



## NEWS

- **ETP GOVERNING COUNCIL GIVES GREEN LIGHT FOR NEW ACTIVITIES:** The meeting which took place at Techtexil in Frankfurt on 26 May discussed the concept of a new operational set-up for the Technology Platform which should enable it to carry out a broader range of activities more thoroughly and with more resources. The Council also decided to launch:
  - The European Textile Technology Marketplace (ETTMa), a TEPIES-like system to connect developers of pre-competitive textile technologies with potential first industry users or testers Europe-wide. The first such call will be launched in the autumn.
  - Textile Flagships for Europe : an ideas contest for innovative textile technology-market combinations which address large societal challenges or market needs and could be supported by actions of the Technology Platform. The call will be launched before the summer.
- **TEPIES PRE-CALL 2011 FOR 2012 FP7 CALLS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED:** The 2012 calls of FP7 (scheduled to be launched in July 2011) will again offer some opportunities for textile-related research, albeit somewhat less obvious than last year. Project ideas should be submitted to the TEPIES pre-call by 28 July (or the final call by early September). A project brokerage event is tentatively scheduled to take place on 29 September in Brussels.
- **HORIZON 2020—THE FUTURE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME TAKES SHAPE:** The public consultation on the future EU research & innovation framework programme closed in May. Many of the priorities included in the Euratex & Textranet position papers are also highlighted in the consultation results just published by the EC. These include administrative simplification, better access for industry, especially SME's and the maintenance of successful elements such as collaborative research funding and the support for European Technology Platforms. In the process also a new name for the next programme has been found, based on public vote: HORIZON 2020—the Framework Programme for Research & Innovation. More information at: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri/index_en.cfm)
- **PROSUMER.NET & BUILDING UP— TEXTILE ETP STARTS 2 COLLABORATION PROJECTS WITH OTHER TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS IN MAY-JUNE:** The PROsumer.NET ([www.prosumernet.eu](http://www.prosumernet.eu) available soon) project brings together 5 consumer goods related technology platforms which will together develop a research roadmap and innovation policy recommendations to ensure more political and financial support for research and innovation in design-based consumer goods sectors incl. fashion and interior products. Building UP ([www.buildingup-e2b.eu](http://www.buildingup-e2b.eu)) will develop a medium-to-long term research roadmap across various material sectors for increased energy-efficiency of buildings and infrastructures.



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## EVENTS

- **SUCCESSFUL FIRST PUBLIC WORKSHOP OF PROSUMER.NET HELD ON 22 JUNE IN BRUSSELS:** The event brought this new project to the attention of industry, research & EU policy makers and prepared the ground for the upcoming joint roadmapping and policy development work between the 5 technology platforms. More dedicated technical workshops will be organised across Europe during the autumn. A collection of key slides from the event are available at [www.textile-platform.eu](http://www.textile-platform.eu)
- **EC ORGANISES INFORMATION DAY ON 2012 PPP CALLS ON 11-12 JULY, BRUSSELS:** this event will present the 2012 call topics of the PPP's Energy-efficient Buildings, Factories of the Future and Green Cars and provides opportunities for project brokerage. Details and on-line registration are available at [http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial\\_technologies/fp7-information-day-for-ppp-2011\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/fp7-information-day-for-ppp-2011_en.html)

