



NEWS

- **COLLABORATION WITH FOOTWEAR & SPORTS PLATFORMS:** The Textile Platform has recently started working more closely with similar European platforms in the footwear and sports goods sectors. The goal is to explore common research priorities which could give rise to a more strategic approach to EU research funding in support of consumer goods industries in the fashion and lifestyle sectors.
- **INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES IN UPCOMING CALLS OF FP7:** A new round of calls for proposals of the 7th Framework Programme will be published by the European Commission in July. Interesting topics for textile-related research will include smart textiles, efficient manufacturing systems for direct processing of textiles and other flexible materials in 3D or production concepts for small-scale production. The Textile Platform will as usual support project creation through its TEPIES system and several project brokerage events.
- **ERA-NET PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED:** In late April a project proposal for the set-up of an ERA-Net was submitted to the European Commission. If successful, this project entitled CROSS-TEXNET will create a network of national and regional research funding agencies across 11 European countries. The ultimate objective is to coordinate their activities and pool their resources to fund more cross-border textile research projects with quicker reaction time and at smaller scale than typical EU research projects.
- **BIO-TEX RESEARCH ROADMAP PUBLISHED:** Following the successful public workshop on Textile Biotechnology organised jointly by the Textile and SusChem-BioTech Platforms in November 2008, a research roadmap has been published. The document outlines the most important research needs and technological challenges that must be addressed to transfer more of the rapid scientific advances in the biotechnology field of recent years into industrial practise in the textile and clothing industry. Important areas highlighted include more environmental friendly processing based on enzymes and other bio-organisms, the introduction of more bio-polymer based fibres in the textile chain and the more intensive use of a broader range of natural fibres in classical as well as new technical textile applications. The document is available for download from www.textile-platform.eu.



EVENTS

- **SUCCESSFUL 4TH ANNUAL PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON 1-2 APRIL IN BRUSSELS:** More than 220 participants attended the 4th edition of the annual platform conferences in 2009. High-level key note speakers from industry, research, education and EU institutions shared their views on strategic developments in textile research and innovation and 30 on-going EU textile research projects presented their research activities and results. Keynote presentations can be found at www.textile-platform.eu Registered ETP experts can in addition download all project presentations from the document library of the internal members area of the website.
- **ETP EVENT AT TECHTEXTIL TRADE FAIR IN FRANKFURT, 16TH JUNE:** Under the title „EU Research stimulates industrial innovation in technical textiles“, the Textile Platform will present its strategic vision and activities during a dedicated symposium at TechTextil in Frankfurt in the afternoon of 16th June. Apart from keynote speeches by Euratex President Dr. Peter Pfneisl, ETP chairman Dick Hendriks and EC industrial research director Herbert von Bose, the 3 technical textiles related EU research projects AVALON, Contex-T and PolytecT will showcase their industrial results. More information at <http://techtexsil.messefrankfurt.com/frankfurt/en/symposium.html>



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