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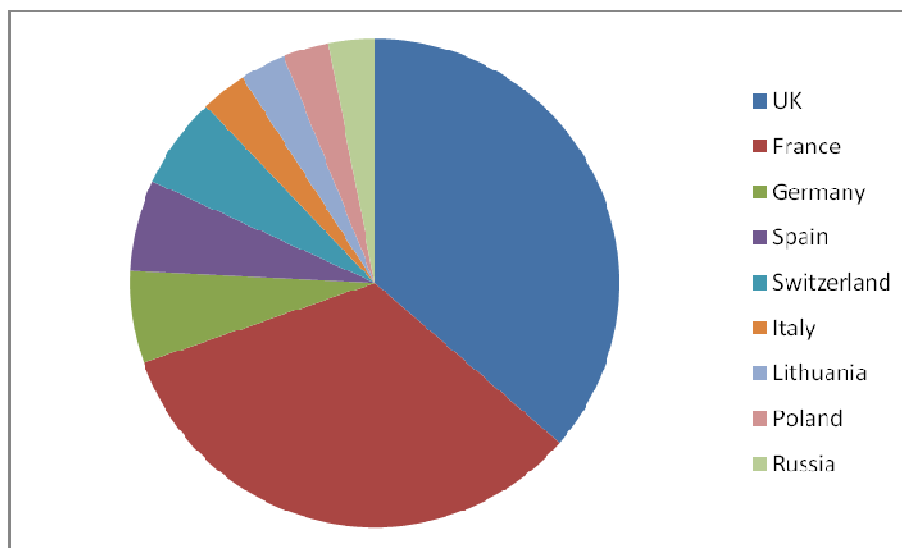
## **NEXPRESSO NEWSLETTER Winter 2010/2011**

NEXPRESSO, the "Network for EXchange and PRototype Evaluation of photonicS componentS and Optical systems". Beginning in July 2010, NEXPRESSO is a 3 year programme funded under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union (FP7-ICT-2009.3.7: Photonics). NEXPRESSO is a continuation of ACCORD the Advanced Components Cooperation for Optoelectronics Research and Development.

NEXPRESSO's objectives are to:

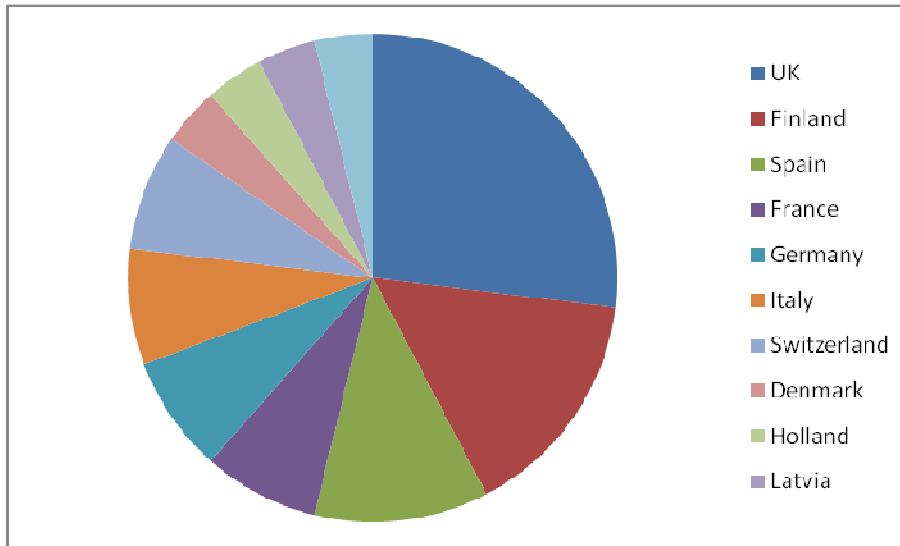
- Purchase at marginal cost pre-competitive photonic devices from innovative European companies and put them in the hands of European researchers and students, at no net cost to the university or to the company that furnished the devices and
- Facilitate transfer of device evaluation results to potential end-users, assisting companies to access new markets and new applications.

The first call for components which closed on 8 October 2010 resulted in 33 proposals, a very encouraging number. The origin of the components offered where from across the European Union as shown below:-



These components were offered to the research community and they responded on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with 27 R&D proposals.

Again proposals were received from all over Europe as shown in the following chart:-



The R&D proposals were assessed by an independent panel of experts and marked according to a consistent set of criteria. Those with the 4 highest scores have now been approached to negotiate contracts. The limit to the successful proposals was set by the amount of funding available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call.

NEXPRESSO would like to draw the community's attention to the two other types of proposal which may be submitted.

#### **TYPE 2**

- This is an open Call to European universities who wish to request new/improved photonic components from companies. The Call is now **OPEN and has a currently estimated cut-off date of 30 June 2011** (depending on response). University researchers are invited to request components that they would like to work on in NEXPRESSO R&D projects.

#### **TYPE 3**

- This is an open Call to end-users who wish to see new/improved photonic components from companies being worked on by European universities. The Call is now **OPEN and has a currently estimated cut-off date of 30 June 2011** (depending on response). End-users are invited to suggest components and NEXPRESSO R&D projects that they would like to see.

The **Second Component Call** will open 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and close on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011; followed by the **Second R&D Call** which will open on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and close on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.