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25TH-26TH MARCH 2004

VENUE:

PROCTER & GAMBLE EUROPEAN TECHNICAL CENTRE (ETC)
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FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

9:00 – 11:00	WORK SESSION 4: "FP6 & SMES – STRATEGY & OPPORTUNITIES"
	 ✓ "Welcome to P&G European Headquarters" Peter A. Smith, Section Head, R&D Global Surface care-P&G ✓ Introduction to FP6 SME Strategy B. Verachtert, Head of Sector: Collective research and promoting SME participation, DG Research ✓ Sustainable Energies & Environment P. Valette/P. Schilled/P. Hansen/C. Frajakis, DG Research* ✓ IST ○ T. Hallantie, DG INFOSOC ✓ Food Quality & Safety W. Kutt, DG Research
	Questions & answers
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45	WORK SESSION 5: "How to decode new FP6 instruments & Make them more Accessible to SMEs"
	 ✓ DETECT-IT – Stimulating SME involvement in FP6 Siobhán McQuaid, DETECT-IT Project Manager, EBN ✓ SME Support Measures introduced by BEA Jacques Evrard, Brussels Enterprise Agency (SME-NCP) ✓ Involving SMEs in new FP6 Opportunities Michel Ganoote, ANVAR (SME-NCP - France) ✓ SME CASE STUDY (Belgium)
	Questions & answers
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	WORK SESSION 6: "CORPORATE-SME CO-OPERATION IN NEW FP6 INSTRUMENTS"
	 ✓ Connect & Develop Strategy of P&G - John Walker, P&G ✓ P&G Success Stories - André Convents, P&G ✓ BT Brightstar - Speaker to be confirmed, BT ✓ GDF Entreprendre - Valérie Blanchot-Courtois, Gaz de France ✓ Gaz de France Spin-off Case study - Jean-Claude Molla, LEMDYF
	Questions & answers
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:30	WORK SESSION 7: "ACADEMIC, LEGAL & FINANCIAL ISSUES IMPACTING ON SME PARTICIAPTION IN FP6"
	 ✓ Collaborative Business Development – G. Capart* ✓ Financial Testimonial – Speaker from i-Source TBC* ✓ IPR and Legal Issues – Kate Hughes, Director, Auril (UK) Questions & answers
20.30	NETWORKING DINNER
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FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

9.30 – 11:30	"CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE - STIMULATING SME				
9.30 - 11.30					
	PARTICIPATION IN FP6"				
	 ✓ The Finnish experience in IST Heidi Huhtamella, Hermia (FI) ✓ Stimulating FP6 participation in NAC Roman Linczenyi, BIC Bratislava (SL) ✓ Wista Presentation - Corporate-SME Co-operation/SME R&D Dvt H. Schmitz, Wista Science Park (DE)* ✓ Corporate-SME co-operation in R&D Dr. Nabil Sakkab, Senior VP R&D, Member of the P&G Board 				
	of Directors ✓ Presentation of conclusions of Work Sessions 4-7				
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	✓ Dr. Philippe Busquin, European Commissioner for Research				
	Questions & answers				
	✓ Moderator of Concluding Roundtable				
	Philippe Vanrie, EBN Managing Director				
12.00	Opproved Or course				
12.00	OFFICIAL CLOSURE				
	✓ Dr. Derek. Harris, Managing Director of Aston Science Park and Birmingham B.I.C. (UK) & EBN President				

^{*} Please note that some of the selected speakers are still to be confirmed. The programme will be regularly updated on the "Events" section of the EBN web site: http://www.ebn.be

PRACTICAL INFO

- Venue: The seminar will take place at Procter & Gamble European Technical Centre (ETC) just outside Brussels. The exact address is:

 Temselaan 100, Strombeek-Bever
 B-1853, Strombeek-Bever
 Belgium
 Please find the map in attached document.
- Language: The training session will be held in English.
- Accommodation: a block-booking has been made in the following hotel:
 - √ *Hôtel Tulip Inn***** (75 rooms booked allocated on a first come first serve basis)

For further information and access map: http://www.tulipinnbb.be/

For booking at *Hôtel Tulip Inn*, please return the form at the end of this document directly to the fax number indicated on the form.

