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Brussels, 26th April; Photonics Information Day on Call “Objective ICT-2007.3.5: Photonic components and subsystems”

To prepare for the Call on Photonics components and subsystems, the European Commission (EC), Photonics unit, is organizing an Information Day on Photonics in Brussels on April 26th 2007 at Avenue de Beaulieu 25, room 0/01. During the event the Photonics topics in the 2007-2008 Workprogramme will be presented, followed by the chance for prospective proposers to present their ideas and meet potential partners. Additionally, more specific information on the individual subtopics of the Call will be provided to potential proposers.

As the Call on Photonics components and subsystems has significant relevance to all Photonics21 Work Groups, it is highly recommended to attend the Information Day!

Please register by e-mailing INFOSOPHOTONICSINFODAY@ec.europa.eu with your full contact details. Places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

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Further information:

[European Commission Information Day](#)

[Call “Objective ICT-2007.3.5: Photonic components and subsystems”](#)

The European Commission is looking for FP7 experts in the field of Photonics

The EC is looking for qualified experts to evaluate proposals submitted to the "Photonic Components & Systems" Objective of the ICT (Information Communication Technologies) Thematic Program of FP7, or to assess the progress of running projects related to Photonic Components. In particular, members with industry background are encouraged to apply.

Prospective independent experts are expected to have a high level of professional experience in the public or private sector in one or more of the following areas of activities like research in the relevant scientific and technological fields, administration, management or evaluation of RTD projects; use of the results of RTD projects, technology transfer, innovation, and business cooperation, particularly with regard to SMEs; issues at the interface of science and society (e.g. education, communication, expertise, risk, ethics, etc.), international cooperation in science and technology.

If you are interested in becoming evaluator or reviewer for FP7 Photonics projects, you can do so by registering in the Commission's FP7 database at the following link <https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/>. After having registered in the Commission's expert database, please notify by email Dr. Gustav Kalbe (gustav.kalbe@ec.europa.eu) or Markus Korn (markus.korn@ec.europa.eu), indicating your areas of expertise.

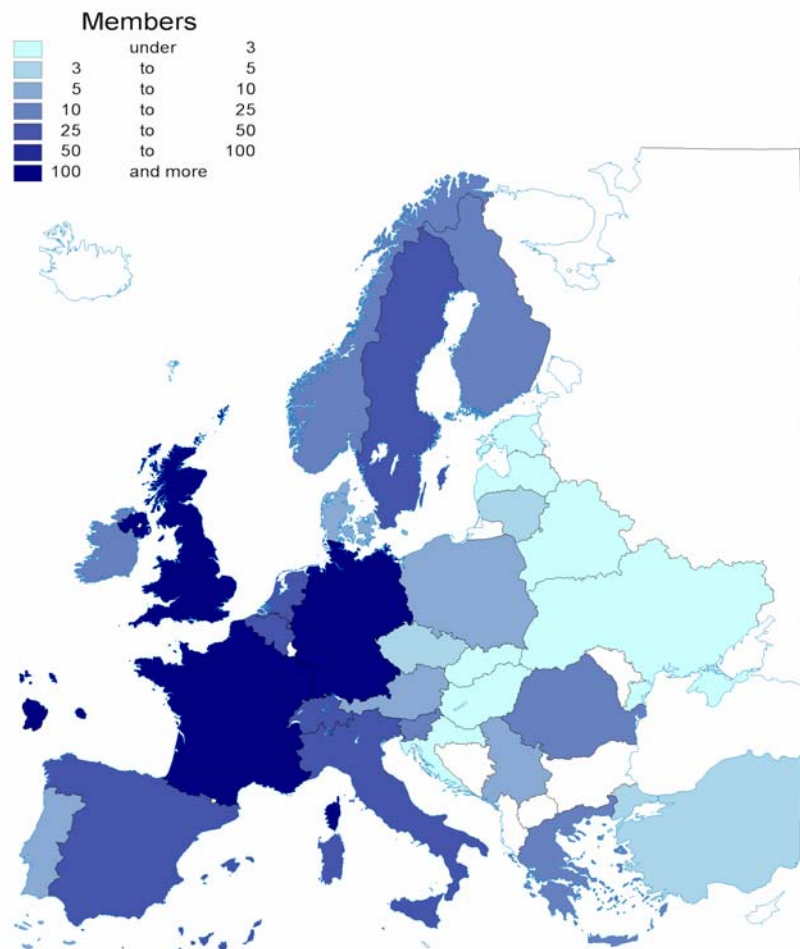
Concerning the evaluation of proposals submitted in Call-2 to the "Photonic Components & Systems" Objective of the ICT Thematic Program, as a difference to the evaluation process in FP6, the Commission is likely to introduce remote reading. Evaluators would receive the proposals before coming to Brussels, giving them the time to individually assess the proposals at their premises. Compared to FP6, this is likely to reduce the time to be spent in Brussels.

Number of Photonics21 members tripled to 700

During the first 16 month of its existence the number of Photonics members - coming from 37 countries -

significantly increased to 700. The vast majority of members are located in Western and Central Europe.

However, memberships from USA, South Korea, China, Canada and other countries clearly indicate that Photonics21 is well noticed beyond the boundaries of Europe. Also remarkable is the fact that the ratio of members from industry and science is about 50%. In 2007 Photonics21 intends to further increase the involvement of Eastern European stakeholders.



Photonics21 at the Optoelectronics Industry Development Association (OIDA) Annual Forum 2006

Chris Gracie of Scottish Optoelectronics Association gave a presentation on Photonics21 at the OIDA Annual Forum, December 6-7, 2006 in Washington.

The OIDA Forum was attended by over 120 CEO/CTO level company representatives. Attendees were given a variety of viewpoints into the trends that will influence optoelectronics market growth over the next decade. This year's event focused on two markets that have recently shown national importance and market strength: industrial lasers and energy. The conference also highlighted the re-emergence of the communications market now underway. Featured speakers included Senator John Ensign (R-NV) and Mark Foulon, Acting Undersecretary for Industry and Security at the Department of Commerce, as well as a host of market leaders in the industry.

Photonics21 at Photonics West

Hans-Juergen Kahlert, President of JENOPTIK Laser, Optik, Systeme GmbH gave a talk on Photonics21 at the Photonics West Conference, January 20-25, 2007 in San Jose, California, USA. The presentation with the topic "Optical Technologies: Engine for Innovations in Industrial Applications of Lasers" dealt with market and technology driven trends in Photonics with special focus on the network of European technology leaders organized in Photonics21.

Improved service for Photonics21 members: Upload your FP7 proposal and project partner search

Today, the new Photonics21 website with enhanced features for members will be launched. Following the recommendation of Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders and Work Group Chairs, the Photonics21 website www.photonics21.org will offer new features like the possibility to upload FP7 project proposals or partner search requests. For accessing the member area you will receive your username and password shortly by e-mail.

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