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FP7: a boost for ‘Science in Society’

The FP7 proposal document from the Commission to the Parliament and the Council has included the ‘Science in society’ activities under a group of actions called ‘Capacities’, and states that: “these activities will take the form of, in particular, research projects, studies, networking and exchanges, public events and initiatives, prizes, surveys and data collection”.

The FP6 budget was 88 million Euros over 4 years. The FP7 budget offers broadened horizons with 558 million Euros over 7 years.

Across FP7, projects will continue to be appraised on aspects lined to gender, ethics and communication (public awareness, debate and education).

The very wording used in the FP7 proposal document is a clear indication that the interaction between science, society and policy-making is crucial and taken into account. ‘Structuring ERA’ and ‘Strengthening ERA’ are replaced under FP7 by areas of action known as Ideas, People and Capacities. Regional research clusters are to be favoured through a special programme. Note also the slight change: Science in society instead of and. FP7 has taken on the next step: seeing Science and Society not as two wor(l)ds apart but included in one another.



Scientific advice and Governance

■ **Launch of SINAPSE: a tool for scientific input to policy-making**

On 9th March, DG RTD launched an e-network to make scientific advice more easily accessible for policy-makers. SINAPSE (Scientific Information for Policy Support in Europe) provides a tool for the exchange of information between the scientific community and decision-makers. It contains an interactive library of scientific opinions and advice, as well as an early-warning system for better detection of potential crises and awareness of important scientific issues. The launch took place during the opening session at the Science in Society Forum in Brussels, attended by 850 participants.

"I am strongly committed to bring the best and latest science to the attention of policy-makers, at EU and also national level" said Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research. "There is lots of good scientific expertise around. With SINAPSE, I believe we have a strong tool to access that expertise in real time. If we succeed in doing that, and if scientists and their organisations come to use it as a natural tool, I believe we can bring science and society a bit closer together. I strongly encourage all those who can contribute to the objectives of SINAPSE to sign up immediately, so the system can function fully as soon as possible."

SINAPSE will ensure that knowledge and expertise that is sometimes difficult for decision-makers to access will be readily available. More than 150 organisations, universities and individuals have already signed up in the "Yellow Pages for scientific advice", and additional participation is welcomed, to create as broad a scientific base as possible. Participation is open to all and without cost.

See MEMO/05/86 for more information on SINAPSE.

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■ **Workshop "Civil Society and Science: an increased role for NGOs?" 10 March 2005**

During the EU Forum "Science in Society", a specific workshop was organised to discuss ways and means of stimulating the involvement of NGOs and other civil society organisations in the European Research Area. Suggestions were made for a sustained participation across the research policy cycle, in setting research agendas, implementing research projects, disseminating and using research findings.

Report of the session available at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/forum2005/docs/library_report_ong_en.pdf

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■ Governance Portfolio

Following the first ever calls for proposals in the domain of “Governance and Scientific Advice”, the Commission has selected a dozen of projects related to risk governance, scientific advice, participation of civil society to research and research based policies. Exchanges of experience and best practice at European level through guideline, networks and platforms, common development of knowledge base, tools and training material, real size experiments are among the key objectives.

One of the projects, “European Citizens Deliberations - Meeting of Minds” will organise from 3 to 5 June, for the first time at EU level, a European citizen’s convention engaging 126 citizens from 9 countries in a debate on the future of brain science. This unique exercise aims to collect citizens opinion on this sensitive topic. Website: www.meetingmindseurope.org

More information will be available on the web

(http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/science-society/pdf/documents_gov_overview_en.pdf) as projects become all operational.

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■ “Science and Technology in Society” Forum

The first edition of the STS Forum took place in Kyoto on 14 to 16 November 2004, gathering 400 high level participants from research, academia, industry and policy making. Due to the mobilisation of the Commission, European participation has been more than honourable, in number and quality. Several ministers for research participated. Among others: M. Jean-François d’Aubert from France, Mrs Letizia Moratti from Italie, Lord Sainsbury from United Kingdom, Michal Kleiber, Research Minister for Poland, Mr. Martin Fronc, Minister of education in Slovakia, or Barry Mc Sweeney, Chief Science adviser to the government of Ireland.

