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Innovation and Entrepreneurship
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Call for Papers, Posters, Round Table Proposals, Practitioner Contributions and Product Demonstrations

Mini track on Open innovation in high-tech sectors – how to engage innovative European SMEs?

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Internet-enabled technologies and emergent disruptive platform technologies have challenged existing business models in numerous market sectors and offered innovation opportunities to a variety of stakeholders – not least SMEs. High-tech services and products are becoming more complex with shorter life-spans and increasingly more companies are seeking out value added partners to maintain and grow their portfolio. In this climate, an apparent new model of open innovation has stimulated the interest of company CEOs, policy-makers and academics. The open innovation model is essentially an anti-thesis of the traditional linear, staged model of innovation. Instead of having an internal and closed system of innovation, companies are instructed to open up their innovation processes and engage with the external environment in a purposive way. The open innovation model has been championed by large multinational corporations such as Proctor and Gamble, IBM and Nokia. In contrast, there is still a dearth of empirical work that explains how innovative SMEs have added value in the open innovation landscape. Agile SMEs have a key role in high-tech innovation and improving our understanding of how the most innovative SMEs engage in this process is important. Moreover, there is much interest to unearth how policy-makers, practitioners, industry and other intermediaries can promote and facilitate the involvement of increased numbers of innovative SMEs, especially, in relation to exploiting emerging platform technologies and addressing important EC lead markets such as healthcare, energy and others. This track is accessible to a variety of stakeholders including, academics, business owners, policy-makers and practitioners, and welcomes illustrative case studies/EC projects, empirical research studies, policy research and theoretical contributions.

Topics include, but are not limited to:-

- Policy considerations to facilitate innovative SMEs to engage in collaborative and open innovation.
- Case studies or Innovation projects (EC or other) that illustrate how SMEs engage in open innovation
- SME involvement in open innovation intermediaries such as the living labs (ENoLL)
- Theoretical papers that contribute to our understanding of SME involvement in open innovation activities
- Case studies of how emerging high-tech markets and platform technologies demand more collaborative innovations and are ripe for innovative SMEs.

Publication opportunity

Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and ECIE proceedings are listed in the Thomson ISI Index Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP/ISI Proceedings), the Thomson Index to Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings (ISSHP) and indexed by the Institution of Engineering and Technology in the UK.

As well as full academic papers, the following submissions are welcomed:

Research in Progress; Researchers may submit current projects whilst they are still in progress.

Case Study Submissions; Submissions should be written to publishable standards.

Poster Submissions; Welcomed in any of the areas identified in the call for papers.

Round Table Proposals; Topical subjects proposed for discussion.

Practitioner Contributions; Contributions, either presentations or demonstrations, from individuals and organisations working in the field. Presentation submissions should follow the abstract submission process. For product demonstrations, please submit a proposal of 200-300 words describing a research facilitation product you would like to demonstrate and the audience it serves. Proposals should be sent as an email attachment to [Sue Nugus](mailto:Sue.Nugus@academic-conferences.org) not later than **15 April 2010**. Demonstrations themselves are expected to be approximately 15 minutes in length.

Submission details

Abstract details: Other than product demonstrations, all submission types require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **25 February 2010**. Please read the guidelines at <http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm>

Submission: Only accepted by online form submission at <http://academic-conferences.org/ecie/ecei2010/ecie10-abstract-submission.htm>.

Full paper: Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received **15 April 2010**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, [Elaine Hayne](mailto:Elaine.Hayne@academic-conferences.org) at elaine.hayne@academic-conferences.org

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline:	25 February 2010
Notification of abstract acceptance:	04 March 2010
Full paper due for review:	15 April 2010
Notification of paper acceptance (subject to any requested changes):	24 June 2010
Earlybird registration closes:	08 July 2010
Final paper due (with changes):	22 July 2010
Final author registration date:	12 August 2010

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