



## Coming events

**EU Policy Reception**  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 2011  
Hannover (Germany)

**ICT Proposers' Day**  
19<sup>th</sup>&20<sup>th</sup> May, 2011  
Budapest (Hungary)

**Update 2011**  
23<sup>rd</sup>&24<sup>th</sup> May, 2011  
Helsingborg  
(Sweden)

**EuroNanoForum 2011**  
30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011  
Budapest (Hungary)

**NanoMaterials 2011**  
8<sup>th</sup>&9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011  
London (UK)

**3M-NANO 2011**  
29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011  
Changchun (China)

**NANOTEX 2011 Expo**  
7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2011  
Thessaloniki  
(Greece)

**NanoForum 2011**  
14<sup>th</sup>&15<sup>th</sup> September, 2011  
Rome (Italy)

## 1<sup>st</sup> NANO futures Working Groups Meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> NANO futures Working Groups Meeting took place on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Office of the Principality of Asturias in Brussels (Belgium), except Safety Research WG meeting, which took place in Lausanne (Switzerland) on February 15<sup>th</sup>, within the celebration of the Nanoimpactnet meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to present the WG aims and activities carried out up to now by the 10 NANO futures Working Groups (Safety Research; Industrial Safety Strategy; Standardization; Technology Transfer & Innovation Financing; Regulation; Industrialization & nano-Manufacturing; Skills and Education; Networking; Communication and Research & Technology).

Each of these groups is composed of industries, research institutions, universities, investors, ETPs and clusters, and works in the identification of key nodes in strategic nano-activities in order to present recommendations for strategic actions under each of these main topics and address nano-technology challenges with an inter-sectoral approach.

Before entering into the analysis and discussion regarding the ETP needs and the horizontal issues of each horizontal group, the Chairs explained the methodology of how to identify the key nodes and showed some examples of node recognition. Moreover, the two cluster levels in which the ETP needs were classified was also explained to all attendees. Then the participants were invited to order to discuss and fill in the table according to their experience and view. Possible actions, instruments and/or suggestion related to each WG were also asked.



## EuroNanoForum 2011

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**Nanotech Europe**

NANO futures will be present in EuroNanoForum 2011, to be held in Budapest (Hungary) from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The program is now available on ENF2011 website ([www.euronanoforum2011.eu](http://www.euronanoforum2011.eu)), and June 1<sup>st</sup> will be exclusively dedicated to NANO futures. During this "NANO futures day", many speakers from the platform and another ETPs and CSAs related to it, will approach topics such as industry needs, networking and cross-sectorial issues for responsible innovation.



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### Some figures...

For now, NANO*futures* platform involves more than **400 members** (30% coming from industry)

### If you want to...

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- Get in touch with other key players
- Keep updated on coming events
- Find new applications for nanotechnology

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## Get started in the new NANO*futures* community!

To use the NANO*futures* community tools you need to be logged in to the website. Use the "Member Area" link in the top menu at [www.nanofutures.eu](http://www.nanofutures.eu).

Every working group (WG) in the community has its own discussion forums where members can bring in their topics, share documents and initiate polls. If you are already a member of one or more working groups, you will find the list of your WGs at [www.nanofutures.eu](http://www.nanofutures.eu), in the left sidebar in the member area. Clicking on the title of a WG, you will see a description of the group and an overview of its latest activities. On the top right there is a menu with links to the discussion forums, the WG member list and to start a discussion or a poll. Please don't hesitate to start a topic or post a comment on existing discussions. Beside the working groups there are pools for documents, presentations, weblinks and nano related events, where you can easily add your files and information. The pools can be found in the community menu (left sidebar) in the member area.

You can see the list of NANO*futures* members under "Members" in the community menu (left sidebar) in the member area. It is important to have the member profiles updated to let other community members find you, your company and your R&D team. You can edit your profile in the member area under "My Account" => "Edit Profile".

If you need more help on specific functions please see the FAQ at [www.nanofutures.eu](http://www.nanofutures.eu) => "About NANO*future*" => "Get Assistance".



### Best Practices to Lower the Barriers for Commercialisation of Nanotechnology Research (funded by the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme)

The NanoCom coordinated action will contribute to bridging the gap between lab based and industrial applications in nanotechnology by creating a European wide approach and mechanisms for lowering the barriers and spreading best open innovation practices for rapid commercialization and investment in innovative nanotechnology driven products.

Against this background the first Innovation Training Factory will take place at Fraunhofer IZS (Stuttgart, Germany) on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Renowned experts from NanoCom and from the partner project ProNano will act as trainers for this day.

For more information and registration (before March 25<sup>th</sup>) please visit <http://www.nanocom.eu.org/NanoCom/Homepage.html>



Companies involved in any aspect of nanoscience and nanotechnology are invited to take part in the ObservatoryNANO Online Census. The results of this extensive survey activity will be summarised in a '**State of Nanotechnology Report**' to be presented to the EC in autumn 2011 supporting the EC Nanotechnologies Action Plan. This analysis of company activity will be a valuable tool for EC policy makers to help them in establishing the optimal nanotechnology policy to support European nanotechnology innovation leading to a more competitive and sustainable European economy.

#### Would you like to take part?

If you are a European company involved in nanotechnology or nanoscience and would like to take part in the ObservatoryNANO Online Census please visit [www.nano.org.uk/obsnano](http://www.nano.org.uk/obsnano)

If you would like any further information please contact ObservatoryNANO WP3 Economic Analysis leaders, Bax & Willems, through Brian Winans [b.winans@bwcv.es](mailto:b.winans@bwcv.es)



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