluded neighbourhoods and their inhabitants. The consortium is built up from a cross-border cooperation of 11 partners, of which 8 are responsible for neighbourhood development and 3 are of an academic nature. The consortium covers neighbourhood development policies over the EMR, with exception of the NL region.

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| Project name: | www.EUR.Friends w(orking) w(ith) w(eb). Eur(egional)/(o)ean). Friends |
| Lead partner: | Province de Liege |
| Priority axis : | 3 (Social inclusion and education) |
| Total no. of partners: | 11 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 3.591.210,74 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.795.605,34 |

The project partners focus on stimulating professional mobility (by promoting in-company placements for vocational trainees) and improving communication skills (language and intercultural skills) to raise cross-border mobility. To achieve this result the partners will organize 720 cross-border in-company placements of vocational (mainly technical) students supported by an open source App; develop 9 e-learning modules on language and interculturalism designed to meet the needs SME’s, higher education students and job seekers; implementing a digital platform for all young people in the EMR. Cross-border cooperation is practiced to realize the in-company placements, coach cross-border students and to optimize the input for the 9 e-modules. Each module uses both the angle of the source region and the target region to learn about language and culture.

The consortium expects that the project will lead to a significant reduction of early school-leavers resulting from a substantial increase in cross-border in-company placements and a substantial increase in knowledge of and interest in language and culture of neighbour regions. The project will result in the realization of 720 cross-border in-company placements of vocational students; realization of 9 (language-culture) e-modules; the upgrade of the Babelreg website also offering access to the e-modules; digital communication platform for young EMR citizens.

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| Project name: | Garage 4.0 |
| Lead partner: | Zentrum für Aus- und Weiterbildung des Mittelstands (ZAWM) – Eupen, BE |
| Priority axis : | 3 (Social inclusion and education) |
| Total no. of partners: | 6 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 2.465.204,00 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.232.602,00 |

The project addresses the need to adjust vocational education for automotive services (garages, car dealers) to the current mega trends in the sector. In particular, the project aims at supporting VET schools, colleges and universities in developing and testing new training concepts on the subjects of e-mobility, innovative lightweight bodyworks as well as new sales and service channels. Apprentices, students, employees and employment seekers have been defined as the key target groups for the planned multimedia courses and workshops. An online learning platform, the introduction of multimedia tools and the preparation of an electric car shall support the planned development of new training concepts.

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| Project name: | EMR Connect (ECON) |
| Lead partner: | Transport Authority Aachener Verkehrsverbund GmbH |
| Priority axis : | 4 (Territorial development) |
| Total no. of partners: | 11 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 4.625.896,74 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 2.312.948,37 |

EMR Connect aims at addressing the current cross-border challenges in the fields of public transport and active mobility through implementation-oriented collaboration between 11 transport authorities, policy-making bodies and universities from DE, NL and BE. Within four content-related work packages, the partnership intends to develop numerous new products, services and tools for improved cross-border travelling in the EMR:

- new cross-border offers for students and school classes (WP T-2);
- the harmonization of tariffs for cross-border routes between NL (Limburg) and DE (Aachen, WP T-2);
- an extension of the Euregio-ticket to the missing parts of Province de Liège (envisaged, WP T-2);
- the development of interoperable e-ticketing standards (WP T1);
- a pilot activity to test the use of credit cards as tickets for cross-border routes (WP T1);
- improved services for cross-border passengers (online shop, real-time information system, customer points, WP T1);
- a pilot activity to test the use of e-buses on cross-border lines between NL (Limburg) and DE (Aachen, WP I0);
- the cross-border extension on an e-bike sharing system from DE to NL (Parkstad Limburg, WP I1).

Joint research, teaching and knowledge transfer activities shall accompany the above-listed operational actions (WP T2).

EMR Connect builds on previously implemented Interreg projects such as M3 (Interreg IV EMR) and will benefit from the research conducted under the Horizon 2020 project „European Travellers Club“. Furthermore, the partnership stresses the complementarity of EMR Connect with the TEN-T project “3EUSates2Cross”.

