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EFCA Bulletin leads to information about EU law and doing business within the EU

EFCA continues to inform the Bulletin readership about EU policies and law, the European Commission's initiatives and their impact on the business.

The current issue brings a selection of links that are providing access to regularly updated information.

Europe direct

General information about EU matters in any of the official EU languages

<http://ec.europa.eu/europedirect/>

SOLVIT: Effective problem solving in the Internal Market

SOLVIT is an on-line problem solving network in which EU member states work together to solve, without legal proceedings, problems caused by the misapplication of Internal Market law by public authorities.

There is a SOLVIT centre in every European Union member state (as well as in Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein).

SOLVIT Centres can help with handling complaints from both citizens and businesses. They are part of the national administration and are committed to providing real solutions to problems within ten weeks.

Using SOLVIT is free of charge.

http://ec.europa.eu/solvit/site/index_en.htm

SOLVIT deals with cross-border problems between a business or a citizen on the one hand and a national public authority on the other, where there is possible misapplication of EU law.

Advice on other problems, or complaints about the EU institutions can be addressed to the European Ombudsman.

<http://ombudsman.europa.eu/>

Euro Info Centres

EICs inform, advise and assist businesses on Community issues. They also provide feedback to the European Commission about community matters affecting SMEs.

EICs are well integrated in the local and regional business environment, while their teams are familiar with European practices.

EICs are in constant contact with the European Commission and get access to a business support network comprising over 300 centres across more than 45 countries.

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/networks/eic/eic.html>

Your Europe - Business

Your Europe provides you with practical information and advice that helps you to carry out your business in another country within the European Union.

You can find information on registration of companies, public procurement, taxes, business directories, various funding opportunities or employment laws.

<http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/nav/en/business/index.html>

SIMAP (about public procurement)

SIMAP provides background information, links and automatic exchange tools to public purchasers and businesses interested in embracing public procurement opportunities in Europe.

<http://simap.eu.int/>

Innovation-SMEs National Contact Points

Information, advice and assistance for SMEs preparing a proposal under FP6 and FP7.

Network of 68 centres in the European Union and beyond providing local help to promote technology partnerships and transfer.

<http://cordis.europa.eu/innovation-smes/src/contact.htm>

The Publications Office

The Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (Publications Office) is the publishing house of the institutions

and other bodies of the European Union (EU).

It is responsible for producing and distributing EU publications on all media and by all means.

http://publications.europa.eu/index_en.html

EUR-Lex – European Union law

EUR-Lex provides direct free access to European Union law.

The system makes it possible to consult the Official Journal of the European Union and it includes inter alia the treaties, legislation, case-law and legislative proposals. It offers extensive search facilities.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

Summaries of legislation

Clear and concise summaries of EU legislation in all policy areas.

The fact sheets are divided into 32 subject areas. You will find not only summaries of existing measures, but also a follow-up of legislative proposals in policies as diverse as External Relations and Employment and Social Affairs. With almost 2,500 fact sheets updated daily, the coverage of legislation is comprehensive and up-to-date.

The aim of this site is not to supply the latest news on the activities of the European Union, but rather to provide a complete summary of the latest legislative developments. The date that appears at the bottom of each summary corresponds to the date of the last substantial modification, for example, the introduction of an amending or a related act.

http://europa.eu/scadplus/scad_en.htm

Europa glossary

The glossary contains 233 terms relating to European integration and the institutions and activities of the EU.

http://europa.eu/scadplus/glossary/index_en.htm

You will not want to miss this year's Conference programme

The Rhodes 2007 Conference programme will explore challenges stemming from market changes, and altering European legal setting and business conditions.

The format of this one day, business-oriented conference has been specifically designed to cater for individuals who require a relevant and timely forum to learn how their firm fits into the European industry scene.

Speeches will address public private partnership (PPP) projects, consulting engineers bringing in innovative services in PPPs, policies on conflict of interest in procurement procedures for integrated contracts, knowledge management, the art of growing, and opportunities in the extended marketplace.

Speakers include CEOs and senior principals of engineering consultancy firms, Greek high officials and major clients, and expert industry representatives.

