

## Testimonials by previous 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.



**Melanie May**  
Head of Payer Affairs and  
Managed Care  
HGC GesundheitsConsult GmbH

"The event's format is very interesting with lots of pitch presentations and great opportunities to discuss international innovation projects both with potential partners as well as competent consultants."



**Prof. Dr. Michael Bongards**  
Faculty for Computer Science  
and Engineering Science  
Automation - Energy and  
Environment

"I and my team use the platform to find new international contacts or deepen existing ones. It's an excellent starting point for technology partnerships and funding proposals, especially for Horizon 2020."

## Venue

Van der Valk Airporthotel Düsseldorf  
Am Hülserhof 57  
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## North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) in the heart of Europe

Geographically central position in Europe – 17.9 million people – Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of € 669.7 billion (21.3 % of German GDP) – economic hub of Europe – region with the highest density of universities and research institutions in Europe: 70 universities, over 50 non-university research institutes jointly funded by federal and state governments – among them 12 Max Planck Institutes, 14 Fraunhofer Institutes, 10 Leibniz Institutes, 3 Helmholtz Centres, 15 Johannes Rau Research Institutes plus approx. 100 university research institutes.

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## Successful R&I in Europe 2018 9<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event

15-16 March 2018  
Van der Valk Airporthotel Düsseldorf  
Germany



Ministry of Culture and Science  
of the German State  
of North Rhine-Westphalia



## Successful R&I in Europe 2018 9<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event

For the ninth time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and regions in Europe and beyond to find new research and innovation (R&I) partners for Horizon 2020 projects. The series of events has been a great success with over 2300 participants since 2009. In 2018, special partner regions are: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Israel, the Netherlands and Poland.

### Call for Presentations

Participants are invited to become involved in established and new technology networks between researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers. 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**

**20 February 2018 under  
[www.zenit.de/networking2018](http://www.zenit.de/networking2018)**



Impression from the 8<sup>th</sup> European Networking Event in 2017



## Programme

Thursday, 15 March 2018 \*

- 13.00 Welcome
- 13.05 Opening Session: Isabel Pfeiffer-Poensgen  
Minister of Culture and Science  
of North Rhine-Westphalia
- 13.15 Keynote Speech: Normunds Popen  
Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for  
Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- 13.35 Success Stories in Europe based in NRW
- 13.55 Introduction of Partner Regions and Services  
for Proposals and Projects
- 14.00 Coffee/Start of parallel sessions
- 14.15 Session 1: Parallel Workshops  
 "European projects seeking partners"  
  
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 16.15 Session 2: Parallel Workshops  
 "European projects seeking partners"  
  
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 18.15 Session 3: Parallel Workshops  
"Services for proposals and projects"
- 19.15 Dinner
- 20.30 "Düsseldorf by night" bus tour/city sightseeing







\* Parallel Exhibition: Innovations for Europe based in NRW

Friday, 16 March 2018

- 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  
 "European projects seeking partners"  
  
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 12.00 Session 5: Parallel Workshops  
 "European projects seeking partners"
- 13.00 Interactive Lunch/Find a Partner

*The conference language is English*

Parallel workshops will focus on six topics:

-  Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
-  Nanotechnology, Materials and Manufacturing (NMM)
-  Energy
-  Sustainable Economy
-  Life Sciences
-  Transport



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**Registration open until 7 March 2018**

**Online: [www.zenit.de/networking2018](http://www.zenit.de/networking2018)**

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 on the website.