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Call launch set for March

Welcome to the first newsletter of the ERA-NET Plus (EN Plus) Infravation, a transnational collaboration of 11 countries on road infrastructure innovation. The Infravation 2014 Call will be launched on 3rd March 2014, pooling some 9 million EURO, including a one-third top-up of the European Commission (EC). For the first time, the USA (Federal Highway Administration) will contribute funding to an EN Plus Call.

Here we give some key details on the Infravation 2014 Call, as well as the main Infravation 2014 Call information and brokerage event.

The Infravation 2014 Call aims to support the development of advanced systems, materials and techniques for road infrastructure.The topics being covered have been specified in a Scoping Study and are drawn from the following challenges:

- Advanced predictive infrastructure performance processes.
- Enhanced durability and life-time extension.
- Rapid and non-destructive methods for routine quality and performance checks of materials and construction.
- Keeping freight routes open through zero-intrusive maintenance.
- Ensuring infrastructure performance under all weather conditions.
- Resource and energy efficiency in road construction and maintenance (Eco-design).
- Virgin material reduction by substitution or recycling.

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- Italian National Roads and Highways Authority
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The Infravation 2014 Call focusses on the development of innovative technologies for road operations, either on the European, national, regional or urban networks. For construction and maintenance technology, aspects such as advanced robotics could be developed. The exact details, including the funding scheme for specific stakeholders, will be published in the Infravation 2014 Call Guide for Applicants, which will be available at the launch on 3rd March 2014.

Come to main brokerage event!

Register now for the Infravation 2014 Call joint information and brokerage day being held at the **Diamant Centre** in Brussels on 20th March 2014. The event will be free of charge but you will only be admitted if you have registered!

In a morning session, potential applicants will be given detailed information about the Infravation scope, its challenges and what needs to be done for proposal preparation, submission, etc. As a first step, consortia will have to submit light proposals. A second step for full proposal submission will apply to selected light proposals and on invitation only. The afternoon will be taken up with brokerage sessons, providing the opportunity to meet up with other potential project applicants.

For more information on the event:

- Contact the Infravation Call Secretariat at **david.doerr@de.tuv.com** and **miriam.stephan@de.tuv.com**.
- Visit the **Infravation website** and **Infravation Linked In** group.

In addition, Infravation will also have a stand at the 2014 edition of the **Transport Research Arena conference (TRA2014)** in Paris on 14-17th April 2014 as part of the CEDR village. Come and visit us there!

If you would like more information about the Infravation Call, please do not hesitate to contact the Infravation Call Secretariat at the addresses given above.

Kind regards,

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