For further details follow the link below:
<http://efca2007.conferences.gr/>



Please note: the Early Bird Discount period ends on 30 April 2007!

A more dynamic and strategic EFCA approach to liability and insurance issues

The reviewed terms of reference of EFCA's Professional Liability Committee and the Board's decision to make available external assistance will boost the Committee's progress.

The Professional Liability Committee is a standing EFCA committee. Its Terms of Reference include pro-active and general aims whilst its action plan effectively addresses the firms' current concerns. They also incorporate the liaison and coordination with the FIDIC Risk and Liability Committee.

The Committee's first step now is to develop a state-of-the-art report on national legislative frameworks and market practices.

Based on the fact-finding study (i.e. law regimes, insurance systems and market trends), the Committee will

- develop recommendations on which EFCA actions towards the EU institutions need to be developed and
- inform the membership on 'best practice' to assist the association in national actions (e.g. recent reforms achieved in other countries as alternative policy options).

EIB-EFCA-FEACO Energy and Environment seminar: Brussels, 21 May 2007

The next EIB-EFCA-FEACO seminar will be held in Brussels on 21 May 2007. It will address 'energy & environment'.

EIB seminar in partnership with:



The venue is the Stanhope Hotel, Rue du Commerce 9, B- 1000 Brussels.

The next seminar on the theme of 'External Aid' is scheduled for 21 June 2007, in Brussels.

The seminar programme and more details will follow on the EFCA website at:

<http://www.efcanet.org/pages/eventdetail.aspx?id=39765>

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the EIB-EFCA-FEACO seminar, please send an e-mail to vdalle@efca.be

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Standardisation Working Party	Brussels	23.03.2007
Public Procurement Committee	Brussels	28.03.2007
Project Financing Committee	Brussels	29.03.2007
Board of Directors	Brussels	26.04.2007
Professional Liability Committee	Brussels	27.04.2007
<i>EIB-EFCA-FEACO seminar</i>	Brussels	21.05.2007
2007 EFCA GAM & Conference http://efca2007.conferences.gr/	Greece (Rhodes)	07-08.06.2007
Partnership for Development Committee	Rhodes	06.06.2007 [14:30]
Board of Directors	Rhodes	07.06.2007 [09:00-13:00]
GAM (including Presidents' meeting and presentation of the Committees' work)	Rhodes	07.06.2007 [14:30-19:00]
Conference	Rhodes	08.06.2007 [09:00-17:00]
Board of Directors	Berlin	28.09.2007
D&S meeting	Bucharest	26.10.2007
Board of Directors	Ljubljana (tbc)	06.12.2007



EFCA – HELLASCO Conference

Development and Challenges of the Consulting Industry

6 - 9 June 2007
Rhodes island, Greece



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INTERNAL MARKET

A vision for the single market of the 21st century

In an interim report to the Spring European Council, the Commission reviews the achievements of the last twenty years.

The document sets out the way ahead to deliver further benefits for citizens and

business, and contribute to a more competitive and sustainable Europe.

The Commission proposes that the focus of the single market should shift from its initial emphasis of removing barriers to cross-border trade to one of ensuring that markets function better.

The report highlights new approaches to be explored in order to strengthen the single market.

One main focus is on ways to improve the flexibility of the regulatory environment to adapt to changes in business practices. Actions which the EU executive believes should be undertaken include the development of tools which complement legislation - such as exchange of practice, self and co-regulation, and the stepping up of efforts to modernise and simplify existing rules.

Possible measures to improve communication on the opportunities offered by the single market include one-stop-shop access facilities for SMEs, rationalisation of Single Market information sources, and encouraging member states and local-regional authorities to develop information plans.

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/strategy/docs/com_2007_0060_en.pdf

Internal market to ensure that safe products circulate

Despite the principle that the single market should operate as an area in which the free movement of goods is ensured, member states are allowed to impose technical restrictions and certification requirements. The new Commission initiatives aim at facilitating the free movement of high quality safe products.

Technical obstacles still constitute a significant barrier to trade.

The application of EU rules relating to product safety is another concern for manufacturers and dealers. Conformity assessment procedures, which are

necessary to show that a product meets the quality standards set out in Community law, create a major burden to business.

