


**Great News:**  
  
**Launched in Brussels on  
 December 1-2**

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On December 1-2, 2005 the Photonics Technology Platform named *Photonics21* has been launched at the European Commission in Brussels. This event marks a “*Big Bang*” for photonics in Europe, with official recognition by the European Commission of photonics as a technology of strategic importance for European industry.

More than 200 participants representing the major European stakeholders of Photonics gathered during this 2-day event to appoint the Members of the Executive Board, to prepare the Strategic Research Agenda during a workshop in parallel sessions, and to celebrate this huge breakthrough for the Photonics Community.

The Executive Board members were elected by the stakeholders in the Platform:

President  
 Vice Presidents

WG1 Information and Communication  
 WG2 Industrial Production/Manufacturing & Quality  
 WG3 Life Sciences and Health  
 WG4 Lighting and Displays  
 WG5 Metrology and Sensors  
 WG6 Design & Manu. of Components & Systems  
 WG7 Photonics Research, Education and Training  
 Secretariat Photonics21

**Alexander von Witzleben, CEO Jenoptik**  
**Bernd Schulte, President EPIC, CTO Aixtron**  
**Paul Lagasse, IMEC**  
**Malgorzata Kujawinska, Warsaw Univ. of Technology**  
**Giorgio Anania, CEO Bookham**  
**Peter Leibinger, CEO Trumpf Lasertechnik**  
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**Peter Stormberg, CTO Philips Lighting**  
**Jean-Francois Coutris, Vice President SAGEM**  
**Lars Thylén, KISTA/Acreo**  
**Chris Dainty, European Optical Society**  
**VDI Technology Centre**



**From left to right: Peter Leibinger, Trumpf; Lars Thylén, KISTA/Acreo; Malgorzata Kujawinska, Warsaw University of Technology; Alexander von Witzleben, JenOptik; Bernd Schulte, Aixtron; Jean-François Coutris, Sagem DS, Giorgio Anania, Bookham, Paul Lagasse, IMEC, Peter Stormberg, Philips, Chris Dainty, EOS**



The Board of stakeholders in front of the Bibliothèque Solvay in Brussels with more than 20 EPIC Members among them



Commissioner Vivian Reding officially opened the workshop *Photonics21* on the second day where participants laid the foundations for a common Strategic Research Agenda.



Alexander von Witzleben, President of *Photonics21* and CEO of Jenoptik AG stated: *“We need to join forces at the European level to make full use of the potential photonics offers for Europe’s Economy. Only a coordinated approach enables us to further improve the competitive advantage Europe has today and will need more than ever in the future. We are confident that our close dialogue and cooperation with the European Commission (...) will lead to strong focus on Photonics in the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme.”*