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### **2008 Conference to explore approaches to knowledge management and innovation**

*The conference will bring a remarkable group of speakers together, who will discuss cutting-edge knowledge management issues and encourage participants to build a Europe of innovation.*

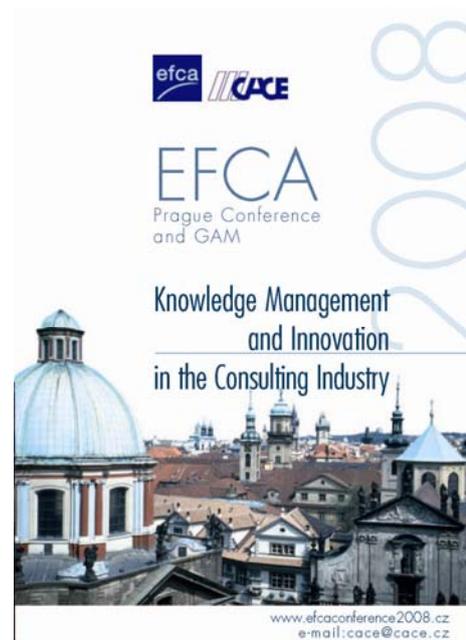
The 30 May 2008 EFCA Conference in Prague will offer an insight into present challenges and opportunities of **'Knowledge Management and Innovation in the Consulting Industry'**.

Experts and leading decision makers from the industry as well as public and private clients will explore experiences in the added value of, and approaches to, knowledge management and innovation.

The programme provides for an exchange of views on today's major policy issues such as the use of innovation and creative ideas to adapt to future demands (e.g. climate change, energy-saving etc.), innovation-friendly public procurement, and the industry's link to research and science.

Success stories will demonstrate how the engineering consultancy firms' work promotes competitiveness and how the results of their work enhance the quality of the built and natural environment.

The conference is designed as a discussion and networking place for engineering consultants and knowledge managers across Europe.



The provisional programme, regular updates and the registration forms are available on the conference website ([www.efcaconference2008.cz](http://www.efcaconference2008.cz)). Advance registration rates expire on 31 March 2008.

## **Quality of services: the role of an EFCA code of conduct**

*The Services Directive contains key provisions relating to improving quality of service and in particular to encouraging professional associations to draw up European codes of conduct.*

*The ultimate goal is to facilitate the free movement of services in the Internal Market.*

The EFCA Public Procurement Committee believes that an EFCA code of conduct would enhance the visibility of the engineering consultancy sector at European level, and also provide a communication and promotional tool for the industry.

In this context, the Committee will develop an EFCA Code of Conduct, setting out a broad framework that is to be interpreted and adapted to the national context.

Elements to be included in a European code are:

- rules of professional conduct (independence, impartiality, serving the clients' needs and interests);
- ethical conduct towards clients and competitors;
- professional secrecy;
- professional qualifications & vocational training;
- insurance & professional liability;
- commercial communications;
- remuneration;
- mechanisms for control and sanction.

The outcome of the Committee's work will be submitted for an extensive consultation with the internal stakeholders.

## **Project Financing Committee: Terms of Reference further strengthened**

*The EFCA Project Financing Committee is henceforth chaired by Marco Villa, Chief Financial Officer of OICE member firm Technip Italy.*

Under the new Chair, the Committee will take the opportunity to discuss its future agenda, tasks and expected outputs. All Committee initiatives reflect and respond to the national associations' priorities and needs.

Over the past years, the EFCA Project Financing Committee offered comments on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) to the European legislator, advised the national associations in their representational work towards clients and developed recommendations in accordance with EU legislation on contract provisions and project award/execution to the firms.

The next meeting of the Project Financing Committee is scheduled for 28 May 2008 (Prague).

## **EFCA addresses standardisation challenges**

*As part of its support to the AFNOR (French Standards Institution) feasibility study on standardisation in consultancy engineering services, EFCA organised a series of workshops.*

*EFCA will invite external stakeholders to screen its proposals and recommendations at the 22 April 2008 workshop.*

There are many differences in the way that engineering consultancy services are delivered and regulated from one EU country to another: there are differences in practices depending on the projects, sectors, clients and actors.

In addition, differences in insurance regimes, liabilities, laws and national professional regulations on market entry and conduct are wide-spread barriers to cross-border engineering consultancy services.

Within the context of the AFNOR feasibility study, the possible development of a common functional terminology and scope of works is highly relevant for the engineering consultancy industry.

Such Europe-wide terminology would serve as a means to improve co-operation between all project parties, to avoid misunderstanding on the content and cost of services, and to open up the internal services market.