These concerns are addressed by a proposal for a regulation setting out standard conformity assessment procedures and requirements for member states.

The final main element of the package is a proposal to strengthen the legal protection of the CE marking placed on products, by having it registered as a 'collective mark'.

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/regulation/internal_market_package/index_en.htm

EU FUNDS & PROGRAMMES

Egypt: aid programme adding up to 558 million euro over a four-year period

The focus of the proposed package under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) is to support the reform process and the implementation of the EU-Egypt ENP Action Plan (adopted on 6 March).

The ENP Action Plan sets out the priorities for co-operation in a wide range of sectors jointly agreed between the EU and Egypt.

The Financial instrument established to channel the ENP assistance is the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument that as from 2007 has replaced the former instrument, MEDA.

The aid package makes provision for targeted assistance in areas such as trade, customs, agriculture, transport, energy and science, including cooperation in legal migration, border management and visa facilitation, as well as support for reforms in the education and health sectors.

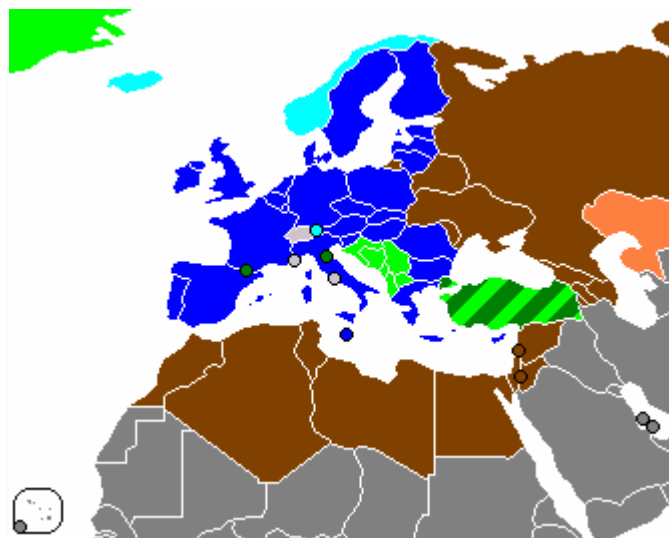
The package will also support Egypt's national agenda for economic, political and social reform for the 2007-2010 period.

To draw investments to key sectors such as energy, transport and the environment, aid of 58 million euro in the form of interest-rate

subsidies, in particular on lending from the European Investment Bank, could attract an estimated 230 million to 300 million euro in loans.

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/egypt/intro/index.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/index_en.htm



- European Union
- European Economic Area
- EU candidates, official potential candidates and Overseas Countries and Territories
- Customs unions with the European Union
- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
- ENP participation under discussion
- Individual relations with the EU (Eurozone, free trade and other agreements)
- Not immediate EU neighbours

Jordan: Commission proposes 265 million euro aid package

Under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) the EU-Jordan Action Plan sets out a comprehensive set of priorities for the next four years.

The Action Plan is based on Jordan's reform agenda.

The 265 million euro aid package focuses on the priorities of the Action Plan. These include: support to political developments, including the role of civil society, freedom of media, cooperation with the parliament,

trade and investment development, employment and education, water and energy, public finance management and institutional strengthening.

The Commission also proposed other new opportunities under the ENP for Jordan. The country will be eligible to draw on funds from the newly established Neighbourhood Investment Fund, which will provide concessional loans to attract financing for infrastructures. Jordan would also be eligible to the Governance Facility, aiming at providing additional support to partners having demonstrated their commitment in the implementation of the Action Plan. Jordan may also participate in the Erasmus Mundus programme and in the Tempus programme for cooperation on higher education, as well in the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development (RTD).

Prospects for cooperation with European agencies, such as the European Environment Agency and the European Food and Safety Agency, will be examined.

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/jordan/intro/index.htm

Morocco: Commission proposes a 654 million euro assistance package

The proposed assistance package for Morocco is to support the implementation of the EU-Morocco Action Plan 2007-2010, prepared in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).