The next edition of the STS forum will be held in Kyoto as well, from 9 to 11 September 2005. The 6 main themes to be discussed will be “Sustainability – Energy and Environment”, “Life Sciences”, “IT’s Impact on Human Society”, “Capacity Building”, “Science and Technology for Human Security”, and “New Frontiers”. This second edition should be attended by Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Research, and Mr. Philippe Busquin, MEP and President of the STOA.

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Scientific advice and Governance

■ EURAB heading for FP7

EURAB is the high level research advisory board of the Commission on Research Policy. Currently, EURAB is active in providing input and advice for the preparation of the 7th Framework Programme.

EURAB (European Research Advisory Board) - Working Groups

WG1 – FP6 assessment with a focus on instruments, and taking into account other issues arising from the Marimon report (The final report will be approved on 14 June)

WG2 – FP7 with a focus on supporting the financial perspectives and suggesting priorities.
(The final report will be approved on 14 June 2005)

WG3 – Improving the regional potential for research and innovation.

WG4 – Research and Technology Organisations (RTO's).

WG5 – Increasing industry's involvement in the European Research Area
(increasing RTD investment and its attractiveness).

WG6 – Society and Science

WG7 – Universities

New Working Groups: In addition to WG1, EURAB has set up two new Working Groups in the areas of: "Integration of Social sciences and Humanities in the themes of FP7" and "International Cooperation".

■ Round table "Nuclear energy or how to make democratic choices under constraints?" 10 March 2005

One of the four core sessions at the Forum was entitled "Science, Technology and Democracy". Inside this session, different modalities of science related governance were addressed, i.e. technology foresight, as an input for policy making, the use of scientific expertise in policy making, risk governance and participation of civil society in scientific debate.

This was followed by a round table where S&S academics and policy makers discussed nuclear energy as a distinctive example of the interface between science and policies and the dilemma they may create. The round table showed the added value that S&S academics can convey to the handling of nuclear energy issues in democracies. For more information:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/forum2005/session2_en.htm#link1

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Young people, Science education, Universities

■ EU Contest for Young Scientists

The European Union Contest for Young Scientists gathers young talented people from more than 30 countries in an annual showcase of the most promising European young scientists and gives them the opportunity to compete with the best of their contemporaries at European level.

The competition not only raises the profile of science with young people, the Contest also reflects the diversity of science, with entrants in fields as diverse as medicine, engineering, electronics, social sciences, etc.

Every year the European Contest takes place in a different country, giving it a pan-European dimension. This year's Contest will take place at the Bauman Moscow State Technical University, the oldest University of Russia from 17 to 21 September 2005.

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■ Report of the High Level Group on Increasing Human Resources for Science and Technology in Europe

As part of the strategy to achieve the Lisbon and Barcelona objectives, former Commissioner for Research, Philippe Busquin, set up a High level group on Increasing Human Resources for Science and Technology in Europe. It is chaired by the Portuguese Minister for Science, Technology and higher Education.

The work of the High level group shows how much Europe has to do if it is to attract and retain more scientists and researchers. However, the outcome of the Group's report must be seen as the first phase of what needs to be accomplished in the near future. For the Group's goal was not only to set out the current state of affairs in this area, but also to provide tangible action for future R&D policy in Europe and to influence both national and European policy.

The Commission is currently working on a response to the High Level Group's recommendations.

The report was published in December 2004.

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Young people, Science education, Universities

■ Report “European Universities: Enhancing Europe’s Research Base” is now finalised

The final Report of the “Forum on University-based Research” has been presented to Commissioner Potočnik on Tuesday 24 May. It addresses issues such as: knowledge creation, knowledge exchange, transdisciplinarity and governance. The Report also calls for concrete actions to be undertaken at European level in order to support European universities in managing their reform towards enhancing European University-based Research..

The “Forum on University-based Research” was created under the initiative of former Commissioner Busquin. This High Level group of Experts deepened the debate initiated with the Commission Communication on “The Role of the Universities in the Europe of Knowledge” and the Conference “The Europe of Knowledge 2020: a vision for University-based Research and Innovation”.

The main objective of this Forum was to support the Commission in defining an EU policy framework enabling the necessary changes and reforms in Europe’s universities towards building the ERA.