The final report on the AFNOR study will determine how far the standardisation programme could go, whether limited to a functional terminology and glossary, or further.

### **2007 STD Sector Review reports on the industry's developments**

*The Swedish Association of Architects and Consulting Engineers (STD) publishes an annual comprehensive overview of the Swedish, Nordic and international engineering consultancies and architectural groups.*

The report details the markets in which the architectural and engineering consultancy firms work.

Based on firms' annual reports and websites, responses to the STD survey as

well as contributions from the Nordic associations, it shows market trends and corporate developments.

The publication includes:

- the top 300 Swedish consulting engineering and architectural groups with figures on turnover, employees, profit and balance;
- developments within different subsectors;
- major business transactions in the sector;
- international developments;
- a comparison between internationally listed consultancies;
- the top 100 Danish, Norwegian, Finnish groups and top 25 Icelandic groups;
- the top 100 Nordic architectural groups;
- the European top 300 consulting engineering and architectural groups;



The latest issue (November 2007) is available at

[http://www.std.se/english/documents/SectorRev2007\\_000.pdf](http://www.std.se/english/documents/SectorRev2007_000.pdf)

Board of Directors	Lisbon	21-22.02.2008
Standardisation Working Party	Brussels	26.02.2008
Professional Liability Committee	Brussels	28.02.2008
Public Procurement Committee	Brussels	04.03.2008
D&S Meeting	Saint Petersburg	14.03.2008
Partnership for Development Committee	Brussels	01.04.2008
Board of Directors	Brussels	18.04.2008
Project Financing Committee	Prague	28.05.2008
Public Procurement Committee	Prague	28.05.2008
Board of Directors	Prague	29.05.2008
<b>EFCA GAM &amp; Conference 2008</b> <a href="http://www.efcaconference2008.cz">www.efcaconference2008.cz</a>	Prague	29-31.05.2008
Board of Directors	Stockholm [tbc]	18-19.09.2008
Board of Directors	Brussels	05.12.2008

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### ***Hotels in Brussels - EFCA corporate rates 2008***

*For 2008, the EFCA Secretariat negotiated special corporate rates with three already known hotels and one new hotel.*

*Hotel IZÁN* (former Melia), near the Avenue Louise, offers comfortable rooms in an English, colourful and cosy style.

The brand new hotel *The Dominican* - inaugurated in October 2007 - is located in the city centre and offers stylish and elegant rooms with upscale amenities (good value for money).

The hotel *Crowne Plaza Brussels City Centre 'Le Palace'* - close to the train station 'Nord' - faces the botanical gardens. It combines the Art Nouveau style with Art Deco style and offers a large number of comfortable and newly designed rooms with upscale facilities.

The *Hotel Progress* - inaugurated in 2006 - is close to the train station 'Nord' and offers elegant rooms with upscale amenities.

The 2008 list of hotels as well as a map with their location is available on request, on the EFCA website (Calendar/Hotels) and on the extranet for the members (Useful Papers/Useful Documents). Please do not hesitate to contact the EFCA Secretariat (Virginie Dalle, [vdalle@efca.be](mailto:vdalle@efca.be)), should you need assistance or more information.

We would appreciate your comments on these hotels.

For your information, some of the hotels do not always guarantee the special corporate prices during the so called 'blackout dates', e.g. the congress periods in Brussels: Intensive Care 17-21/03/2008, Seafood 21-25/04/2008, Decosit 13-17/09/2008, Label Expo 17-20/09/2008.



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## EU FUNDS & PROGRAMMES

### **400 million euro for staff exchanges between businesses and universities**

*The 'Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways' (IAPP) scheme under the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7) is the only action in which a single SME can apply for Community research funding with a single university partner.*

The Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways are designed to stimulate mobility between the public and private sectors and promote staff exchange through joint research partnerships.

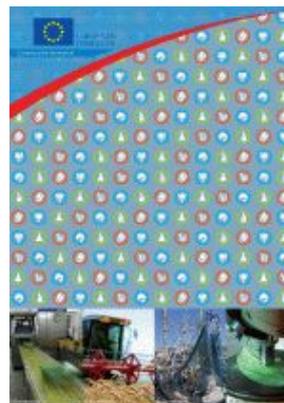


Support is provided for exchange of know-how and experience through two-way secondments of research staff; research and networking activities; recruitment of experienced researchers from outside the partnership; organisation of workshops and conferences and, for SMEs, research equipment.

Funding is typically for 4 years and is up to 100% of the costs of the project; no matching financing is required.