The financial support package for Morocco for 2007-2010 will focus on five key areas: social development (education and health reform, about 45% of the allocated), economic development (as part of the preparation for a free trade area with the EU, and key infrastructure projects), human rights and governance, environment (water sanitation issues and anti-pollution strategies in some regions), and institutional support (twinning instrument to support co-operation between public administrations in Morocco and EU member States).

This aid will be topped up by loans from the European Investment Bank's Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP). FEMIP's priority is to finance private sector projects. In order to establish the adequate environment for business development, FEMIP also supports infrastructure projects, investment in human capital and projects to support environmental protection.

Other opportunities available under the ENP relate to participation in Community programmes and access to the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/morocco/intro/index.htm

http://www.delmar.ec.europa.eu/fr/maroc_home/index.htm

Neighbouring countries: new policy on the extension of transport networks

A Commission Communication identifies the five most important transport axes for international trade between the Union and the neighbouring countries and beyond. Completing these axes would cost 45 billion euro, of which 35 billion euro would have to be raised by 2020.

The extension of networks to neighbouring countries is one of the objectives set out in the Communication on the 'Strengthening of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The Commission paper also puts forward a package of measures to shorten journey times along these axes including improvement of infrastructure and traffic management technologies, streamlining customs procedures and reducing administrative obstacles.

The Commission will start exploratory talks with all the countries concerned (Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Moldova, Norway, the Palestinian

Authority, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine) before probably going forward with recommendations and/or more formal proposals.

http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/external_dimension/guidelines_en.htm

New Baltic Sea Programme 2007-2013

The Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 will focus on the following priorities: fostering of innovation; improving accessibility of the region, building on the Baltic Sea as common resource and improving competitiveness of cities and regions.

Baltic Sea Region - Programme area 2007 - 2013



The Joint Programming Committee (JPC), representing all eleven partner countries, is the main forum for developing the programme.

It will integrate three funding resources: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and Norwegian funding.

After approval by the 11 participating states, and subsequent to the Commission's approval, it is expected that the first call for proposals will be launched in December 2007 at the earliest.

<http://www.bsrinterreg.net/index.html>

India: 470 million euro aid package over the next seven years

The new financial package for 2007-2013 will support the implementation of the EU-India Joint Action Plan, notably economic cooperation and sectoral dialogue, as well as help India achieve its Millennium Development Goals in the health and education sector.

Key priorities include environmental issues, climate change, energy cooperation and employment and social affairs. In the field of education, the Commission's programmes will support enhanced quality education and training of teachers.

Public administration reforms, decentralisation and community empowerment are also on the agenda.

http://ec.europa.eu/development/body/iqsg/documents_library_en.cfm

Pakistan: Commission proposes to step up assistance

The Commission proposes a 200 million euro assistance package for Pakistan over the next four years.

A major part of the funding will be spent on rural development in the North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan to strengthen natural resources management, develop community physical infrastructure and to improve livelihoods and employment opportunities.

The second focal area will be education and human resources development to help advance access to education and better service delivery. Particular care will be taken

for women and girls to benefit from these activities.

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/pakistan/intro/index.htm

Second Intelligent Energy – Europe programme begins shortly

The second Intelligent Energy - Europe programme (IEE II) runs until 2013.

It is part of a broader EU programme called Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP).

Approximately 55 million euro will be made available to support promotional projects and so-called 'integrated initiatives'. The co-funding rate will be up to 75% of the eligible costs.

Part of the budget of the forthcoming IEE II programme may be used to support projects which promote innovatory techniques, processes or products, which have already been technically demonstrated with success but have not yet penetrated the market.

The 2007 call for proposals will be published in April 2007. The deadline for submitting proposals will be 28 September 2007.

A European Info Day will be held in Brussels on 19 April 2007.

A draft programme and registration forms will be available very soon.

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.html

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/cip/index_en.htm

1.2 billion euro to drive European ICT research

The Commission is this year allocating 1.2 billion euro of EU funding to new Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) research projects.

The EU member states earmarked a total of 9.1 billion euro for funding ICT over the duration of FP7, making it the largest research theme in the Cooperation programme, which is itself the largest specific programme of FP7 (with 64% of the total budget).

