## Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology is described as the creation and utilization of new physical instruments and procedures and by of functional materials, devices, and systems that develop further diminution of present microsystems. novel functions and properties based either on their Nanotechnology currently underpins many practical geometrical size or on the material-specific peculiarities of applications (several areas of medical care, information nano-structures. From the pure geometrical point of view, and communication technologies, energy production, the prefix "nano" describes a scale 1,000 times smaller food & agriculture ...) and it has the potential to enhance than the one of elements present in micrometric size. the quality of life and environmental protection, and boost This scale has become accessible both by application industrial competiveness.

(3) For more information on the definition please consult www.nanoforum.org

# The NANOFORCE project

The main objective of NANOFORCE Project is to foster Central Europe's regions; nanotechnology across Central Europe regions by bringing • the responsible tools to safely manage nanomaterials. together public and private organizations (companies, such as the ones used to create exposure scenarios and research centers, venture capitalists and public institutions) SDS, for SMEs; to carry out collaborative and interdisciplinary research on • huge information systems to select the right locations in nanomaterials within the meaning of the REACH regulation Central Europe where to start up and successfully develop and to turn the most promising R&D results into innovative your own business; markets applications.

NANOFORCE has launched:

"NANODEALS Generator" to better integrate science, growth of start ups and spin offs in the nanotechnology industry, finance, management and regulatory affairs in sector.

- business plans as a preliminary step to create the "Interregional Nanotech Venture Capital Fund" for a total • the innovative ICT nanotechnology platform amount of €30 million to support the creation and the

# The Role of Central Europe

CENTRAL EUROPE is a European Union programme, and attractiveness of their cities and regions. based in Wien, that encourages cooperation among nine CENTRAL EUROPE invests € 231 million to provide countries of Central Europe – Austria, Czech Republic, funding to transnational cooperation projects involving Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and both private and public organisations. The programme Ukraine. It aims to improve innovation, accessibility and is financed by the European Regional Development the environment and to enhance the competitiveness Fund (ERDF) and runs from 2007 to 2013.

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## Your gateway to Central Europe's Nanotechnology

reach a better integration of the scientific, industrial, financial promoting and financing R&D projects; placing nanosubstances sectors, public authorities and company managers to promote and nanoproducts on industrial and consumption markets; the sustainable development of nanotechnology(1) in Central responsibly approaching nanomaterials and promoting their Europe(2).

NANOFORCE was started on 1st May 2011 with the aim to The activities stretch across bringing a wide range of brilliant ideas; safe use......NANOFORCE is about all these phases!



(1) NANOFORCE is currently using the definition of "Nanotechnology" adopted by the European Commission (2) For the list of the Countries see next pages.



#### www.nanoforce project.eu

The most efficient way to discover... to cooperate ... to propose. to benefit from nanotechnology in Central Europe... to finance... to implement the procedures of European regulations, is using the web: www.nanoforceproject.eu!