

October 2016

Register now!

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the final conference of the Smart@fire project, that will take place on

**Wednesday 14 December and Thursday 15 December 2016, at
Husa President Park Hotel in Brussels, Belgium**

The conference marks the end of the **Smart@fire** project, the European FP7 project that aims to develop a smart Personal Protective System for firefighters.

Every year, more than 100 firefighters lose their lives whilst saving others. To reduce the risks associated with firefighting, innovative ICT solutions need to be developed and integrated in a smart Personal Protective System. However, the ICT solutions that are currently available on the market, are not fully satisfactory. This is why the Smart@fire project went looking for innovative technologies, including:

- Sensors to measure environmental parameters and vital body functions
- Localization systems to determine the firefighter's position
- Data transfer and visualization systems to better assess situations

The project investigated the possibility of developing these technologies using a method of innovative procurement known as pre-commercial procurement (PCP). The PCP methodology uses a three-phased approach in which tenderers compete with each other for assignments in every phase.

The conference will present the results of the **Smart@fire** project, which are especially relevant for professionals interested in:

- Personal protective equipment
- Public procurement of innovation
- Pre-commercial procurement
- Smart textiles and wearables
- EU policy instruments on innovation (procurement)
- Other related domains

The conference is organized and financed by the **Smart@fire** project in cooperation with Enprotex, the European Network of Public Procurers in the field of Protective Textiles.

Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required!

Questions? Please contact smartatfire@ifv.nl

We hope to see you there!



Attachments

- The conference program (Annex 1)
- A registration form for the conference (Annex 2)
- A reservation form for accommodation at the Husa President Park Hotel in Brussels (optional, Annex 3)

Conditions for participation

Attending the conference is free of charge, including refreshments during coffee breaks, a networking dinner on the 14th of December and lunch on the 15th.

Travel expenses and accommodation fees **will not** be reimbursed by the **Smart@fire** project and must be paid by the participant.

Registering for the conference

You can register for the conference and the dinner and/or lunch by filling out the registration form (Annex 2) and sending it to smartatfire@ifv.nl. You will receive an email to confirm your registration. **The registration must be submitted before the 1st of December.**

Accommodation at Husa President Park Hotel

We invite guests to benefit from a special rate that **Smart@fire** has negotiated with the hotel that is also the venue for the conference. Please find attached the reservation form (Annex 3). The special rate is valid as long as there are rooms available.

We advise you to make your reservation as soon as possible because of the limited availability of hotel rooms. If hotel rooms are no longer available, you will be notified of this when you receive the confirmation of registration. In that case, you are kindly asked to make your own reservations elsewhere.

If you want to cancel your registration, please let us know before the 1st of December via smartatfire@ifv.nl.

We hope to meet you in Brussels!

Best regards,

The Smart@fire project partners:

- Agentschap Innoveren en Ondernemen (VLAIO, Belgium)
- Addestino (Belgium)
- Federale Overheidsdienst Binnenlandse Zaken (IBZ, Belgium)
- Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Authority (GMFRS, UK)
- Instituut Fysieke Veiligheid (IFV, the Netherlands)
- Service Départemental d'Incendie et de Secours des Bouches-du-Rhône (SDIS 13, France)
- INNOVA Észak-Alföld Regionális Fejlesztési és Innovációs Ügynökség (Hungary)
- Stadt Dortmund-Feuerwehr (FDDO, Germany)
- European Apparel and Textile Confederation (EURATEX)
- Centexbel (Belgium)
- Universiteit Gent (Ugent, Belgium)

And the members in the board of **Enprotex**



Annex 1 PROGRAM

DAY 1 – AFTERNOON SESSION – Wednesday 14 December 2016

13.00 – 14.00: Coffee and registration

14.00 – 14.15: Official opening

By Bernard De Potter, Administrator-General Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Smart@fire Coordinating Partner

14.15 – 15.00: Introducing the program of the first day

Looking back at Smart@fire project progress & lessons learned

By Gilles Rossou, Addestino Innovation Management, Smart@fire Project Manager

15.00 – 15.30: Explanation methodology used: PCP

By Stephan Corvers, Director at Corvers

15.30 – 15.45: Coffee break

15.45 – 17.00: Panel discussion on the results of the three completed phases of PCP in Smart@fire

Moderator: To be announced

Participants: Francis Deprez, Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Member of the Smart@fire Evaluation Committee