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| Project name: | P2P – People to people |
| Lead partner: | Stichting Euregio Maas-Rijn - Eupen, BE |
| Priority axis : | 4 (Territorial development) |
| Total no.of partners: | 1 cross border organization covering numerous partners |
| Total eligible costs: | € 1.249.410,10 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 624.705,05 |

Building on the experience gained under previous Interreg periods, the submitted application is driven by the approach to serve as an “umbrella project” for the provision of Programme funds to small-scale “people-to-people” initiatives between citizens, visitors, private organizations, NGOs and public entities. Thematically, priority will be given to “sports and culture”, “education and youth”, “communication and marketing” and “civic involvement and public services”. Between 2017 and 2019, the applying body, the “Stichting Euregio Meuse-Rhine”, intends to fund and monitor the implementation of 14 small-scale projects. In this context, the applicant stresses the importance of ensuring the sustainability of the funded cross-border activities. Furthermore, the instrument of lump sums shall help all parties to simplify the financial management of the funded operations.

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| Project name: | Blütenband.BBR |
| Lead partner: | NABU-Naturschutzstation Aachen e.V. |
| Priority axis : | 4 (Territorial development) |
| Total no. of partners: | 11 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 2.024.880,00 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 1.012.440,00 |

The “Blütenband” project aims at the preservation and valorization of the cross-border culture landscape in the EMR as production site, home, and recreation area. The project tries to achieve these objectives by:

1. Optimization of the development and cultivation of cultural landscape through Euregional networking of the local institutions and partners. Five Euregional symposiums will be organized to promote knowledge exchange.
2. Raising public awareness of the subject “Value of the cultural landscape and orchards” with classic and modern media.
3. Enhancement of the cultural landscape and strengthening of the biodiversity by 100 plant and cultivation actions for 2000 standard fruit trees, 30 km hedges, 100 protective measures for “NATURA 2000” species and habitats and realization of 6 conservation gardens for local fruit varieties.
4. Increasing the recreational value and improving the quality of life and living for the people of the urban and rural regions, by the presentation of 200 km of existing cross-border routes for walking and cycling in the orchards landscape. About 100 walking and cycling events will be realized.
5. Enhancement of the regional marketing of agricultural products of the historical cultural landscape through 4 Euregional “light-house”-events.
6. Stimulating citizen-participation in developing concepts for village surroundings and preservation of the rural agricultural belts (belt of orchards) by 80 information and awareness-building events.

The “Blütenband” consortium is built up from 11 partners representing all regions of the EMR. At the heart of the consortium is an existing cross-border network of landscape preservation organizations.

The project is expected to result in a substantial increase of tourist attraction and recreational visits, resulting in a significant increase of the number of nights spent at tourist accommodation establishments.

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| Project name: | Terra Mosana |
| Lead partner: | University of Liège |
| Priority axis : | 4 (Territorial development) |
| Total no. of partners: | 11 |
| Total eligible costs: | € 4.607.364,42 |
| ERDF contribution: | € 2.303.682,21 |

The proposal aims at reinforcing the EMR tourist attraction and EMR citizens shared identity feeling through the digital exploitation of cultural heritage. This exploitation will be carried out through digital narratives of the shared history of several cities from the EMR. They will be based on the development and the exploitation of 3D models of EMR cultural heritage through virtual reality and augmented reality realisations in several EMR cities. Citizens and the tourists will be presented with, on one hand, experiences staging the whole EMR territory in 3D and, on the other hand, targeted narratives, which will be set up on site through virtual and augmented reality technologies.

By consequently emphasising the common history of and connections between the heritage sites the consortium expects to increase touristic mobility, stimulate extended stays and thus increase hotel stays in the region. Furthermore the consortium expects increasing interest in cross-border identity feeling with citizens on the basis of recognised common culture and history.

The consortium intends to develop several facilities (technical platform, legal and ethical framework for digital productions, data structure, website), which will enable the incorporation of new digital products in the future. Concrete outputs will be delivered in the form of an EMR wide exposition and digital productions around cultural heritage sites in Liege (2 productions), Maastricht, Tongeren and Aachen.