Communicating IMI’s Calls for Proposals in the Member States

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IMI Governance
Role & tasks of the SRG

(a) advise on the annual scientific priorities, including the synergies with the Framework Programme;

(b) facilitate the dissemination of information related to the calls for stakeholders within their own countries;

(c) be informed on the outcome of the evaluation process;

(d) provide an opinion on the update of the Research Agenda;

(e) advise on the activities of the IMI Joint Undertaking;

(f) advise on the changes to the call and the evaluation process and intellectual property rules of the IMI Joint Undertaking;

(g) inform the IMI Joint Undertaking on relevant activities ongoing at national level.
Promoting IMI Calls in Germany - National Information Days -

• 2008: National „kick-off“ event in Frankfurt/Main promoting the 1st IMI Call (18 topics) with approx. 150 participants jointly organised by
  - the German Federal Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF)
  - the German National Contact Point Life Sciences (NKS-L)
  - the Association of German Biotech Companies (VBU)
  - the Association of Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies in Germany (VFA)

• 2009: National Information day in Frankfurt/Main promoting the 2nd IMI Call (9 topics) with approx. 80 participants jointly organised by
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• 2010: National Information day in Berlin promoting the 3rd IMI Call (7 topics) with approx. 40 participants jointly organised by
  - the German Federal Ministry of Education & Research (BMBF)
  - the German National Contact Point Life Sciences (NKS-L)
Promoting IMI Calls in Germany
- Webinars -

- Webinars promoting the IMI Calls 1-5 (2008-2012) jointly organised by
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- PROs
  - Easy to implement
  - Easy to involve several speaker/organisations giving their presentations
  - No travel costs
  - Timesaving tool
  - Internet-based - national/european/international outreach
  - Highly appreciated by the scientific community, esp. SMEs

- CONs
  - Sometimes technical problems
  - No direct networking opportunities
  - No opportunity to meet/discuss directly with SOs and/or EFPIA coordinators
Promoting IMI Calls in Germany - services of the National Contact Point Life Sciences -

- Promotion of IMI Calls 1-5 within regional information days on FP7 Health by the German National Contact Point Life Sciences (NKS-L)
- Informing about IMI Calls/News by the Newsletter of the NKS-L
- Information on IMI on the NKS-L website
- support during proposal preparation, „proposal check“
- Administration of the IMI Partnering Platform containing more than 800 profiles from all over Europe: http://www.imi-partnering.com which is complementary to the official IMI partnering tool: http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/partner-search
- Specific annual workshops on IMI IPR
- Implementation of a specific support action on behalf of the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for successful German IMI applicants entering the 2nd stage, providing support for
  - legal advice for negotiation of the Project and Grant Agreement
  - Travel costs
  - Workshops
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Recommendations to potential applicants

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as intermediary between potential applicants/project partners & the IMI Executive Office
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• Contact your national Health NCP (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/ncp_en.html)
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Planned national Events on IMI in 2012

- Presentation of IMI within the Swedish Business Conference on Infection Prevention and Control, April 23-24, 2012 in Umeå, Sweden
- IMI at the Drug Information Association (DIA) Annual EuroMeeting, March 26-28, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1 Day Regional event in Zagreb covering Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, Italy and Austria, June 2012
- Regional Infodays in Fribourg (5 March), Geneva (20 March), Davos (29 March), St Gallen (3 April), Bern (6 September) on IMI & FP7 Health in Switzerland
- 1 Infoday in Malta planned for 2012
- IMI sessions during FP7 Health Infodays in Estonia
- Webinars on upcoming IMI Calls in 2012 in Germany
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