

**PACE-Net Key Stakeholder Conference, Brussels, 20th – 23rd March 2012:  
Strengthening Pacific-European Collaboration in Research, Development, and Innovation.**

The PACE-Net Project, an EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) INCO-Net project, together with the Ministry of Sciences and Economic Affairs -Saxony -Anhalt, would like to invite you to participate in our flagship dialogue event, called the PACE-Net Key Stakeholder Conference, Brussels, 20th – 23rd March 2012.

Climate change has been identified as one of the major societal challenges of our time, not just for Europe, but also for other regions, including the Pacific. As climate change associated risks directly affect people and ecosystems of the Pacific, the event's main topic will be: **Climate Change: in relation to Water, Agriculture and Forestry, Natural Hazards, Fisheries, and Mid-Term Research & Innovation Policies in the Pacific.**

The interactive conference will include:

- 1) Presentations of funding opportunities for the Pacific with networking possibilities
- 2) Thematic workshops on the climate change topics and the research, development & innovation policies in the Pacific
- 3) High level policy dialogue to discuss the priority research, development, and innovation, issues from the workshops in view of the interaction between the S&T Community, EC directorates, the EU-external action services, EIB, and further funding organizations.

We invite you, as part of your conference participation, to contribute an abstract for consideration by one of the thematic Workshops which are part of the conference program.

The focus of the abstract is your assessment of the needs for research, capacity development, and innovation, as well as possible funding or other opportunities to meet these needs for issues addressed in one of the thematic workshops.

We expect that you will benefit from your engagement by: i) sharing and developing new knowledge; ii) contributing to, and learning about thematic priority setting and diverse funding opportunities; iii) networking for cooperation actions with participants from European and Pacific policy, research, development, innovation, and reinsurance sectors, iv) being further involved with PACE-Net for joint follow-up activities.

Registration: <https://www.pt-it.de/ptconference/conference/PACE032012>

Web-Site: <http://brussels-conference.pacenet.eu/>

Hotel: <http://www.resotel.be/dlrmarch2012>

We look forward very much to your participation in the conference.

Yours sincerely,

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