

LILAN programm Call 1

Proposals within the LILAN programme: "A Nordic-Baltic research and innovation programme on Living Labs" for Call 1 was closed at the 5th of March 2010. The LILAN programme is operated by NordForsk. Before the final deadline 5th of March 2010, applicants had been given an opportunity to submit a 1-page outline proposal in order to receive comments to further develop their applications. Feedback and comments were given to applicants by the Steering Committee.

A total of 25 eligible applications were received by submission deadline. The evaluation results were announced in the 1st week of June 2010.

An international panel of experts reviewed the quality and potential impact of the project proposals and reported to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee ranked the proposals and gave their final recommendation to the NordForsk Board about which projects should be funded. The NordForsk Board made the final decision about funding based on the external experts review and the recommendation made by the Steering Committee. The following four proposals were found worth some funding.

1. **SCOCIALL – Social software for co-creation in Living Labs.** Project leader Amela Karahasanovic. Institution - **SINSTEF** Norway. The project will establish social software as a cost and time effective approach to co-creation in Living Labs, thereby increasing the commercial value and uptake of Living Lab methodology particular in SMEs and with respect to geographically dispersed user groups.
2. **A Transnational Nordic Smart City Living Lab Pilot.** Project leader Karl Friðriksson. Institution- **Innovation Center Iceland**, Iceland. The overall object of the project is to exchange, analyse and disseminate existing national/local Smart City Living Lab pilot initiatives in the area of Energy saving and intelligent transportation towards successful implementation of a Nordic transnational best practise Smart City Living Lab pilot.
3. **IVIS.** Project leader Kristin Skeide Fuglerud. Institution - **Norwegian Computing Center (NR)**, Norway. The project will create online social network of visual impaired users to proactively drive innovation for significant improvements in accessibility and usability of emergent ICT and Social Web technologies. And nurture user-driven design innovation to significantly improve the accessibility and usability of the Social Web for all users.
4. **A Living Labs network for user-driven innovation in ICT services.** Project leader Jan Frick, Institution – **University of Stavanger**, Norway. The aim of the project is to build on and improve the work of existing Living Labs and generate knowledge on how to innovate new services, media and infrastructure in Living Labs in three different Nordic countries. The proposal focuses on the relevant topic of ICT-service innovation and brings together assets and resources of the different Living Lab involved.

Contract negotiations with the accepted projects will begin before summer and hopefully all projects will be able to start in September.