



NEWS

- ETP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING CONCLUSIONS:** The last meeting in late 2010 welcomed 3 new industry members from Portugal, Sweden and Turkey, extended the chairmanship term of Dick Hendriks until end of 2011 and agreed to launch during 2011 a European Textile Technology Marketplace which should help faster exploitation of research results by industry through a better European-wide information exchange. Finally the ETP secretariat was asked to develop a new implementation plan for the platform with the aim of developing more added value activities while at the same time building a stronger financial foundation. This plan will be discussed at the next Council meeting in late May.
- EU TEXTILE RESEARCH PROJECTS AGREE ON JOIN DISSEMINATION ACTIONS:** During a workshop on 27 January 2011 in Brussels attended by representatives of more than 20 EU textile research projects a number of joint dissemination actions were agreed. These included the presence at relevant trade fairs in 2011 such as ITMA and Tectextil-Texprocess, a better exploitation of the ETP website for project dissemination and collaboration in the publication of articles in specialised print and online media.
- EU GREEN PAPER ON FUTURE RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMMES:** On 9th February 2011, the European Commission presented a Green Paper which proposes major changes to EU research and innovation funding to make participation easier, increase scientific and economic impact and provide better value for money. The Green Paper is available for download in all official EU languages at http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri/index_en.cfm?pg=documents. An online public consultation is open until 20 May 2011.



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EVENTS

- ANNUAL PUBLIC ETP CONFERENCE ON 31 MARCH-1 APRIL IN BRUSSELS—REGISTRATION OPEN:** With this year's event entitled "Societal Challenges – Textile Solutions" the European textile and clothing industry and its research community want to demonstrate how innovative textiles can help address major societal challenges in Europe. The event will also make a contribution to the current political discussion on future EU research, innovation and higher education policies and funding programmes. On 1st April a line-up of industry speakers will present innovative textile solutions for Europe's major societal challenges which are already on the market or expected to be launched in the near future. Programme and registration documents are available at www.textile-platform.eu
- SUCCESSFUL PPE LEAD MARKET CONFERENCE, 1-2 FEB. 2011, BRUSSELS:** The event was attended by 220 participants mostly from industry. All Lead Market issues such as regulation, standardisation, public procurement, research, innovation, training and market access have been covered. The full set of conference presentations can be ordered for 95 €. Some conference documents are available for download at www.PPEconference2011.eu.
- OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS:** The 2nd public conference of the BioTex collaboration initiative between the European textile and biotechnology platforms takes place as part of the IPTB 2011 conference on 2-4 March in Milan (see www.iptb2011.org). The CIP Eco-innovation European Info Day for the 2011 call of this funding programme will take place on 28 April 2011 in Brussels (more information soon at <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation>)



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