

Innovation Relay Center Network

About the Network

The IRC network was established in 1995 by the European Commission. It supports innovation and translational technology transfer in Europe with a wide range of specialised services. The network involves more than 1,000 people located in 250 offices in 33 countries: all 27 EU member states as well as Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Turkey and Chile.

IRC services are targeted at technology-oriented small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) as well as universities and research institutes.

To find out more about the IRC network, please visit www.innovationrelay.net

Location:

Hall 9, A18, at CeBIT future parc

Costs:

Participation in the event is free of charge. However, participants must pay the entrance fee to the fair.

Language:

The working language is English



Organisation

Main Organisers:

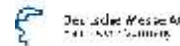
IRC Lower Saxony/Saxony-Anhalt
IRC Northern Germany

Co-Organiser:

ALPS IRC
IRC Bavaria
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IRC Denmark
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Information and communication
Technologies (ICT) Thematic Group



OpenTTT



HAGRID



Building Technology Partnerships



IRC Future Match 2008

Hall 9, Stand A18
at CeBIT future parc
4 - 8 March 2008



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About the event

CeBIT is the world's leading fair for information and communication technologies (ICT) in Hannover with more than 6.260 exhibitors and almost 380.000 visitors in 2007.

For more information please visit www.cebit.de

IRC Future Match

The brokerage event **IRC Future Match** at CeBIT future parc enables exhibitors and visitors at the fair to find partners in Europe for technology partnerships, e.g. product development, common research & development, joint ventures, manufacturing, marketing or licensing agreements as well as European research projects.

Companies, universities and research institutes in the ICT sector from all over Europe are invited to use this unique opportunity to establish new cross-border contacts for future collaboration.

This year we offer additional services to our clients. Companies and research institutes have the opportunity to meet partners of the special topic open source software (our partner OpenTTT) as well as partners for European-funded research projects (our partner HAGRID).

How to participate

- Register and submit a technology profile online
- Profiles are published in a constantly updated online catalogue
- Participants select interesting profiles from the catalogue and request meetings
- If confirmed, a 30-minute meeting is scheduled by IRC staff at the IRC stand
- Individual schedules will be sent out to the participants before the event starts.

New services and partners

Open TTT is a European project of four IRCs and ICT experts to combine Transnational Technology Transfer and Open Source Software through "transnational clustering". The objective is to help companies finding and using the right Open Source Software fulfilling their specific needs and to develop a methodology to support the application of innovative Open Source Software in enterprises.

HAGRID is an EU funded initiative focused on increasing the participation of newcomers in EU-funded research projects on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) under Framework Programme 7 (FP7). For more information on HAGRID free services please visit www.hagridproject.net.

Programme

IRC Future match will take place from **4 - 8 March 2008**.

Bilateral meetings are possible during the whole fair.

Deadlines

6 February 2008

Registration and submission of profiles

13 February 2008

Requesting meetings

20 February 2008

Confirming meetings

25 February 2008

Receive schedules for individual meetings

Please register online at:
www.futurematch.cebit.de

or contact your local IRC for more information. You can find your local IRC at:
www.innovatinrelay.net

Please note:

To make each meeting a success, meeting requests will only be scheduled after confirmation from both sides. If requested, preliminary information can be exchanged between meeting partners before the event.