- Shuttle Bus: -A shuttle bus will be organized from the Hotel Tulip Inn to the Seminar Venue at the times shown below. After the close of the seminar on Friday, the shuttle bus will go directly to the airport and then into the Tulip Inn:
 - √ Wednesday 24th 2004 Depart Tulip Inn 10.30a.m Depart P&G ETC 18.45pm
 - √ Thursday 25th 2004 Depart Tulip Inn 8.15am Depart P&G ETC 18.45pm
 - √ Friday 26th 2004 Depart Tulip Inn 8.45am Depart P&G ETC 12.30 pm for airport and then Tulip Inn
- Networking Dinner: Participants are invited to attend a "networking" dinner on Thursday 25th March in an attractive restaurant located in the centre of Brussels (10 minutes walk from Hotel Tulip Inn):

Restaurant La Rose Blanche Grande Place B-1000 Brussels Tel: +32 2 513 64 79

Please confirm your participation by ticking the appropriate box on the registration form to be returned <u>to EBN</u>. Dinner must be paid in advance to confirm reservation.

BACKGROUND TO DETECT-IT

In Europe, SMEs generate the majority of radical innovations and technological breakthroughs. Yet, several factors still tend to curb SME innovation/R&D activities and their participation in EC RTD programmes:

- SMEs do not have the necessary in-house knowledge and skills to manage the RTD process;
- They are predominantly inward looking and have short term vision;
- There is a lack of awareness-raising activities about the benefits and opportunities for SMEs in RTD and innovation;
- As a consequence there is a subsequent lack of human resources allocated to RTD activities in SMEs;
- Those SMEs who do participate in EC RTD projects are ill prepared for the administrative and financial burden relating to participation in EC programmes.

DETECT-IT is a European project which aims to tackle some of the problems faced by SMEs in participating in EC R&D projects. The project involves forty-two partners from fifteen countries and hundreds of SMEs from across Europe. A particularly innovative element of DETECT-IT is the involvement of leading corporates from the private sector. Companies like Procter&Gamble recognise the innovative capabilities of SMEs and through DETECT-IT, they are working to identify and establish collaborative research opportunities.

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OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the DETECT-IT project is to mobilise a network of 30 EC Business Innovation Centres (BICs) incubators to identify and encourage small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to participate in FP6 (sixth framework programme) research. The BIC is the only EC-accredited model for supporting business creation and they also have a mandate to provide innovation services to existing SMEs.

Over the duration of the project over 1000 SMEs from the client base of the BICs will be audited and clustered into the three target industry sectors of IST, Food Quality & Safety and Environment & Energy. These clusters grouping SMEs with similar technology profiles and innovation needs will be animated by a BIC with the support and guidance of a corporate mentor, a leading industry player in each sector. A pool of early-stage financial support organisations has also been put in place to support these sub-clusters in recognition of the difficulties SMEs face in financing research activities. The involvement of academic and research institutions in clusters will be encouraged.

The success of the project is also dependent on a group of FP6 experts made up of NCPs, technology brokers and recognised EC experts in each of the three target industry sectors. Over the duration of the project this group will help in the clustering of SMEs and will identify and follow up opportunities for these SMEs in new FP6 instruments, in particular Integrated Projects.

The longer term goal of the project is to develop and refine a sustainable deal-flow mechanism to channel the SME clients of the BICs to the appropriate research opportunity using the intermediary mechanism of the relevant NCP. Stimulating corporate-SME co-operation in the R&D area is also a long term goal. Finally throughout the DETECT-IT project, a particular emphasis is placed on the development of regional networking models for RTD support in the NAC countries.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ON 25-26TH MARCH?

