

Review: "EU Funding Opportunities for Cooperations between Science and Industry"

The EU University Network Saxony-Anhalt and the Enterprise Europe Network Saxony-Anhalt invited interested scholars and entrepreneurs to an information event titled "EU funding opportunities for cooperation between science and industry".

The event took place for the first time on 20 September 2018 at Biozentrum Halle (Saale). On 18 October, it was again carried out in an almost identical format in the premises of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Magdeburg.

Well over 30 participants from universities and research institutes, from companies, but also representatives of Länder authorities and ministries took the opportunity to learn more about how research and innovation cooperation can be financially supported and used the opportunity to network.

The events focused on funding programs of the European Union. Alexandra Pohl, a member of the National Contact Point Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (NCP SMEs) and the National Contact Point for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (NCP MSC) presented funding opportunities offered by the European Innovation Council (EIC), which brings together innovative promotion instruments of the European Union. She also gave an overview of Marie Curie Actions, which are specifically designed to train and attract highly qualified international R&D professionals.

Another focal point was the federal funding program for cooperation between science and industry. This was expertly presented by Moritz Bradler (Service Center "Ideas-Protection-Application" of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg) and Anja Ruhla (Funding Advice "Research and Innovation").

The overview of the funding opportunities was rounded off with a contribution by Doris Knöfel (Investitionsbank Saxony-Anhalt) who informed the audience about the research and innovation promotion portfolio of the Land Saxony-Anhalt.

Due to the positive response, the organizers - the EU University Network Saxony-Anhalt and the Enterprise Europe Network Saxony-Anhalt - plan to organize this and similar information events on a regular basis in the future.

