

## Turkey supports international R&D cooperation



On 19 January 2011, TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) held an Opening Event on EUREKA and the Clusters in Istanbul. This event has attracted around 100 organisations (SMEs and large companies, universities and R&D institutions) interested in international R&D cooperation.

The morning session aimed at giving an overview on some of EUREKA's different mechanisms to support international R&D cooperation. Eurostars Project Officer Isoline Roger-Dalbert gave an introduction on the EUREKA initiative and more specifically on the Eurostars Programme. Director of CELTIC+ Office, Heinz Bruggemann, presented the EUREKA Cluster CELTIC+, the only European R&D programme in ICT fully dedicated to

end-to-end telecommunication solutions. It was complemented by the presentation of the CELTIC Story of Turkcell by Mr Berkin Toktas from Turkcell (leading mobile phone operator of Turkey and CELTIC Core group member). Director of ITEA2 Office Fopke KLOK presented the EUREKA Cluster ITEA2, a strategic pan-European programme for advanced pre-competitive R&D in software for Software-intensive Systems and Services (SIS), Mr Özgün ALGIN from Mobilera (Turkish company specialised in mobile marketing and advertising), continued with a presentation of Mobilera's participation to ITEA2.

The event was considered as a great success with a large number of participants taking the opportunity to directly discuss issues with the speakers and meet with the Turkish EUREKA Project Officer throughout the afternoon. 25 bilateral meetings between participants and Turkish Project Officers were organised during the afternoon session.

## Malta seeks to boost R&D and innovation

Malta Enterprise has launched a new incentive whereby income from royalties on eligible patents will be exempt from taxation, an initiative aimed at encouraging enterprises to invest in research and knowledge creation as well as encourage the exploitation of intellectual property.

The incentive was presented at the seminar on funding and assistance available for

industrial research and innovation held on 18 January 2011. The seminar also aimed at raising awareness about the Eurostars Programme, which Malta recently joined. Eurostars Call Coordinator Dr Peter Chisnall explained the mechanism of the programme and highlighted the various benefits for the companies that get involved. Malta Enterprise executive chairman Alan Camilleri highlighted the potential of Maltese entrepreneurs, noting that Malta ranked as one of the growth leaders amongst the moderate innovators in Europe.

