



Press Release

EUROGIA+ ANNOUNCING FIRST CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Brussels, 01 September 2008 – **EUROGIA+**, the recently approved **EUREKA** Cluster for Low-Carbon Energy Technologies (**Σ! 4468**) is extending an invitation to Europe's high tech industry, small and medium sized enterprises as well as research institutes and academia to participate in its first call for project proposals.

This first call will **open from September 1st, 2008** and **close on October 27th, 2008**.

Based on a diligent evaluation and project selection process, project labelling is planned for the first week of February, 2009.

EUROGIA+ is not only the continuation of **EUROGIA**, the EUREKA Cluster for Energy, running during the last 4 years, but it represents a major development because it is the first program dedicated to the whole energy mix, from fossil to renewable sources. **EUROGIA+** proposes a systemic approach which is mandatory to cope with the huge challenges the world is facing today to:

- satisfy the energy demand and its continuous growth,
- fight against climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- prepare for the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies while continuing the decarbonisation of the energy chain, and ultimately migrating towards the hydrogen economy.

EUROGIA+ builds on the experience of **EUROGIA** in fostering the continued development of a dynamic European eco-system with the critical mass necessary to compete at a global level in high technology industries. It is expected that the whole energy sector will join efforts and start working together towards **affordable, clean, safe and viable energy** production.

Starting from identified sources (Oil & Gas, Biomass, Wind, Solar, Geothermal...), **EUROGIA+** invites for industrial innovation to cover part or all of any path between the source and end-user(s) via an energy vector (combustible, electricity or heat). This must result in minimising the carbon footprint AND optimising the market value of the resulting product/process or service.

Information and guidelines for the preparation of project proposals are accessible on the **EUROGIA+** web pages: www.eurogia.com, tab **Submit your project**, section **Current Call**, where the **EUROGIA+ White Book**, which forms the working basis for cluster projects, can also be downloaded.

About **EUROGIA+**

EUROGIA+ (Cluster for Low-Carbon Energy Technologies) is a recently labelled five-year EUREKA programme aiming at a Technological Leadership for a competitive European energy industry.

EUROGIA+ is a network of technology providers that encompass practically all scientific and technology disciplines of relevance to energy. This variety leads to cross fertilisation between those sectors and in turn accelerates innovation. **EUROGIA+** is also a **public/private R&D partnership aimed at accelerating investment in sustainable energy technologies**. It addresses the energy mix, i.e. all types of energy from O&G to renewable sources (excepted coal & nuclear).

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