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There is no participation fee. All applicants can apply for a scholarship.

For further information available at [http://www.feem-project.net/belpasso_2012/](http://www.feem-project.net/belpasso_2012/)  
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