FP7 research activities will strengthen Europe's scientific and technology base and ensure its global leadership in ICT, help drive and stimulate product, service and process innovation and creativity through ICT use and ensure that ICT progress is rapidly transformed into benefits for Europe's citizens, businesses, industry and governments.

Calls for proposals are published on:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/>

MISCELLANEOUS

Code of conduct to improve coordination of development assistance

Development Commissioner Louis Michel proposes a voluntary code of conduct on the 'division of labour' between the Commission and the 27 member states, with the aim of making European efforts more complementary and thus more effective.

Among the ten principles contained in the proposed code of conduct, the Commission calls on the member states to focus their actions on the sectors (two at most per country) and countries where they can provide real added value. The Netherlands has already adopted that approach, bringing down its activities from 70 to 20 priority nations.

Another possibility is for a state to delegate management of its aid in a given country to another member state, as in the example of Britain's Department for International Development (DFID), which has placed in Belgium's hands the development of its actions in South Africa.

Another principle aims to ensure that no needy country is neglected by European aid, obliging each donor to earmark part of its budget for under-financed countries.

Development assistance is a competence shared by the Commission and the member states. Accordingly, Louis Michel can only propose and not impose the code of conduct.

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2007/com2007_0072en01.pdf

78 projects selected under the EU Water Facility

78 projects for a total amount of 190 million euro were selected from the 502 proposals submitted for the second call for proposals.

The projects, set up by private companies, ACP public structures, international and European development organisations and NGOs cover three areas: water governance (37.1 million euro); water purification (79 million euro) and projects proposed by civil society (71.9 million euro).

The Water Facility was set up in 2004, following the EU Water Initiative proposed at the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. It aims to double the funding already allocated by the European Development Fund (EDF) to provide access to drinking water.

Its continuation under the 10th EDF, due to be launched in 2008, is not yet decided.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/projects/water/index_en.htm

Informative website on the full range of environmental technologies

With a view to promoting the adoption of environmental technologies and to get environmental technologies from research laboratories to markets, the Commission launched a website on eco-innovation and eco-friendly technologies.

In 2004, the Commission adopted an action plan to promote environmental technologies and to remove the obstacles so as to tap the full potential of environmental technologies in Europe.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index_en.htm



DOCUMENTS & WEBSITES OF INTEREST

EU LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Proposals & Regulation

Proposal for a Directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law

Types of sanctions applicable to infringements of EU environmental law differ from member state to member state. There are also significant differences regarding the levels of sanctions that are applied to similar or identical offences. Moreover, environmental crime often has a trans-border nature or impacts.

The directive would establish a common definition of serious infringements as well as equal levels of sanctions across the EU.

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2007/com2007_0062en01.pdf

Commission Guide on promotion of innovation through public procurement

The guide is developed for immediate use by public procurement professionals. It outlines 10 practical approaches that will help promote innovative solutions.

http://www.proinno-europe.eu/doc/procurement_manuscript.pdf

REPORTS

Internal Market Scoreboard

The gap between the number of single market directives that should have been transposed by now into national law, and the number that have been transposed in practice, is down to an average of 1.2% across the EU as a whole.

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/score/docs/score15bis/score15bis_en.pdf

European Innovation Scoreboard

The EIS 2006 includes innovation indicators and trend analyses for the EU25 member states, plus the two new member states Bulgaria and Romania, as well as for Croatia, Turkey, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, the US and Japan.

<http://www.proinno-europe.eu/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&topicID=5&parentID=51>

Study on the Future Opportunities and Challenges in EU-China Trade and Investment Relations 2006-2010

The study identifies major opportunities for EU exporters in green goods, business services and high-value products. However, state-led industrial policies, discriminatory regulatory barriers and poor protection of intellectual property rights all mean that European companies do not compete on a level playing field in China.

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/china/legis/index_en.htm

Report on the public consultation on the European Union's Market Access Strategy

The aim of the Market Access Strategy consultation was to launch a debate to find out whether the EU and in particular External Trade need to improve the existing approach. The results of the consultation will be an important source for the Commission in bringing forward proposals for a renewed and reinforced EU Market Access Strategy.