The IAPP scheme is open to all organisations active in research. The partnerships consist of at least one private and one public research organisation and at least two countries taking part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme.

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/industry-academia\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/industry-academia_en.html)



An FP7 guide to funding schemes and network opportunities for research-intensive SMEs

Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology  
Knowledge Based for Growth (2007)



The Commission also published a step-by-step guide, showing SMEs where and how they can obtain FP7 funding to help their businesses grow.

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/uri?target=EUB:NOTICE:KI7707018:EN:HTML>

## ***Programmes to implement 'European territorial cooperation' adopted***

*The 2007-2013 cohesion policy is structured around three objectives: convergence, regional competitiveness and employment, and territorial co-operation. The territorial component has become a full objective in its own right.*

The member states submitted a total of 70 cross-border programmes and 13 transnational programmes to the Commission under the 2007-2013 'European Territorial Cooperation Objective'. For cooperation with candidate and potential candidate countries, 10 cross-border programmes have been prepared together with the partner countries under the pre-accession instrument IPA. All member states complete the EU support with a national financial contribution.

The transnational programmes are the Central European and South-East European Space programmes, and the Baltic Sea and Mediterranean programmes.

28 Cross-border programmes were adopted, as well as two IPA cross-border programmes, combining funding from the European Regional Development Fund and from the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) into a single community budget.

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/atlas2007/crossborder/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/crossborder/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/atlas2007/transnat/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/transnat/index_en.htm)

## ***Call for proposals for Marco Polo II programme***

*The Commission published the second call for proposals for the Marco Polo II programme.*

The programme aims to shift freight off the road and on to short-sea shipping, rail and inland waterways. It supports actions to reduce congestion, to improve the

environmental performance of the transport system and to enhance intermodal transport, thereby contributing to a more efficient and sustainable transport system. In particular, the programme aims to help companies during the start-up phase of new services.

The selected companies will be offered grant contracts of up to six years. The budget for the 2008 call has been increased to 59 million euro (compared to 57 million euro in 2007).

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/calls/2008/guides08\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/calls/2008/guides08_en.htm)

## ***EU initiatives to unlock global market potential for European eco-industries***

*The EU is a strong global player in eco-industries with around 30% of overall world turnover, and more than 50% in water and waste management.*

*The whole environmental technology market is forecast to double by 2020 to some 2,300 billion euro.*

The 4th European Forum on Eco-Innovation in Vienna intended to explore strategic orientations for the future development of the Environmental Technologies Action Plan (ETAP), which aims to boost private and public investment in environmental technologies and the take-up of environmental technologies.

European policy makers and business leaders discussed the challenges for the European eco-innovation sector and barriers in technology transfers.

These range from lack of information, insufficient understanding of local needs and practices, lack of capital, high transaction costs, and no full cost pricing to general trade and policy obstacles. Other business limitations include inadequate environmental codes and standards as well as a dominant fear of losing intellectual property rights.

Under the Seventh Framework Programme, up to 30% of the 32 billion euro budget will be spent on environmental technologies.

This includes hydrogen and fuel cells, clean production processes, alternative energy sources, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, biofuels and biorefineries, energy efficiency, information technologies for sustainable growth, clean and efficient transport, water technologies, soil and waste management and environmentally friendly materials.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoinnovation2008/1st\\_forum/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoinnovation2008/1st_forum/index_en.htm)

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cip\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cip_en.html)

### ***European Leading Markets initiative to bridge the gap between innovations and market success***

*The Commission proposes measures to strengthen innovation dynamics and support entrepreneurship in six markets that have a substantial potential for growth and job creation.*

The 'Lead Markets Initiative for Europe' (LMI) is focused on a demand-driven approach: it implies that an innovation responds to the need of a large number of users, and consequently is turned into a commercially successful product on the international market.

The Commission is now proposing a set of coordinated actions, aiming at lifting obstacles that hinder the development of new markets or providing incentives for their more rapid emergence.

Instruments to develop innovation friendly markets in a more targeted way are a better regulatory environment, a more result-oriented standardisation process, innovation-friendly public procurement, and measures to provide business and innovation support services, training and communication.

The proposed action plans are targeting six markets: eHealth, sustainable construction, technical textiles, bio-based products, recycling, and renewable energy.

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/leadmarket/leadmarket.htm>

## **INTERNAL MARKET**

### ***EUROCODES workshops***

*The Eurocodes provide a European-wide approach to structural design of works.*

The EN Eurocodes are pan-European structural design codes comprising 10 design standards, consisting of 58 parts.