A copy of the report is available under: **rtd-sciencesociety-univ@cec.eu.int**

More information: http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2004/univ/followup_en.html

■ National Science Foundation - EU meeting

A delegation from the USA (mainly the National Science Foundation and related agencies) is invited by Directorate Science and Society to a 2-day seminar at the end of May (30-31) to discuss issues on pre-university science education. Subjects on the agenda include links between schools and universities, science teaching training and the inclusion of under-represented and minority groups.

Other participants are a number of European experts and officials from DG Education and Culture.

The purpose of the event is to exchange experience from both sides of the Atlantic in terms of policy instruments and strategy (which could be illustrated through specific examples) on ways of supporting science education in schools.

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■ Call n° 11 Science education and careers, 2004

In September 2004 a call for proposals was published for actions in three areas

- Actions for introducing new science teaching methods into primary school curricula
- Actions aimed at increasing the number of young people from “disadvantaged or underperforming” groups entering careers in science.
- Actions aimed at reinforcing links between universities and schools and school teachers and science-based organisations, industry and commerce

The budget is 3 million Euros.

The call closed on December 15th 2004 and the response has greatly exceeded expectations, which demonstrates once more the public interest in this area.

Negotiations have begun and we expect to have finished them by July 2005.

<http://www.cordis.lu/science-society/calls.htm>

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■ Call n° 16 Science education and careers, 2005

Under the new work programme for Science and Society for 2005-2005 a call for proposal covering different themes is proposed in the area of science education and careers.

This call is call n° 16, which is to be published 11 October 2005.

One of the themes covers actions aimed at understanding and comparing differences between girls’ and boys’ perception of science, engineering and technology studies. Work should lead to an insight as to how these perceptions affect interest, motivation and subject choice at school.

The budget foreseen is 5 million euro.

<http://www.cordis.lu/science-society/calls.htm>

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Women and science

■ Publication: “Women and Science: Excellence and Innovation – Gender Equality in Science”

The working document **“Women and Science: Excellence and Innovation - Gender Equality in Science”** was published on 11 March 2005. It reports on actions undertaken in the field of women and science since 2001 and sets new priorities for future work. Luxembourg has used this document as the basis for actively supporting gender issues in research during its Presidency of the Council.

The report sets out the actions on-going and under preparation at European level to promote the role of women in science, detailing some of the major statistics relating to the current state of this gender issue and the effects of various initiatives and projects. The focus of future priorities is based on the results of the actions to date. For the future, a further €5.7m has been earmarked for Women and Science in 2005-2006, bringing the total in the Sixth Framework Programme to around €20m. The Commission will give €2m to start up the European Platform of Women Scientists, which will establish networks of women scientists and organisations working towards gender equality in scientific research. The Commission is also proposing the creation of a European award on excellence in gender research, to raise awareness of the importance of such research.

Find the report at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/science-society/documents_en.html#pub

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■ Call n° 10 Women and science, 2004

Following the Women and Science call for proposals, which was evaluated in December 2004 (68 proposals in total), negotiations are underway with the 11 highest ranked proposals in four fields: empowerment and networking, ambassadors for women and science, gender research and practical tools for mainstreaming. The total budget amounts to some 6.4 million €.

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■ Gender Monitoring Studies

A series of gender monitoring studies designed to monitor progress towards gender equality and gender relevance awareness in FP6 are currently being launched. The studies will examine both the participation of women in FP6 activities and the gender dimension of the research content, the aim being to assess the success of current gender mainstreaming strategies and to provide recommendations for future activities in this field.

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■ Launch of a new expert group

A new expert group 'Women in Science and Technology – the business perspective' has been launched (February 2005) in the context of the WIR initiative. It involves the participation of many prominent representatives of European industry, and has been set up with a view to analysing the promotion of women in Science and Technology from a business perspective. The goal is to develop an integrated approach to the cultural change involved within companies. Furthermore, WIR hosted a workshop on "Women in Industrial Research and Innovation" at the World Women Work conference in Berlin in February.

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■ ENWISE Follow-Up Workshop

After the success of last September's Enwise valorisation conference in Tallinn, Estonia – a follow-up workshop took place over two half-days, on 25-26 April 2005. The workshop was entitled "Implementing Enwise Results" and our collaborators from last year's conference, the Archimedes Foundation were responsible for the organisation of this event.