- FP6 Project Leaders in particular **IP Project Leaders** in the area of IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- Other **ETI Project Leaders** in the area of IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- EC Project Officers responsible for co-ordination of FP6 research activities, in particular concerning SMEs and IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- NCPs, IRCs, regional support structures with responsibility for SME involvement in RTD
- Research organizations involved in IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- Academic institutions involved in research in IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- R&D Managers of leading corporate players in IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy sectors
- SME support instruments and regional development players
- Sectoral representative associations in IST, Food Safety and Quality and Environment and Energy
- \$\Bar{\text{Financial instruments supporting early-stage SMEs}}
- EC and regional policy makers in the area of innovation and R&TD

DETECT- IT PARTNERS

Group	No. of participants	Members
Project Co-ordination	1	• EBN
2. FP6 Expert Group	9	 ANVAR Brussels Enterprise Agency BIC Bratislava UBIFRANCE Dr. Paolo Zupa Centro Sviluppo PEACRITT Euroscan INBIS
Methodological Working Group	6	 Brussels Enterprise Agency BIC Bratislava Dr. Paolo Zupa Centro Sviluppo INBIS Pronovus
4. BIC Participants	30	 Innotek (BE) Socran (BE) BIC Brno (CZ) BIC Ostrava (CZ) BIC Plzen (CZ) Hermia (FI) Cicom (FR) Thesame (FR) BIC Frankfurt Oder (Ger) Wista (Ger) BIC of Attika (GR) Innostart (Hungary) BIC Dublin (Irl) SEBIC (Irl) BIC Abruzzo (It) Promofirenze (It) Tecnopolis Csata (It) BIC Twente (Neth) NET (Port) BIC Cassovia (SI) BIC Cassovia (SP) Ciudad Real (Sp) BIC Valencia (Sp) CIMTEC (Switz) BIC Birmingham (UK) TTC Kent (UK) Pronovus (UK) Culminatum (FI)
5. Cluster Animators	10	 Socran (BE) Hermia (FI) Cicom (FR) BIC Frankfurt Oder (Ger) Wista (Ger)

		 BIC of Attika (GR) Innostart (Hungary) Promofirenze (It) BIC Valencia (Sp) BIC Birmingham (UK)
5. Corporate mentors	3	British TelecomP&G EuropeanGaz de France
6. Portal development	1	BT Group

DETECT-IT is co-ordinated by EBN the representative association of the EC BIC



FP Expert and NCP Support & Participation:





The Brussels Enterprise Agency







Corporate Support & Participation:





Procter&Gamble

Support from EC supported financial brokerage:



ABOUT THE BICS & EBN

European Community Business & Innovation Centres – or EC BICs as they are officially known – are support organisations for innovative small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) and entrepreneurs. They are recognised by the European Commission through a quality certification scheme, which enables them to obtain the European "EC-BIC" label.

GLOBAL MISSION

BICs are business and innovation support instruments assisting regional and local economic development. Their role is to support the creation of new innovative firms and to help existing firms to modernise and innovate, throughout a complete set of incubation services within an internationalisation context

CORE BUSINESS SERVICES

The pillars of BICs' services are:

- the promotion of entrepreneurship;
- the pro-active detection of innovative projects (individual and collective projects from entrepreneurs, SMEs and researchers)
- strategic guidance before, during and after start-up phase (incubation and follow-up)
 - during incubation (risk analysis, business planning support, mentoring, access to financing)
 - follow-up after creation (post incubation) with a focus on financial engineering and hands-on strategic guidance and operational support
- providing innovative firms with physical incubation facilities and related services
- supporting innovative firms in the internationalisation process
- providing innovative firms with technological and marketing assistance
- academic spin-off and industrial spin-out engineering
- by organising training courses for innovative entrepreneurs
- supporting co-operation (including clustering) between innovative firms
- sign-posting towards existing service providers and other support organisations, as well as the building of an external talent pool are recommended

THE EUROPEAN NETWORKING DIMENSION

EC BICs are collectively represented by EBN, the European BIC Network, based in Brussels whose aim is to develop, co-ordinate and promote the growth of the BIC network within and outside the European Union. Since its creation in 1984, EBN has grown substantially and there are now 160 BICs (full members) in 21 countries as well as 60 additional associate members who share the same objective of SME support and development.

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Registration Form

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Brussels (B), 24, 25 & 26 March 2004

To be returned to EBN by fax (+ 32 2 772 95 74) or e-mail (<u>laura.delgado@ebn.be</u>)

by 10th March

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	- Participant 2 :		
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HOTEL BOOKING FORM

<u>DETECT-IT – Stimulating SME Participation in FP6</u> <u>Brussels, 24-26 March 2004 (Belgium)</u>

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