



## YOUNG RESEARCHERS WANTED!

Dear Project Co-ordinator,

The [ICT 2010 conference](#) will take place in Brussels on 27-29 September 2010. ICT 2010 is organised by the European Commission and hosted by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. Around 4.500 participants are expected to attend this event.

This year we would like to strengthen the participation of young researchers, following the successful experience of ICT 2008 where they were played the role of reporters for the sessions.

Your project is likely to have, amongst its participants, academies and research centres which are employing young researchers as well as doctoral and postdoctoral students.

We would invite them to actively attend the conference as reporters of the main sessions, exhibition "watchers", web radio animators and interviewers of the VIPs. You can find the descriptions of these activities in the enclosed document.

The **criteria** for being selected are the following:

- Involved in an FP7 ICT project that will be running at the time of ICT 2010
- PhD student, postdoctoral student, researcher
- Max age: 32 years old
- very good drafting skills in English
- motivation and interest
- originality of the questions

Please note that participation of female young researchers and from new Member States is particularly encouraged.

Students selected will have free entrance to the conference venue; their travel and accommodation needs to be covered by the project budget.

We would kindly ask you to forward to the project partners the enclosed *Expression of Interest* form for the selection of the young researchers. **The form should be filled up and sent by email to [tiziana.arcarese@ec.europa.eu](mailto:tiziana.arcarese@ec.europa.eu) by the 21 May 2010 at the latest.**

Yours sincerely

Tiziana Arcarese on behalf of the ICT 2010 conference steering committee

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>EC project acronym</b>	
<b>Technological and scientific field of interest</b>	
<b>Age</b>	
<b>Status:</b> <i>(Young researcher, Doctoral student, post doctoral student)</i>	
<b>Interested in participating in the conference as:</b>	Young reporter* <input type="checkbox"/> ** Interviewer* <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition watcher* <input type="checkbox"/> Web radio animator*: <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>* definition in the annex</i> <i>** use priority figures (1 most favourite, 4 less favourite)</i>  <i>Note: Should you be selected, you might be asked to perform a combination of the above activities.</i>

**Please express in few lines (max 1000 Char) your motivation and expectation for participating in the conference as young researcher.**

**Please draft 5 questions that you would like to ask to one (or more) of the following profiles:**

1. a CEO of a big company dealing with your technological sector
2. a technological guru
3. the head of a research department in a EU university
4. a politician in charge of technological research and innovation portfolio



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### ***DEFINITIONS***

- **EXHIBITION WATCHERS:** A group of students will act as **exhibition reporters**. They will animate the exhibitors' area by reporting/tweeting on the stands and by highlighting the most attractive stands. They will support the **competition for the nomination of the best stand**. Students will animate the exhibition also by interviewing the exhibitors. Interviews might go on air in the web radio (see below). They might also act as exhibition guides for high school students.
- **YOUNG INTERVIEWERS:** The students could act as "interviewers" of the Commissioner/officials or the entrepreneurs and professors attending the conference. The interviewers should be selected on the basis of a competition amongst the selected students: "which questions would ask to MR.X?".
- **YOUNG REPORTERS:** Involve the students in reporting on the sessions. The number of reporters will depend on the sessions. 26 sessions would be followed by the reporters in three days.
- **WEB Radio animators:** A web radio will be activated during the conference. In turn the young researchers will animate the radio, podcasting the interviews, planning a music programme schedule, etc..