

## KNOWLEDGE INNOVATION COMMUNITIES (KICs): PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ROUND INNOVATION FOR HEALTHY LIVING AND ACTIVE AGEING

Date: 19th of June

Venue: Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU, Boulevard du Régent 52, 1000 Brussels. Complejo España. Room Ullastres.

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Abstract:

**Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC)** are the independent but operational part of the **EIT** (European Institute of Innovation and Technology) that puts the innovation web into practise. A KIC is a **partnership that brings together the fields of education, technology, research, business and entrepreneurship**, in order to produce new innovations and new innovation models. The EIT designated its three first KICs in December 2009: Climate KIC, EIT ICT Labs, KIC InnoEnergy (Sustainable Energy).

On November 2011, the European Commission adopted a proposal for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology **"Strategic Innovation Agenda"**, which defines the framework for the Institute's operations for the period 2014-2020. The Commission plans to set up new KICs. The first group, to be set up in 2014, will have the following themes: **innovation for healthy living and active ageing (improving the quality of life and well-being of citizens of all ages)**; food4future (sustainable food supply chain, from farm to fork); raw materials (sustainable exploration, extraction, processing, recycling and substitution of raw materials).

In this framework, the aim of DCRN with this seminar is twofold: on the one hand, to clarify the EIT and KICs' model and the Commission's calendar for the future of the EIT; on the other hand, to explore the existing opportunities in regions and to identify potential partners for the future KIC on healthy living and active ageing.

09:45 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	DCRN (Demographic Change Regions Network): presentation Paul Engelen – Policy Officer Province of Limburg (NL)
10:15 – 11:00	Introduction to the EIT and its KICs: preparing for the next round Glória Nunes Rodrigues – Policy Officer Unit 2 – Higher education and innovation; entrepreneurship; EIT European Commission – Directorate General for Education and Culture
11:00 – 12:00	Regions: opportunities and potential stakeholders Presentations by different regions – 5 minutes per region

Who are we? The Demographic Change Regions Network (DCRN), founded in 2006, is an open informal network that joins together Brussels-based regional offices interested in challenges of demographic change – ageing, declining or migration. If you want to know more about who our member regions are and the activities we carry out, visit our website:

<http://dcrn.eu>