



WORKSHOP

Exploring the role of local communities in materials research. From best practices to policy.

21st January 2014, Brussels

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

The 6th Innomatnet workshop will take place on Brussels on January 21st at the Egg (www.eggbrussels.eu). This workshop will explore the importance of involving and empowering citizens, local communities and local creative industries/designers in material research, bridging the gap between material industry and citizens/local entrepreneurs, as an important step towards a sustainable and eco-friendly economy and society.

Inspired by existing cases and best practices, participants in this workshop will learn and discuss about the role of Labs (Fab labs, Living labs, other labs) in bringing materials research, recycling and design closer to citizens and society.

The workshop will also explore how this topic is implemented into the European Policies and it will tackle in the potential synergies in between existing initiatives and European networks.

By joining this workshop you will have the opportunity to learn and contribute to the definition of the "Material labs" of the future!

Attendance is free of charge but places are limited.

YOU CAN REGISTER AT:
www.innomatnet.eu/events

Date: January 21st, 2014

Location: Rue Bara 175, 1070 Brussels, Belgium

Venue: The Egg (www.eggbrussels.eu)

Target Audience:

Associations, networks and institutions working in the field of Design, Materials, Innovation, Creative Industries, Policy makers, Living Labbers [...]

AGENDA

09h45 Registration and coffee

10h15 Welcome by InnoMatNet Project Manager Susana Figueiredo and ENoLL Project Manager Ana Garcia

10h30 Let's get inspired: keynote by Marleen Stikker, Director and co-funder of WAAG Society

11h00 SESSION 1: Learning from existing cases

Series of presentations about projects/practices/organisations active in the topic

Moderator: Ana Garcia, Project Manager, ENoLL

- **The Egg-Change project** by Alain Heureux, CEO, The Egg
- **Fablab Amsterdam** by Alex Schaub, Fablab Manager, Waag Society
- **What's my stuff** by Hywel Jones, Royal Society Industry Fellow
- **Knowledge West Media Center** by Carolyn Hassan and Penny Ewans, KWMC
- **Makers Communities and MuSe Science Museum** by Sabina Barucci, Fablab Manager and Francesco Botto, Create-Net
- **Three experiences at BarcelonaLab** by Artur Serra, Adjunct Director, i2cat and Tomas Diez Ladera, Director Fablab Barcelona, IAAC

13h00 Networking Lunch

14h00 SESSION 2: Involvement of local communities of citizens, designers and creative industries in materials research: European policies

Moderator: Robert Sanders, Head of International Projects, EBN

- Lula Rosso, European Commission, DG Research
- Antti Valle, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry

14h45 SESSION 3: Collaboration in between networks and projects

Moderated panel in between some different networks and projects building communities and networks in different domains, based on short presentations and questions

Moderator: Rodrigo Martins, President, E-MRS

- InnoMatNet (Innovation Materials Network) by Susana Figueiredo, SPI (Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação)
- BEDA (The Bureau of European Design Associations) by Marija Popovic
- The Creative Ring by Simon Deleare, iMinds
- DigiBIC by Robert Sanders, EBN (European BIC Network)
- ENoLL (European Network of Living Labs) by Ana Garcia
- ECBN (European Creative Business Network) by Callum Lee

16h00 Coffee break (grab your coffee and back to action!)

16h15 Working together in the conclusions (the audience as rapporteur)

17h00 Presentations from all the tables with key messages

17h30 End of the workshop