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Commission unveils plans for cooperation between national research programmes

Source: Cordis (Rcn 29663)

The European Commission has set out its plans for boosting cooperation between national research funding programmes. The new '[Joint Programming](#)' scheme is designed to ensure that public research funds are used as efficiently as possible, and help Europe tackle shared problems more effectively. The first Joint Programming Initiatives should be launched by 2010.

Industrial Property Rights

Source: Rapid (IP/08/1157)

The European Commission adopted a Communication on a new industrial property rights strategy for Europe. Together with the creation of a Community patent and integrated patent jurisdiction, the Communication outlines a number of actions as the keystone to maintain a high quality industrial property rights system for the EU in the 21st century.

EU governments planning to give public money to businesses no longer have to notify the Commission

Source: European Commission

The Commission has simplified [EU rules for granting public aid to programmes](#) that clearly create jobs and stimulate economic activity, especially those targeting small and medium businesses.

European Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies

Source: DG Environment

On 16 July, 2008 the European Commission presented a series of proposals on sustainable consumption and production that will contribute to improving the environmental performance of products and increase the demand for more sustainable goods and production technologies. The proposals also seek to encourage EU industry to take advantage of opportunities to innovate.

- [Action plan on sustainable production and consumption and sustainable industrial policy](#)
- [Memo on an action plan for sustainable production and consumption and sustainable industrial policy](#)
- [Proposal for a regulation revising the EU Ecolabel scheme](#)
- [Questions and answers on the proposal to revise the Ecolabel scheme](#)
- [Impact assessment of the revision of the Ecolabel](#)
- [Proposal for a regulation revising the European Management and Audit Scheme \(EMAS\)](#)
- [Questions and answers on the proposal to revise EMAS](#)
- [Draft Impact Assessment for a regulation revising the European Management and Audit Scheme \(EMAS\)](#)
- [Impact Assessment on green public procurement](#)
- [Questions and answers on green public procurement](#)
- [Commission staff working document on green public procurement](#)
- [Proposal for a revised eco-design products directive](#)

Commission proposes a legal framework for European Research Infrastructures

Source: Rapid/[IP/08/1142](#)

The European Commission proposed a legal framework that will make it easier to set up European Research Infrastructures, such as observatories for environmental sciences, data banks in genomics or state of the art large super computers. The proposal was made in response to requests from Member States, who wish to jointly develop world-class research facilities in Europe.

MEPs vote on Strategic Energy Technology Plan

Source: Cordis ([Rcn 29648](#))

MEPs have adopted a new report which outlines recommendations on how the EU can strengthen the European Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan and help the EU to meet its climate change targets.

Call for proposals FP7 Energy

Source: Eurosfair

The launch of Calls for Proposals under the Energy theme has been postponed until 3rd September 2008, instead end of July 2008.

- FP7-ENERGY-2009-1 (managed by DG RTD): a general call focusing on research with a long-term horizon / Deadline: 25 November 2008
- FP7-ENERGY-2009-2 (managed by DG TREN): a general call focusing on research with a short- and medium-term horizon and on demonstration / Deadline: 29 April 2009
- FP7-ENERGY-2009-3 (managed by DG RTD): a call for coordination and support actions / Deadline: 25 November 2008
- FP7-2009-BIOREFINERY (managed by DG RTD): a joint call including Theme 2 - Knowledge based Bio-Economy, Theme 4 - Nano-Material Programme and Theme 6 - Environment / Deadline: 2 December 2008

In order to present key features of these calls to information-multipliers and people interested in submitting proposals, the Directorate-General for Research (DG RTD) and the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN) of the European Commission are organizing the [FP7 Energy Research Information Days](#). In addition, a presentation will inform about the Research Fund for Coal and Steel (RFCS).

The Intelligent Energy - Europe Programme

Source: DG Energy and Transport

The new website of the [EACI](#) - the body managing the IEE programme - is now online.

Consultation

Source: DG Energy and Transport

[Consultation on the preparation of a report on requirements for a sustainability scheme for energy uses of biomass](#). Period of consultation from 16.07.2008 to 30.09.2008.

ENBRI Conference "Moving the Construction Sector forward through Research, Innovation & Standardization"

Source: ENBRI

The [ENBRI Conference](#) "Moving the Construction Sector forward through Research, Innovation & Standardization" will be held on Thursday 2 October 2008 at IMEC, Leuven, Belgium.

European R&D Calls of Interest for the Construction Sector

Please consult the [Euro-RTD Construction Portal](#) to get selective, centralized and regularly updated information on R&D programmes of the European Commission, together with the published calls for proposals which may present an interest for the Construction sector.

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