ENWISE website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/science-society/women/enwise/index_en.html

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Ethics in science

■ Forum of National Ethics Councils

The Forum of National Ethics Councils (NEC Forum) consists of the chairpersons and the secretaries of the national ethics councils. It is an independent informal platform for exchange of information, experience and best practices on issues of common interest in the field of ethics and science. The NEC Forum follows the method of “open coordination” and its meetings are always hosted by one of the National Ethics Councils. The President of the EGE and the President of the Bureau of COMETH (Council of Europe) are invited to the meetings. Forum meetings have taken place in Athens, Rome, Dublin and Amsterdam, the next meeting will take place in Luxembourg. The Forum network is developing an important role in exchanging good practices between Member States.

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■ “Research ethics committees in Europe: Facing the future together”, Brussels, 27 & 28 January 2005

Various national systems of research ethics committees, RECs, operating at different levels, have been established in the 25 Member States. The regulatory framework existing at national and European level requires that research activities do not contravene fundamental ethical principles. However, further efforts are needed to favour pan-European dialogue, better awareness-raising, networking and understanding between researchers, regulators and ethicists; effective and more consistent ethical evaluation of research at local, national, European and international levels.

On 27 & 28 January 2005, the European Commission organised the conference “Research Ethics Committees in Europe: facing the future together” to open a debate with representatives of local or regional ethics committees in Europe, which evaluate any type of research protocols involving human beings. 328 participants from 32 countries debated the state of the art, highlighting good practices and identifying obstacles and pitfalls facing their daily work. Recommendations for future activities are to be found in the conference report, available in EN, FR, DE (the conference conclusions and recommendations are also available in all other 16 EU languages) on the RECs conference website, as well as videos, speakers' contributions and photos.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2005/reccs/index_en.htm

The Commission intends to finance the establishment of a RECs platform in 2006.

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■ Workshop on setting up an information and documentation system for ethical issues

This workshop was organised by Commission services (Brussels, 02/10/04). The workshop intended to discuss results emerging from the Feasibility study (FASTER) and possible pan-European actions to create a European information and documentation system on ethics of science. Attended: representatives of the relevant existing European networks on ethics, law and science that have produced information and documentation system at EU level, European networks of Libraries, representatives from Unesco, WHO, FAO, Council of Europe, representatives from the EGE, and EC staff. A proposal to establish an information and documentation system on ethics and science has been submitted under the Infrastructure programme.

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■ Questionnaire for a Eurobarometer on ethical values and science

A STRATA Group has developed a questionnaire for a Eurobarometer on ethical values and science. This was run in January 2005 as part of a special Eurobarometer on Europeans, Science and Technology. The results are expected to be available by spring 2005.

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■ Dialogue with China

China has achieved the first fusion of an animal cell and a human cell this year. China is strong in stem cell research and is certainly a global player. Several SARS trials are taking place in China. It is intended to create a network of focal point in the different MS and candidate countries to discuss the relation to China in ethics. A network of institutes of Asian studies, ethicists etc. may be created, twining single partners with partners in China. A workshop will take place in the second half of 2005.

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■ Publication: Collection of codes of conduct

“Codes of conduct: a collection of existing codes of conduct that apply to researchers or research organisations and any other type of ethical standards for science”. 65 European research-ethical standards drawn from 15 countries. To order a publication, please send an Email to rtd-ethics@cec.eu.int

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Ethics in science

■ Capacity building on ethics committees in developing countries

EDCTP, the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership, is conducting research (clinical trials) in developing countries that often have no local ethics committees to approve the research conducted on human beings. Cooperation has been established with the US NIH, the Magnus Warren Centre for clinical trials to jointly organize training workshops in developing countries that are of particular interest for EDCTP (Mali, Uganda -2003; Cairo, 2004). Further actions are foreseen in 2005 to facilitate the networking of those EU centres that have specific activities on capacity building and training on ethics in developing countries.

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■ Global Forum on Bioethics in Research

The Global Forum on Bioethics in Research provides a venue for delegates from developing and developed countries to debate the ethical issues surrounding international collaborative research carried out in developing countries. Participants at the Forum include: the US NIH, the UK MRC, the Wellcome Trust, WHO, EC, the Rockefeller Foundation, the US Centres for Disease Control, the Council on Health Research for Development, the PAHO, INSERM, the South African Medical Research Council, and other international agencies.

The 2005 issue took place in Malawi on 16-18 March. It focused on what happens once the research is over, examining ethical debates on post-trial access to drugs, devices, or vaccines.

