



NEWS

➤ **Election of new ETP Governing Council chairmen team:** As the mandate of the current Chairman of the Governing Council Dick HENDRIKS (NL) and the Vice-Chairman Massimo MARCHI (IT) come to an end in 2011 a new team was elected to will take over by January 2012 with Paolo CANONICO (*picture above*), Technical Director of Saati SpA (IT) as Chairman and Jacques TANKERE (*picture below*), CEO of Texinov (FR) as Vice-Chairman.



➤ **Progress on new set-up of the ETP:** The plan to set up the Technology Platform as an independent legal entity was presented to the expected 3 founder organisations EURATEX, Textranet & AUTEX. All three approved the rationale & objectives of the new plan and gave the green light to continue to work out the legal, operational and financial details. This complete business plan will now be developed by a special task force and shall be finalised by April 2012.



➤ **European Textile Technology Marketplace (ETTMa):** The first call of this new ETP service resulted in over 50 technology offers from research organisations but only 2 technology requests from industry. As a consequence the deadline will be extended to 16th December with a special call to industry to make use of this simple service to search for new technologies. After 16th Dec. all offers & requests received will be circulated to the whole network. A 2nd ETTMa call could be launched in spring.

➤ **Textile Flagships for Europe:** Over 20 responses from research & industry have been received on this call for ideas with many promising and ambitious concepts. Those concepts will be assessed by the ETP network and additional ideas will be collected in a simple survey. The ideas will then be clustered around key societal challenges and dedicated small workshops for each theme could be organised. Following this round a brochure and an image presentation should be developed to highlight textile solutions for all key challenges and incl. a couple of real success stories per challenge. After this, plans for the further strategy should be agreed.

EU Policy News

➤ **EC Proposals for HORIZON 2020 and COSME Programmes:** The EC just published its official proposals to the European Parliament and the Council for the future framework programmes for Research & Innovation (HORIZON 2020) and for Competitiveness & SMEs (COSME). Both programmes will run from 2014-2020 and the proposed budgets are € 80 billion for HORIZON 2020 and € 2.5 billion for COSME. The programmes should be adopted in 2013 for a start on 1/1/2014.



EVENTS

➤ **Save the date – 7th Annual Public Conference of the Technology Platform on 29-30 March 2012 in Brussels:** Title: “From FP7 to HORIZON 2020 – making EU Programme fit for small and mid-sized companies”. The event will update on the developments of EU research & innovation funding programmes and feature relevant EU speakers and presentations from many on-going or recently completed EU textile research projects.

