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Press Release

Kick-off of European Alliance of Nano Regions in Frankfurt, Germany

On February 5- 6 2013, Partner from seven European regions participated in the first conference of the newly founded European Nano Regions Alliance – NANORA - in Frankfurt, Germany. The objective of the Alliance is to develop joint cross-regional strategies for the promotion of nanotechnology.

As part of the EU-funded project „Nanora – Nano Regions Alliance“, partners from seven European regions met in Frankfurt, Germany, in order to develop joint strategies in the field of nanotechnology research and business support. Together, they aim to develop and implement transnational promotion programmes for nanotechnology businesses. The Alliance is coordinated by the Hessian Ministry of Economics, Transport and Regional development in Germany. In addition, partners from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Ireland and the UK participate in the initiative. The Alliance receives approx. 1,7 Euros EU-Funding via the Programme „INTERREG IV B Northwest Europe“, which is part of the EU Structural Funds.

Since nanotechnology is regarded as an important driver of innovation also for further industry sectors, the Alliance aims to strengthen cooperation and networking between the participating European regions, thus supporting the industry, e.g. via arranging research partnerships or business contacts.

During the conference in Frankfurt, the partners presented the most important business and research stakeholders from their regions in the field of nanotechnology. Furthermore, concrete measures for promoting international networks between businesses and research institutions were discussed. The next meeting of the Alliance with stakeholders from all over Europe will take place in June 2013 in Dublin, Ireland.

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