



### **Metz (Lorraine – France): important political representatives at the “Think Tank” of *Nano4m*.**

Experts and political representatives met in Metz (Lorraine – France) on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 for a European round-table, which focused on the development of guidelines for technology transfer and on improving services and research centers.

This event – called “Think Tank” - was an important step of the transnational project *Nano4m - Nanotechnology for Market*, which is funded by the European Programme INTERREG IVC (with an ERDF contribution).

The “Think Tank” was attended by representatives of local political and technical authorities of the Regions participants in the project (Asturias in Spain, Tuscany in Italy, Lorraine in France, and North Westphalia in Germany). Policy makers, who attended the event, belong to different areas of responsibility, such as industrial policy, clusters, technology transfer, entrepreneurs. Authorities discussed new tools and plans that might help RT Centres to find their way into the market.

The meeting provided an opportunity to compare ideas and methodologies on how to conceive more effective regional policies aimed at technology transfer. In fact *Nano4m* will contribute to the INTERREG IVC goal of improving the efficiency of regional policies by drawing up recommendations for Regional Innovation Policies.

The results of the round-table will be summarized in the recommendations to be forwarded to the European Commission and to local public authorities, with the aim of improving public policies. This will happen with regard to all crucial aspects, which have an impact on the effectiveness of activities, which aim to transfer innovation for SMEs.

After the “Think Tank”, the partners discussed about the first results of it and the organization of the final conference in Asturias (Spain).

Thanks to this event in Metz, the transnational cooperation amongst *Nano4m* partners has been intensified.

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