

Diary Dates:

- 30 Oct: Maidstone, DIT, Web Optimisation for International Trade Masterclass [Register here](#)
- 7 Nov: DIT, Tunbridge Wells, Export Pricing Masterclass, Tunbridge Wells, [Register here](#)
- 7-8 Nov: ISE Project, Prototyping Expo, Kortrijk, Belgium [Register here](#)
- 12-13 Nov: ISE Project, Re-using Plastics & Smart Textiles Event, France & Belgium [Register here](#)
- 22 Nov: ISE Project, Video First Conference, Brussels [Register here](#)
- 4 Dec: ISE Project, Innovation & Internationalisation Conference, Calais [Register here](#)

Boost4Health Project: Help for Kent Life Science Companies

Boost4Health Matchmaking at BioEurope, 6 Nov! We can fund your trip!

Danish life science cluster [BioPeople](#), is hosting a Boost4Health Matchmaking session during BioEurope in Copenhagen on the 6th Nov.

The matchmaking will be an informal session at the Maersk tower with drinks and stunning views of the city. During the session you will have the opportunity to pitch to life science companies from Denmark as well as Boost4Health regions across North West Europe. Contact [us](#) if you are interested in attending, the event is totally free for Boost4Health companies. We can also provide a €500 travel grant for Kent-based life science SMEs to attend this event (eligibility criteria apply)



Insight into the Spanish Healthcare Market Event, 22-24 Oct, Barcelona

The European Medical Innovation Days event is being organized by the [BioCat](#) cluster to connect businesses to Catalan Healthcare and service providers.

The event will include:

- Overview of the Health care system in Northern Spain
- R&D ecosystem and collaboration opportunities workshop.
- Pitching sessions where you will have the opportunity to showcase your company.

Networking Events to meet with potential partners.

The Masterclass will take place in the biggest scientific park in Spain - Barcelona Scientific Park (20 minutes from BCN airport).

Kent life science companies can apply for a Boost4Health [travel grant](#) to get up to €500 towards travel and accommodation costs.

To find out more, check your eligibility and get an application form please contact: emily.paulding@kent.gov.uk
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Innovative Sector Exchange (ISE) Project

Autumn 2018 Event Programme

We are pleased to announce a number of free events taking place in the autumn for Kent businesses:



Mechatronics

- **7-8 Nov: Prototyping: Product Development and the Design Process**

The [prototyping exhibition in Kortrijk](#), Belgium focuses on tools and materials for industrial product-development, taking products from an initial idea to a production-ready design. Companies will have the opportunity to benefit from the expertise of the 'Howest Industrial Design Centre' and to meet with companies from other European companies.



New Materials

- **12-13 Nov: Plastics, Composites, Recycling & Textiles Event**

This two day programme covers the use of textiles, plastics, recycling and new materials in different industries. Companies will learn about developments in the field, take part in site/company visits in France and Belgium and participate in the conference on recycling of textiles and plastics in Bruges. The programme will include a day at the [Centexbel](#) International Conference on the recycling of textiles and plastics



Digital and Creative

- **21-22 Nov: Video First Conference in Brussels**

This visit to the [Video First conference](#) funded by the ISE project will help Kent companies to better understand the role of video strategy and how this can help with internationalisation and general business growth. Last year's event was truly inspirational so this is not to be missed!



Other Innovation

- **4 Dec: Multisector Cross-border Business Conference, Calais**

This cross-border conference in Calais will focus on innovation and internationalisation. The event will bring together companies from Kent, East & West Flanders, Hauts-de-France and the SW of the Netherlands to hear from inspirational speakers from the four different countries.

These events have limited places so please contact us to express an interest in attending.

Book a 1-2-1 Innovation Assessment:

You can also get an in-depth business review offering concrete recommendations about how to develop your international strategy, as well as suggestions of potential contacts in Mainland Europe. The reviews are completely free and are available up until March 2019.

For more information, contact andra.grecu@kent.gov.uk for more details or visit:

www.iseproject.eu/content/events



Government consultations on free trade agreements - Have your Say!

The Department for International Trade has launched public consultations to seek views on potential free trade agreements with United States, Australia and New Zealand, as well as on its intention to potentially seek accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). These four consultations, recently announced by the Secretary of State, have now been [launched and are available online](#).

The consultations are a great opportunity for all stakeholders to share their views on the objectives and impacts of these potential agreements. DIT anticipate that the evidence provided through the consultations will not only address trade policy matters but will also deal with market access issues and export promotion.

The consultations will remain open until the **26 October**.



Department for
International Trade

ICT Companies can learn more about Horizon 2020

4-6 December in Vienna – ICT 2018

The event will focus on networking for Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-20, including ICT calls across all three pillars of Horizon 2020.

The event offers an opportunity to make quality partnerships as it will connect academia, research institutes, industrial stakeholders, SMEs and government actors from all over Europe. The event is free to register, [here](#).

In total, more than 6,000 researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, industry representatives, young people and policy makers are expected to attend.

Opportunity for travel grants is available through Enterprise Europe Network for UK R&D performing SMEs.

For more information visit the [event website](#).



Great South East Offshore Wind B2B, 26 November Ashford

Greater South East Offshore Wind Energy B2B is a dedicated networking event open to offshore wind companies across Europe.

The event includes keynote speakers from leading global offshore wind operators and service companies, who will present their priorities for innovation and supply chain opportunities in the UK offshore wind market. The event is expecting over 200 attendees from across the supply chain in the UK and Europe!

Register for your free place [here](#) to make new connections and find out about forthcoming opportunities.

