



## DEN4DEK / OPAALS SEMINAR

### Planning a Digital Ecosystem for the Biotech Industry

A Digital Ecosystem is an open source, peer-to-peer, IT system established with the aim of creating a digital environment for networked organisations which is capable of supporting co-operation, knowledge sharing, the development of open and adaptive technologies and evolutionary business models. Digital Ecosystems provide structures of communication and collaboration that can facilitate collective learning, knowledge flow and innovation across SMEs, academic research communities and other actors.

The Dublin and Mid East Regional Authorities, CMI and NIRSA, NUI Maynooth, are partners in the DEN4DEK European network of regions on Digital Ecosystems and/or OPAALS. The aim of DEN4DEK is to disseminate the necessary knowledge that allows regions to plan an effective deployment of DEs in order to produce real impact in the economic activities of European regions through the improvement of SME business environments.

The Irish partners, in cooperation with Enterprise Ireland, are organising a half-day seminar to discuss the contours and content of a potential Digital Ecosystem for the Biotechnology Industry in Ireland. The seminar will be attended by representatives of, amongst others, the two Regional Authorities, Enterprise Ireland, biotech companies and the venture capital sector.

#### Programme:

- **Anne English** (London School of Economics and Intel) : DEs and the Open Knowledge Space
- **Patrick Sullivan** (CMI): The development of a DE in the East Midlands biomedical sector
- **Dr. Chris van Egeraat** and **Dr. Declan Curran** (NUI Maynooth): Knowledge flow and networking in the Irish biotech industry
- **Round table discussion** on planning the contours and implementation of a DE in the Irish biotech industry

**Venue: Dublin Regional Authority, 11 Parnell Square, Dublin**

**3 November 2009 from 9am - 1pm**

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