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+ ERA-Can+ Information Sessions in London, Toronto and Halifax in September

Universities Canada and its ERA-Can+ partners invite you to attend one of our upcoming information sessions to learn more about [Horizon 2020](#). Horizon 2020 is the European Union's largest research and innovation program ever with nearly €80 billion in funding available over 7 years.

Participants will come away with a better understanding of:

- the structure of the Horizon 2020 program,
- the mechanisms by which Canadians can participate in Horizon 2020, and
- upcoming opportunities for collaboration with European partners.

ERA-Can+ is a multi-year project funded by the European Commission that promotes cooperation between the European Union and Canada in science, technology and innovation.

More details, agendas and registration: <http://ppforum.ca/era-can-information-sessions-london-toronto-and-halifax-september-2015>

London, ON – September 21, 2015

Western University
Boardroom at the Secretariat
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Toronto, ON – September 22, 2015

York University, Keele campus

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Senate Chambers, Ross Building
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Halifax, NS – September 23, 2015

Dalhousie University
Life Sciences Research Institute Atrium, 1344 Summer Street
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please contact [Gabrielle Dew](#) at Universities Canada should you have any questions or require further information.

Save the date: Upcoming Information Session

Montreal, QC – October 14, 2015

McGill University
Room TBD
1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
More information to follow

+ 2nd Tri-lateral Symposium on Arctic and Marine Research Infrastructure

24-25 September 2015, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

In September 2013, the ERA-Can II project organized and hosted a symposium on Arctic and marine research infrastructure. Held in Rome, Italy, the symposium brought together 40 senior granting agency officials, research infrastructure managers and leading researchers from across Europe, the United States and Canada. Triggered by both common interests and the signing of the trilateral Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation, the symposium marked the first time that science leaders and decision-makers from these three jurisdictions came together to discuss the future development and coordination of Arctic and marine research infrastructures.

The central question emerging from the Rome Symposium was how to develop a process for coherent international scientific planning to make optimal use of the complex and expensive research infrastructures that are necessary to conduct leading-edge research in the remote and hostile Arctic and marine environments. The Rome Symposium began the discussions on how such a process might be developed. Since the first Symposium, the USA-Canada-EU Arctic Working Group and the USA-Canada-



EU Marine Working Group have both signed 'statements of purpose', confirming their intent to work towards the leveraging of opportunities for the shared use of infrastructure and installations. Given these developments, this symposium is intended to build on progress to date and facilitate further discussion on how to increase collaboration in the development and use of Arctic and marine research infrastructure.

More information here: <http://www.era-can.net/canada/arctic-marine-research-infrastructure-symposium-halifax/>

+ International Space Week in Italy with Canadian participation October 21-23

APRE in collaboration with Era-Can+ and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, is organizing the SPACE week 2015 in Rome. The event will take place October 21-23 and will be hosted by the Italian Space Agency.

More Details: <http://www.era-can.net/eu/space-week/>

+ ERA-Can+ Round Table on Marine and ICT Research in Lisbon, October 19

October 19, 2015, Lisbon, Portugal, Fundação Portuguesa das Comunicações

The objective of the roundtable is to bring together researchers and innovators from the marine and ICT sectors to discuss challenges and opportunities in these sectors and identify particular topics for partnership opportunities identified in the H2020 work programmes and relevant Canadian opportunities. An awareness of what each sector is trying to accomplish by a Canada-EU partnership and where the opportunities exist will be covered.

It is also expected that this event will enable the Canadian and EU research communities determine new areas of collaboration, as well as to outline potential joint endeavours to address the targeted challenges below. Desired outcomes are the agreement to form an international consortium to solve 1 or 2 of

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specific issues and the sharing of information on additional challenges and the forming of teams bringing relevant experts together. A potential outcome could be the shaping of an “Action Plan” of next steps to provide guidance on what the next endeavours should be, i.e. perhaps a specific ICT challenge is identified as an area of interest and a workshop around that topic could be planned.

Should you be interested in receiving more details or participation, please contact [Isabella Wagner](#).

+ ERA-Can+ Priority Setting Workshop on Big Data

October 19, 2015, Lisbon, Portugal, Fundação Portuguesa das Comunicações

The ERA-Can+ partners will be holding a Big Data priority setting workshop at the Fundação Portuguesa das Comunicações in Lisbon on October 19. The Big Data workshop will bring together about 10 European and 10 Canadian researchers and innovators to discuss common challenges and to identify opportunities for collaboration between the EU and Canada.

Should you be interested in receiving more detailed information or to participate, please contact Gabrielle Dew (gdew@univcan.ca)