

## Statements from successful participants

During the events since 2009, many productive and lasting contacts have been established between researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and other parts of Europe. That's why our participants are keen to meet in Düsseldorf each year as part of their proposal preparation for Horizon 2020.



**Tim Hülser,**  
Institut für Energie- und Umwelt-  
technik e. V. (IUTA), Duisburg

“The event’s structure, organisation and facilities are excellent. As an ideal platform to present my project ideas, the event helped me to broaden my network and find a consortium partner for a joint proposal.”



**Martina Reuber,**  
Chamber of Agriculture of  
North Rhine-Westphalia, Bonn

“The event made it easy for me to get in contact with international researchers. By combining interdisciplinary approaches, it proved a great way to discuss project ideas for Horizon 2020 and gain an insight into the commercialization of former European projects.”

## Venue

Van der Valk Airporthotel Düsseldorf  
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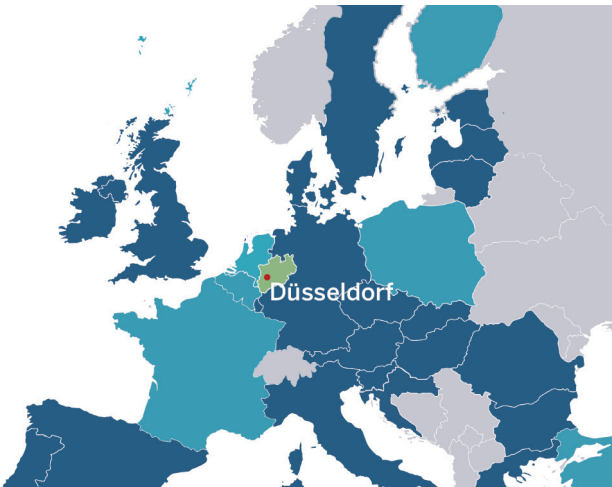
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## Successful R&I in Europe 2015 7<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event

5-6 November 2015  
Van der Valk Airporthotel Düsseldorf  
Germany



## North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) in the heart of Europe

Geographically central position in Europe – 17.5 million people – Gross Domestic Product of 599.8 billion Euros (21.9 % of German GDP) – economic hub of Europe – region with the highest density of universities and research institutions in Europe: 72 universities, over 50 non-university research institutes – among them 12 Max Planck institutes, 13 Fraunhofer institutes, 11 institutes of the Leibniz Association, 3 Helmholtz centres, 15 Johannes Rau research institutes plus approx. 100 university research institutes.

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Impression from the 6<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event in 2014

## Successful R&I in Europe 2015 7<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event

For the seventh time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and regions in Europe to find new European research and innovation (R&I) partners for Horizon 2020 projects. The series of events has been a great success with over 1700 participants since 2009. In 2015, special partner regions are: Belgium, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey. Parallel brokerage sessions will focus on seven topics:

- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Energy
- Nanotechnology, Materials and Manufacturing (NMM)
- Sustainable Economy
- Life Sciences
- Mobility support/MSCA
- SME Instrument/Fast Track to Innovation

The event addresses especially universities and research institutes as well as small and medium-sized enterprises. Participants are invited to become involved in established and new technology networks between researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers related to Horizon 2020. Giving a short presentation (ideas and/or results) or finding a partner by talking to other decision-makers opens doors for new research and innovation projects in Europe with a focus on Horizon 2020.

**Call for presentations (ideas and/or results) is open until 22 October 2015 under [www.zenit.de/networking](http://www.zenit.de/networking)**

## Programme

Thursday, 5 November 2015

13.00	Welcome
13.05	Opening Session: Dr. Thomas Grünewald, Deputy Minister for Innovation, Science and Research, North Rhine-Westphalia
13.15	Keynote Speech: Dr. Rudolf W. Strohmeier, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, Brussels (tbc)
13.35	Introduction of Partner Regions
13.40	Success Stories in Europe based in NRW
14.00	Coffee/Start of parallel sessions
14.15	Session 1: Parallel Workshops “NRW projects seeking partners in Europe”
	Coffee/Find a Partner
16.15	Session 2: Parallel Workshops “European projects seeking partners in NRW”
	Coffee/Find a Partner
18.15	Session 3: Parallel Workshops “Services for proposals and projects”
19.15	Start of exhibition: Innovations for Europe based in NRW Interactive Dinner
20.30	Bus tour/city sightseeing “Düsseldorf by Night”

Friday, 6 November 2015

9.30	Welcome
9.35	Services for Proposals and Projects, Jan Skriwanek, National Contact Point Life Sciences, Project Management Agency - part of the German Aerospace Center, PT DLR
9.45	Success Stories in Europe based in NRW
10.05	Coffee/Start of parallel sessions
10.15	Session 4: Parallel Workshops “NRW projects seeking partners in Europe”
	Coffee/Find a Partner
12.00	Session 5: Parallel Workshops “European projects seeking partners in NRW”
13.15	Interactive Lunch/Find a Partner

The conference language is English.



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I will attend the workshops on

☐ 5 November 2015      ☐ 6 November 2015

☐ ICT      ☐ Sustainable Economy  
☐ Energy      ☐ Life Sciences  
☐ Nanotechnology, Materials and Manufacturing      ☐ Mobility support/MSCA  
☐ SME Instrument/Fast Track to Innovation

I will attend

☐ Dinner  
☐ “Düsseldorf by Night”  
☐ I need an airport-venue shuttle

Conference fee: € 120 (€ 95/one day) per person including VAT. Free participation for speakers in sessions 1 to 5. The organizers recommend that speakers participate on both days. Please find further offers for hotel accommodation under [www.zenit.de/networking](http://www.zenit.de/networking)