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NANORA – Nano Regions Alliance to Set Up Transnational Nanotechnology Competence Atlas

NANORA, the European Nano Regions Alliance, unites participants from nanotechnology-strong regions from Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands committed to supporting nanotechnology as a key enabling technology. The project, funded by the European Union through the INTERREG IWB NWE Programme, aims at establishing transnational mechanisms of competence selection and pooling as well as transnational support schemes for nanotechnology players. It is based on the conviction that the European regions need to engage in concerted action to be successful in the global competition for nano-enabled economic growth.

Members of NANORA will be gathering at the Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union in Brussels on Monday, September 16th, to finalize the conceptual basis of their core tool: the Transnational Interactive Nanotechnology Competence Atlas “TINCA”. The atlas will join in one single database comprehensive information on nanotechnology players – particularly SMEs and research institutes – from all regions represented in the project. It will thus allow for easy matching of players for cooperation projects across regions. Individually tailored matching will be further facilitated by the competence-focused setup of the database: the atlas will feature very finely differentiated information on the specific materials, processes, technologies, applications, and products that the nanotechnology players offer or use. Cooperation projects facilitated by NANORA will also profit from efforts within the project to open regional support schemes to transnational teams.

The meeting in Brussels will also be used to introduce NANORA and its key objectives and activities to interested individuals from various regional representations, who have been invited to join the project partners for a lunch meeting to learn more about the initiative.

The Alliance welcomes new members and regions.

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