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■ Ethical Review

Around 250 FP6 research projects went through an ethical review.

Numbers doubled in 2004 - trust has built up. New areas of interest: Stem cell research; Nanotechnology; SARS – international dimension: growing number of Information technology: etc. implantation of chips. Next ethical review will take place in April 2005 (80 projects to be evaluated).

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■ Follow-up of the GENTEST conference

The conference "Human genetic testing: what implications?" was held in Brussels on 6 & 7 May 2005. The conference report is available in EN, FR and DE on paper and online.

The "25 recommendations on the ethical, legal and social implications of genetic testing" are available in 19 EU languages plus Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Japanese.

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Communicating science

■ Major Event:

‘Communicating European Research 2005’

‘Communicating European Research 2005’ (CER 2005) has been announced. The second edition of this event will again bring together project leaders, journalists, press officers and other communication professionals to exchange ideas and promote European research. This time, 3000 participants are expected. Registration for the event will open only in June, but interested parties can already make suggestions for their own contributions in the Participants' Forum and the Exhibition.

Calls for participation and further info are available at

www.europa.eu.int/comm/research/cer2005.html

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■ Past event: Earth and Space Week in Brussels

From 12-20 February, the Commission and ESA hosted the Earth and Space Week in Brussels. Over 32.000 people visited the exhibition in the Autoworld museum. The 3rd Earth Observation summit with 60 ministerial delegations adopted the 10-year implementation plan for global cooperation and the International Conference on co-operation in space attracted delegations from all space-faring nations. Apart from outreach to the public in general, special emphasis has been given to target children and students: The European contest "A Flag For Planet Earth" saw over 1.400 entries and during the week, more than 200 pupils from schools all over Belgium came for guided tours of the expo and followed lessons in the "Earth & space classroom". Unit C.5 contributed to the media relations and local promotion efforts for this unique event. Media coverage set a landmark with over 550 press articles and more than 50 audiovisual pieces.

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Communicating science

■ SCIENCE SHOPS: TRAMS – a new project, financed under the Call FP6-2003-Science and Society-7

The EU-backed “Improving Science Shops Networking” (ISSNET) has revealed that science shops across Europe need training support that will help them carry out new activities. A new Union-funded project called Training and Mentoring of Science Shops (TRAMS) aims to boost the skill levels of these community-based research organisations by providing them with structured training and mentoring support. TRAMS is seen as an important milestone in the networking of science shops. The project hopes to encourage innovation through the creation of a customised training programme toolbox and by setting up partnering and exchange activities within the science shops network. It will concentrate on four areas: mentoring; producing training materials; developing E-modules; and disseminating results. All members of the Living Knowledge network will be able to participate in TRAMS activities and will have access to the project’s results and materials.

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■ 2nd EU-organised workshop on Science Shops to take place in Brussels on 10th June

About 40 experts coming from experienced and new science shops, civil society organisations and universities associations will continue the discussion started in the workshop held last November on how to further develop the science shops in Europe. The points in the agenda include the starting project TRAMS and the possibilities to open it to other participants, ideas for possible future EU support actions that will probably result in a pilot call, how to encourage co-operation on research projects between the science shops and the need for an international contact office. The workshop will be combined with an information session for the liaison offices of the regional authorities established in Brussels to be held the previous day (9th June) in order to inform them about the science shops potential to act for the regional development and about the role regional authorities could play to support the science shops.

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‘Science in Society Forum 2005’: follow-up

9-11 March 2005 in Brussels: 850 participants from over 50 countries from all over Europe, but also from the two Americas, Africa and Asia, came from civil society organisations, research institutions, academia, media, national and local governments, museums and private companies.

Post-forum consultation showed that indeed the most appreciated aspects of the gathering were the possibility of open discussion and exchange of ideas and contacts.

