



2nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM INDUSTRIAL SAFETY



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Invitation Letter

Dear Colleague, dear Member of ETPIS,

With this letter, we would like to invite you to the 2nd General Assembly of the European Technology Platform Industrial Safety (ETPIS - www.industrialsafety-tp.org), taking place on February 13, 2007 in Stuttgart, Germany.

This General Assembly will firstly focus on the implementation of the current ETPIS Strategic Research Agenda (SRA - published at the above website), and the interactions with other Technology Platforms for the preparation of projects and initiatives. Indeed, the coordination of activities among European Technology Platforms has become crucial especially for ETPIS which is an "horizontal" platform linked to the safe progress of all the other platforms: the implementation phase of its SRA, in particular within the new FP7 Call launched on 22nd December 2006, can take place only in close interaction and collaboration with these other ETP's.

Furthermore, experiences will be shared regarding the role of Member States, with the creation of National Technology Platforms for Industrial Safety, and the role of Regions, in supporting R&D and promoting and implementing innovation.

Financial issues will also be discussed, and in particular the new rules of the European Investment Bank and opportunities offered by the EUREKA program.

To share this information and think about the future of ETPIS, we kindly invite both members and non-members of ETPIS to take part in the forthcoming event: the first part of the Assembly is explicitly open to all interested parties, i.e. both for members and non members of ETPIS.

In the second part of the Assembly, reserved to ETPIS members only, the organizational issues important for the ETPIS activities in relation to the current FP7 calls, EUREKA, ERA-Net+ and other activities will be discussed and some important decision made.

We are pleased to confirm that Mr. Willi Stächele, Minister for the EU Affairs of Land Baden-Württemberg will take part at the meeting and talk about the importance which the Government assigns to this event, FP7 and EU affairs in general.

A provisional, draft agenda is attached. Please use for your application the web-based registration form at <http://euvri.risk-technologies.com/events/default.aspx?EventID=2>.

Wishing you a successful and prosperous 2007 we are looking forward to welcoming you in Stuttgart.

Kind regards

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