Thomas Geerinck, Managing partner at Addestino Innovation Management

Milan Baxa, Managing Director at Applycon

Markus Valle-Klann, Project Manager at Texport

17.00 – 18.00: Presentation and demonstration of the PPE prototypes developed in the project

By Milan Baxa, Managing Director at Applycon and Markus Valle-Klann, Project Manager at Texport

18.00: RECEPTION AND NETWORKING DINNER

DAY 2 – MORNING SESSION – Thursday 15 December 2016

08.30 – 09.00: Coffee and registration for new participants

09.00 – 09.15: Introducing the program of the second day

By Gilles Rossou, Addestino Innovation Management, Smart@fire Project Manager

09.15 – 11.00: Procurers Network Round table (with a maximum of 15 participants)

By Nikoletta Nemeth, Strategic Procurer at the Institute for Safety, the Netherlands

- a. PCP deep dive: the procurers' perspective
- b. Explanation of the final tender template
 - i. Decisions made
 - ii. Options and possibilities
- c. Discussion



Or:

09.15 – 11.00: Meeting Enprotex

By Maurice Kemmeren, Project Leader Enprotex at the Institute for Safety, the Netherlands, Chris Addiers, President at the Federation of the European Union Fire Officer Associations and Eric van Wely, Global Regulatory Affairs & Standards Manager at DuPont

- a. Future and succession of Enprotex
 - Broader perspective of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Occupational Health
 - Connection of first responders with science and manufacturers
 - Needs and developments PPE will play a central role instead of focus on procurement
 - Platform for European first responders on Occupational health
- b. Contest surrounding a new name for Enprotex (please see annex 2).

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 12.00: Information and promotion of the PCP instrument - Horizon 2020

By Vasileios Tsanidis Dr.Jur., European Commission

12.00 – 12.30: Concluding remarks

By Andreas Lymberis, Smart@fire Project Officer, European Commission

12.30 – 13:30: NETWORKING LUNCH



Annex 2 REGISTRATION FORM CONFERENCE

Yes, I will attend the conference on December 14-15, 2016.

Name:

Company/Organization:

Address:

Country:

Email:

Occupation

- a public procurer in the field of PPE
- an end-user (fire fighter, police,...)
- a manufacturer/industry
- a knowledge centre (university)
- other:.....

Program

On the second day of the conference from 09:15 until 11:00, you can choose between two programs. You can either choose for participating in the Procurers Network Round Table or participate in a meeting with the Enprotex Association. Please apply for only one program below, by marking the desired box. There is a maximum of 15 attendants for the Procurers Network Round Table. When the maximum of participants is reached you will be put on the waiting list which is ranked on who signed up earlier. A confirmation will be sent to you personally. When you are on the waiting list you will be notified as well. Remaining participants will be automatically forwarded to the Enprotex Association.

- Procurers Network Round table
Information session on the joint procurement of the smart PPE and workshop on PCP
- Meeting Enprotex Association
Introduction to the new structure of the Enprotex Association

Contest new name for Enprotex

We would like to make a new start under a new name. If you have any suggestions for a new name, we would like to ask you to contribute in the contest. The winner of the contest will be announced on 15 December and win a free ticket for the next 'Enprotex conference'.

Please fill in the name for the contest here:

Other

I will join networking dinner* on December 14, 2016: Yes / No

I will join networking lunch* on December 15, 2016: Yes / No

*please include special dietary preferences:

- Vegetarian
- Gluten-free
- other:.....

Please scan and send this form to smartatfire@ifv.nl



Annex 3 RESERVATION FORM HOTEL

Last name.....

First name.....

Arrival date Departure date

Number of nights Number of rooms

Room typesingle or Double

Room rate

Rate : €125,- single room, breakfast buffet included

€140,- double room, breakfast buffet included

These above rates include VAT and service charge, but are exclusive of taxes. City tax per night of €7,58.

IN ORDER TO CONFIRM AND GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS BELOW

Credit card name.....

Credit card holder's name.....

Credit card number

Expiry date.....

Without any credit card the booking will be cancelled on arrival date at 04.00 pm.

Cancellation after 04.00 pm on the arrival date or no-show will be charged at 100% of the first night on the credit card.

Signature:

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Please scan and send this form to smartatfire@ifv.nl