■ Key Messages arising from the Forum:

1. Broadening the debate on innovation and Lisbon: The relationship between science and society is fundamental to research policy, and will be a key factor in the implementation of the wider Lisbon strategy. There is no neat division between the private and public spheres of science, and innovation policies should be developed with this in mind. Europe also needs to be outward looking, engaging in dialogue and international partnerships, particularly when science raises serious ethical, legal and social questions.
2. Creating new arenas for upstream engagement: It is not enough to simply inform the public about scientific advances, technological applications and science-related policy. There should be a real engagement – adapted and proportionate to the issue – involving organised civil society, scientists, policy-makers and the public at large. The varied hopes and concerns of men and women, young and old; disadvantaged groups and ethnic minorities need to be considered. This can be slow and complicated, but it can lead to an informed and engaged public, better and more robust policy decisions, and – by testing assumptions and identifying new research avenues – better science. The advances made by social scientists in new forms for public engagement need to be made more readily available to policy-makers in the form of practical tools.
3. Equitable research appraisal and the concept of ‘excellence’: Public outreach and involvement in science-based policy making should be given due credit in the appraisal of research departments, the career development of individual scientists, and in the evaluation of research proposals. The assessment of scientific activities should also be sensitive to social and cultural factors related, for example, to ethnic background, gender, and childcare responsibilities. This is in line with The European Charter for Researchers and the Staff Working Paper on Women and Science, both adopted by the Commission at the same time as the Forum. Taken together, these questions may entail a re-assessment of what is understood by ‘excellence’, and the development of new and equitable evaluation methods.
4. Getting used to uncertainty: More generally, we should seek to raise the profile of science as an integral part of our common European culture, commensurate with the impact of science on our lives. With this should come a recognition that scientific endeavour does not just establish facts, but also uncovers new areas of ignorance and uncertainty. Triggering and maintaining the curiosity of young people is an important part of this process, and school curricula should provide for exposure to the world of science from an early age.
5. Raising the level of commitment across Europe: Much progress has been made, even in the few years since the publication of the Commission’s Science and Society Action Plan. Ideas considered radical a few years ago are now commonplace. However, further efforts are needed in all areas, both at European and at national level. The Commission can continue to play an important role as a catalyser and facilitator. In addition to supporting specific initiatives and research, Member States can be encouraged to co-operate and good practices can be encouraged. The Seventh Framework Programme should play a key role in this respect.

Conference reports available at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/society2005.html>

Recent publications

- EU Action Portfolio

A collection of action/project fiches of EU Science and Society activities under FP6

Available online at http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/science-society/documents_portfolio_en.html

To receive a paper copy: Please write to rtd-sciencesociety@cec.eu.int

- report on “Increasing human resources for Science and Technology in Europe”

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- “Codes of conduct: a collection of existing codes of conduct that apply to researchers or research organisations and any other type of ethical standards for science” – Contact: rtd-ethics@cec.eu.int

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- “Women and Science: Excellence and Innovation – Gender Equality in Science”, European Commission Working document.

Details on p. 7

More publications: EU Bookshop www.bookshop.eu.int

EU library : http://europa.eu.int/comm/libraries/centrallibrary/index_en.htm

The Science and society calendar

FP6 Calls published

“Descartes prizes 2005”: closed **10 May 2005**

“European Science Events; ‘Science and Society’ beyond FP6”: closed **24 May 2005**

FP6 Future calls

(indicative dates, subject to slight change)

15 June	Risk governance Ethics Science communication Women and science
11 October	Science education and careers
14 December	Descartes Prizes 2006 (Research and Communication)

For details please go to

<http://www.cordis.lu/science-society/calls.htm>

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Calls for tender

For complete listing, please refer to page 22 of the Work Programme for Science and Society.

Events

May 2005

- 19-20 Amsterdam (NL)**
ALLEA conference, "Common values in the European Research Area: European Scientists and Scholars Meeting their Responsibility"
- 24 Luxembourg (LU)**
5th European Forum of National Ethics Councils

June 2005

- 3-5 Paris (FR)**
Salon européen de la recherche et de l'innovation
- 8 Luxembourg (LU)**
Launch of EU public awareness operation: "Researchers in Europe"

August 2005

- 3-5 Barcelona (ES)**
Conference "Ethics and philosophy of emerging medical technologies"

September 2005

- 6-9 Edinburgh (UK)**
Euronanoforum
- 17-22 Moscow (RU)**
EU Contest for Young Scientists
- 28 All over Europe**
Researchers night 2005

October 2005

- Tbc Brussels (BE)**
NCP (National Contact Points) for Science and Society, annual meeting.
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November 2005

- 14-15 Brussels (BE)**
CER Conference: "Communicating European Research 2005"
- 20-22 Uppsala (SE)**
Conference "Research in European Universities: mastering the change process"