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2007/february/tradoc_133266.pdf

U.S. Barriers to Trade and Investment Report for 2006

Despite progress on a range of important trade barriers, European business is being increasingly affected by growing US national security restrictions. These have had impacts on the flow of EU investments, which account for more than two-thirds of US FDI (Foreign Direct Investment). http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/sectoral/mk_access/pr150207_en.htm

Evaluation of Cross-border TEN Projects / EIB

The report covering the period from 1995 to 2004 states that overall project performance for the great majority of projects was good. The EIB provided 86.8 billion euro financing for TEN projects in transport (74%), telecommunications (18%) and energy (6%).

While the actual implementation performance varied, and sometimes the scope of the project was extended, all projects except one reached completion as defined by the technical description. The projects out-turn costs were found acceptable in all but three cases, but many operations faced implementation delays. Although environmental procedures were handled in coherence with EU/national and Bank's guidelines, this could be improved in some projects.

http://www.eib.org/Attachments/ev/ev_cross_border_ten_en.pdf

CONSULTATIONS

Preparation of the Green Paper on urban transport

Public consultations carried out by the European Commission have revealed a strong interest in a greater EU contribution in the field of urban transport policy.

The Green Paper on Urban Transport – to be published in the second half of 2007 - will identify potential European added value to actions taken at member states' levels.

Deadline: 30 April 2007

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/clean/green_paper_urban_transport/public_consultation_en.htm

EIB's Anti-Fraud Policy

Deadline: 18 April 2007

<http://www.eib.org/news/news.asp?news=205>

Joint EU - Africa Strategy

It is aimed at collecting opinions about the future of Euro-African relations

<http://europafrica.org/>

MISCELLANEOUS

European Business - Facts and figures - 2006 edition - Data 1995-2005

The Eurostat publication presents the latest available statistics from a wide selection of statistical sources describing, for each activity, production and employment, country specialisation and regional distribution, cost structures, productivity and profitability, the importance of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), external trade etc.

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2293,59872848,2293_61474742&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

2006 General Report on the Activities of the European Union

The report aims to provide a broad overview of the activities of all the Union's institutions and bodies in 2006. The developments in the various fields are presented under the headings of the four strategic objectives defined by the Commission: prosperity, solidarity, security and strengthening the Union's role as a global player.

<http://europa.eu/generalreport/en/welcome.htm>

European Commission: assessment of 2006 policy achievements

http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/docs/execution_report.pdf

European Commission: annual policy strategy for 2008

http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/synthesis/doc/aps_2008_en.pdf

Construction output up by 0.5% in the euro area and the EU25

December 2006 compared to November 2006

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/PGP_PRD_CAT_PREREL/PGE_CAT_PREREL_YEAR_2007/PGE_CAT_PREREL_YEAR_2007_MONTH_02/4-20022007-EN-AP1.PDF

Fourth Community Innovation Survey

In the EU27 42% of enterprises from industry and services reported some form of innovation activity between 2002 and 2004.

Co-operation with customers and suppliers is more frequent than with universities and public research institutes.

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/PGP_PRD_CAT_PREREL/PGE_CAT_PREREL_YEAR_2007/PGE_CAT_PREREL_YEAR_2007_MONTH_02/9-22022007-EN-BP.PDF

Joint Employment report 2006/2007

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/07/st06/st06076.en07.pdf>

Climate change and water adaptation issues

Using a policy analysis at European level, and a survey, the report reviews practices in countries and concludes that countries are aware of the impacts of climate change on water resources. They have started to adapt to them but there is still much to do. This material is also presented by country in an annex.

http://reports.eea.europa.eu/technical_report_2007_2

Marine and Coastal Dimension of Climate Change in Europe

The report examines the precise causes behind increased instances of catastrophic weather in the EU, and also sets out evidence for a range of different impacts of climate change on the marine environment.

<http://ies.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

Strengthening the European Union's Role as a Global Partner for Development

18-month Programme on Development Policy of the three Presidencies of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia (January 2007 – June 2008)

<http://www.bmz.de/en/service/infothek/buerger/TrioPrsidentschaft.pdf>

Study on the transalpine railway link between Lyon and Turin

The study recommends the new transalpine link as the best solution in view of the potential increase of freight transport.

http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/studies/index_en.htm

(in French and Italian)

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