



NEWS

- **TEPPIES CALL LAUNCHED, BROKERAGE EVENTS IN AUTUMN:** A new round of calls for proposals of FP7 will be published in late July 2010. Many interesting opportunities for textile-related projects are expected. A call for project ideas through the TEPPIES system has been launched and project brokerage events will be organised on 24th September and (in case of need on 14th October) in Brussels.
- **NEW RESEARCH COMMISSIONER WANTS TO SIMPLIFY EU RESEARCH PROGRAMS:** The new EU Commissioner for Research & Innovation, Ms. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (Ireland) started her work in February 2010. One of her first initiatives was a new concept for financial and administrative simplification of EU research funding programmes. Textile ETP representatives met with her in May and welcomed the simplification approach but also stressed the need for opening the programmes to more non-technological innovation, for easier access for SME's and medium-sized companies and to support more (post-research) innovation work incl. standardisation, education & training, public procurement etc. A new EU research and innovation strategy is expected in autumn 2010.



- **CROSSTEXNET LAUNCHED ITS FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** CrossTexNet, the first ERA-Net project dedicated to textile research, started in November 2009, has launched its first call for proposals in April 2010. By the end of June deadline some 50 first-stage proposals have been received from the 11 countries/regions participating in the first call. These proposals will now be evaluated and those retained will have to submit their full second stage proposals by 15th October 2010. The next CrossTexNet call is expected during the first months of 2011. For more info see www.crosstexnet.eu
- **TEXTILE ETP INVOLVED IN 3 NEW EU PROJECTS FOR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ETPS:** In April the EC confirmed funding for 3 coordination projects between different ETP's involving the textile platform. One of these new projects, the PROsumer.NET project, will cover the area of Consumer Goods Research and will be led by the textile technology platform. In the 2 other projects concerning energy-efficient buildings and nanotechnologies, the Textile ETP will be partner or steering group member. All projects are expected to start in autumn 2010.



EVENTS

- **TEXTILE ETP GAVE KEYNOTES AT HIGH-LEVEL EU ETPS CONFERENCE ON 11-12 MAY IN BRUSSELS:** EURATEX delivered 2 speeches at this event organised by the European Commission: [a] Francesco Marchi, DG of Euratex and ETP Governing Council member delivered a keynote on the EU's current and future research and innovation policies drawing from experiences from the Textile Technology Platform and the Lead Market Initiative for Protective Textiles and Clothing; [b] Lutz Walter introduced the European Consumer Goods Research initiative as a successful example of collaboration between several Technology Platforms. Further information on this event can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/invest-in-research/policy/eu_tech_platform_en.htm



- **EU INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CONFERENCE, 7-9 SEPT., BRUSSELS:** The On 7, 8 and 9 September 2010, a major conference in the area of Industrial Technologies will be organised by the European Commission in cooperation with the Belgian EU Presidency. The focus will be on nanotechnologies and nanosciences, materials and manufacturing technologies, which are the key areas of the FP7 NMP Theme. For more information and on-line registration please visit : www.industrial-technologies2010.eu



- **PPE LEAD MARKET CONFERENCE, FEB. 2011, BRUSSELS:** An international conference, co-organised by the Textile ETP, showcasing progress of the EU Lead Market for Protective Textiles and Clothing will take place in Brussels in early February 2011. A first announcement will be circulated within the next days.



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