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**I3E focuses on:**

- Embedded Systems
- Industrial Informatics

**I3E main outputs are:**

- A Strategic Research Agenda
- A Methodology Guide on Innovation

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# Promoting Innovation in the Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems—I3E

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## Workshops

In the context of the I3E project, a series of networking activities has been planned and implemented according to the project plan. A major activity represents the organization of seven networking workshops in the countries of the participating partners. A final transnational conference will be organized by the lead partner at the end of the project.

The main objectives of the workshops are:

- to briefly present the objectives and activities of I3E project
- to present the current results of the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) and the Methodology Guideline for Innovation (MGI) to a relevant audience, mostly from the sectors of Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems,
- to bring together local stakeholders from the fields of Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems representing organizations, such as research/academic institutions, SMEs, technology centers, clusters, public institutions etc.
- to stimulate discussion, in order to get feedback information for possible elaboration and improvement of the MGI and SRA documents

Optionally the workshops may also aim at

- presenting some “best” practices selected among a database of 120 “good” practices compiled by the I3E partnership
- presenting ideas for future networking and collaboration

## Implemented events

### 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop—Slovenia

The first workshop presenting the results of the I3E project was organized as a Session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> international “Technology Transfer Conference” held on **October 7 - 8, 2010** at Josef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The conference was co-organized by the two Slovenian I3E partners, Josef Stefan



Institute (JSI) and University

of Maribor (UOM), in cooperation with other Slovenian research and academic institutes. The conference targeted researchers of public research organizations (PROs) in Europe with the aim of increasing awareness and knowledge about technology transfer processes and their necessity. It also targeted at enterprises seeking collaboration with public research organizations.





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- Italian Executive Alliance, Italy
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- Foundation For New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria
- University of Patras, Greece
- University of Kragujevac, Serbia
- Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop—Bulgaria

The workshop entitled “SEE Days of Microelectronics and Embedded Systems, Innovation and Competitiveness” was organized on **February 17 -18, 2011**, in Sofia, Bulgaria by I3E Bulgarian partners, Foundation For New Bulgarian University (FNBU) and Bulgarian ICT Cluster (BICT), in cooperation with Foundation of Applied Research and Communication Fund.



The conference targeted representatives of SMEs in the field of ICT and particularly microelectronic and industrial informatics, as well as university and research representatives and public administration. Furthermore, invited representatives from South Europe countries like Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Croatia, Albania and Turkey, which are not part of the consortium, provided a valuable insight about the ICT sector and recent developments in their respective countries.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop—Romania

The 3<sup>rd</sup> I3E workshop entitled “Current State and Trends of Embedded Systems and Industrial Informatics Fields”, took place on **April 15, 2011** at the premises of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Several significant aspects concerning innovation were presented and analyzed, while special attention was given to embedded systems and industrial informatics research fields, in accordance with the main objectives of the project. Finally, the event succeeded into highlighting issues such as potential of ICT in Romania/SE Europe, ICT market challenges and opportunities, research and development trends in ICT fields.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop—Austria

“I3E Hightech DAYS” has been the title of the Austrian national workshop for I3E project. The Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) hosted this event at its premises in Vienna on the June 23, 2011 while June 24, 2011 was marked by site visit in Wiener Neustadt Technopol.



The first day focused on the presentation of the project results while including keynote speeches for the funding landscape on innovation in EU and in Austria, smart sensor technologies, integrated sensor systems, MEMS and Micro- & NanoSystems as well as networking as an instrument transnational cooperation. On the second day site visit to high tech laboratories and companies of Technopol Wiener Neustadt took place.



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop—Italy

Italian partner IEA organized the 5<sup>th</sup> I3E workshop in Matera, Italy on June 25, 2011. The status of the project's two major outcomes, namely the Strategic Research Agenda and the Methodology Guideline for Innovation, was presented by members of the I3E



project team. Moreover, several aspects of innovation , such as managerial innovation, management practices, regional policies, funding schemes, and successful approaches, were presented by the speakers who came from various public and private organizations.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop—Serbia

The 6<sup>th</sup> workshop, “*Promotion of Research and Innovation for competitiveness*” of the I3E project was held on October 19 - 20, 2011 at the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Belgrade, Serbia. The workshop was co-organized by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering – University of Kragujevac (UOK), Serbian Chamber of Commerce in Belgrade and the University of Belgrade. The emphasis of the workshop was on the presentation of achieved results within the project.



Participants from 12 countries attended the Workshop (Greece, France, Italia, Austria, Slovenia, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia). A total of 110 participants participated on the first day (October 19, 2011) while 75 participants participated on the second day (October 20, 2011).

## 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop—Greece

The 7<sup>th</sup> and last workshop of the I3E project will take place in Patras, Greece in January 2012. The workshop will be co-organised by Lead Partner Industrial Systems Institute and new project partner University of Patras. The workshop will provide an insight in the project achieved outputs and results.



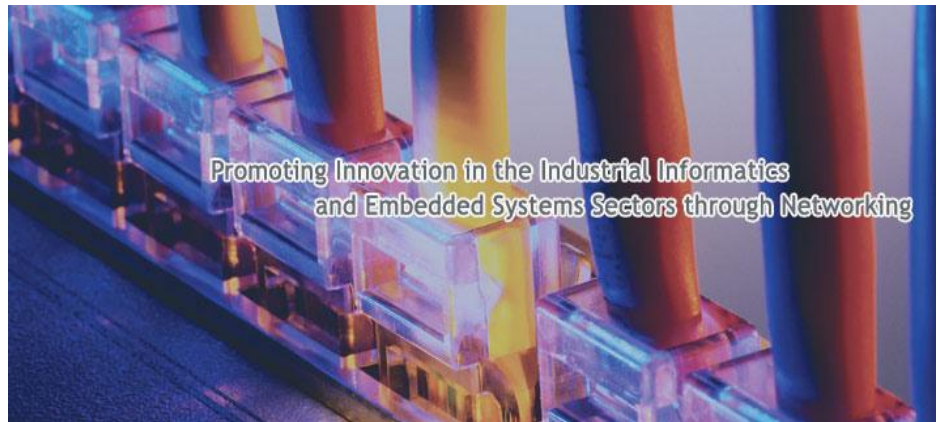
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## Upcoming Events

- 7th Project Workshop, Patras, Greece, January 2012
- Project Capacity Building Activities, January-February 2012
- Project meeting, Odessa, Ukraine, March 2012
- Final Conference, Athens, Greece, May 2012

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