

Lively discussions took place between the 40 people attending the event. Participants included leading European industrialists, key actors in European research and development and representatives from the European Commission and Council Secretariat. Tables were chaired by European parliamentarians Philippe Busquin, Jerzy Buzek, Den Dover and Vittorio Prodi.

Past events

Science for a better life

EUREKA, COST and the European Science Foundation (ESF) combined forces at the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF 2008) from 18 to 22 July in Barcelona. The theme was 'science for a better life' and topics included issues impacting directly on people's daily lives. The scientific programme featured 122 sessions with the participation of 450 scientists and researchers. Some 4000 scientists, researchers, policy makers and journalists attended the event.



"Joining forces with COST and ESF was a natural step for EUREKA," says Franco Cozzani, Head of Strategy and Evaluation at the EUREKA Secretariat in Brussels. "Where COST actions cover basic and pre-competitive research, EUREKA focuses on supporting market-oriented research driven by industry. Our organisations therefore complement each other ideally, as they cover the full research-development-innovation cycle and offered something for everyone at ESOF2008."

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New Cluster

Developing competitive sustainable manufacturing

A new Cluster – Manufacture Industry – received its EUREKA applicant label this year. The five-year strategic initiative aims to implement the strategic intelligence developed by the EU Manufacture platform on future manufacturing technologies. Its ambition is to lead and accelerate the transformation of European industry towards competitive sustainable manufacturing.

"This initiative was proposed by industry itself and concentrates on medium- to high-tech manufacturing products," says Professor Francesco Jovane, EUREKA High Level Representative for Italy and vice president of the EU Manufacture platform.

The new Cluster intends to set up networks of high-tech EU technology providers as well as new companies such as system integrators, and integrate them with advanced product producers to develop and validate Manufacture production systems solutions. The Cluster will co-operate with the EU Framework Programme, EUREKA Umbrellas and Clusters, the EU Manufacture platform and national platforms, regional initiatives for manufacturing systems innovation and international manufacturing innovation networks.

Events

'I's on remote heart surgery

EUREKA is demonstrating remote heart examinations at the ICT2008 'I's TO THE FUTURE' event in Lyon, France from 25 to 27 November. The exhibit is based on the results of the CELTIC telecommunications Cluster Broadband Access Networks Integrated Telecommunication Systems (BANITS) project. BANITS started from existing network solutions, investigating new ways to extend use both in time and service availability.

ICT2008 is organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Information Society and Media and will be the biggest research event for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Europe in 2008. Visitors will include researchers, innovators, engineers, and policy and business decision-makers in the field of digital technologies.



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European Nanoelectronics Forum 2008



The CATRENE and preceding MEDEA+ EUREKA Clusters on micro-/nanoelectronics are organising a joint European Nanoelectronics Forum with AENEAS and the EU ENIAC Joint Undertaking on nanoelectronics in Paris on 2 and 3 December 2008. The theme of the invitation-only event is the 'Changing environment in the semiconductors industry' and this will be examined from the industrial, market and experts points of view. The forum is expected to attract more than 300 participants and will include demonstrations of MEDEA+ and relevant EU Framework Programme projects.

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