With the publication of all Eurocodes in 2007 a major milestone in the European standardisation for construction has been achieved.

Now the Eurocodes are in the key stage of national implementation by the Member States, which is expected to be fully completed in 2012.

For most of the 10 European Standards, EN 1990 – EN 1999, however, national implementation will already be achieved by 2010.

The Commission is organising workshops, aimed at contributing to the consistent and timely implementation of the Eurocodes and enhancing the training potential in the member states.

More details are available at:

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

<http://eurocodes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/listevents.php>

### ***Commission controls the full and timely respect of EU public procurement law***

*The Commission started infringement proceedings against Italy and Germany.*

The Commission decided to refer Italy to the European Court of Justice over the procurement of waste management services by the city of Contigliano. The case concerns the direct award of waste management services by the Municipality of Contigliano in Lazio to a public-owned

limited liability company (A.M.A. Servizi S.r.l.) of which the town of Contigliano owns 0,5% of the capital.

In the Commission's view, the powers entrusted to the Municipality of Contigliano as a minority owner are insufficient to confer on the latter a control which is similar to the one exercised over its own departments. Secondly, the undertaking is active in the market and it carries out a significant part of its activities with parties other than its controlling entities. Consequently, the conditions required by the ECJ case-law for the application of the 'in-house' exception are not met in this case.

The Commission decided to refer Germany to the European Court of Justice over a contract for the supply of a software application that was concluded directly between two public-law bodies (Datenzentrale Baden-Württemberg and Anstalt für Kommunale Datenverarbeitung in Bayern), responsible for data processing services for the use of municipalities, without conducting a competitive tendering procedure.

Following a complaint by a private waste disposal undertaking, the Commission decided to send a reasoned opinion to Germany concerning the award of a public service contract for the disposal of biodegradable and green wastes by the municipality of Bonn. Under Internal Market rules, the municipality is obliged to apply transparent and competitive tendering proceedings.

The latest information on infringement proceedings concerning all Member States can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/index_en.htm)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ***Enterprise Europe Network: more than 500 contact points for entrepreneurs in Europe***

*The new European support network for enterprises offers a one-stop service, in particular to assist small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop their full potential and innovative capacity.*



Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) provides free help with finding business and research partners abroad and accessing sources of EU funding, advice on EU standards and laws, and the sharing of research results.

The EEN replaces two former networks: Euro Info Centres and Innovation Relay Centres.

The contact points will be created in existing chambers of commerce, regional development agencies, business support offices and university technology centres.

[http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)

## **500 million euro: estimated savings for companies achieved by cutting red tape**

*The second Commission progress report on the strategy for simplifying the regulatory environment lists a series of impressive results. It includes a set of ambitious measures to be presented by the Commission in the course of 2008.*

Examples of simplification proposals already adopted include the 'Single Payments Area' (estimated savings up to 28 billion euro/year) and the new electronic Customs Code (estimated savings up to 2,5 billion euro/year). The Commission report also makes mention of the impact assessments in the EU policy-making process.

Furthermore, the Commission reported on the first year of operation of the Action Programme for reducing administrative burdens.

Five out of ten Fast Track Actions have already been adopted and the rest are awaiting adoption in the first months of 2008, with an expected further 800 million Euro savings.

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/admin-burdens-reduction/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/admin-burdens-reduction/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/key\\_issues/better\\_regulation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/key_issues/better_regulation/index_en.htm)

## **Who receives money from the EU budget?**

*The legal requirement to disclose beneficiary information for EU funds is an important step forward towards increased accountability.*

With the adoption of the revised Financial Regulation (on 13 December 2006), the EU has committed itself to full transparency about who receives monies from the EU budget.

There will be annual ex-post publication of beneficiaries of Structural Funds as from 2008 and of recipients of money received

under the Common Agricultural Policy as of 2009.

From 2008, the publication of the names of final beneficiaries and the payments made in the previous year will be binding.

This data will have to be accessible for all citizens through a web site set up by the national authorities in each member state.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/eti/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/eti/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_barroso/kallas/transparency\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/kallas/transparency_en.htm)

## **New guarantee instrument to finance European transport infrastructure**

*The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) established the Loan Guarantee Instrument for trans-European transport network projects (LGTT) to facilitate partnerships between the public and the private sector.*

The investment required to complete and modernise the Trans-European transport Network (TEN-T) exceeds the capabilities of public funding.

Under the LGTT, the EIB will accept exposure to higher financial risks than under its normal lending activities. The key idea is to diminish the banks' apprehension in relation to this type of investment – in which there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding revenue, at least during the early years of use – and allow private investors to gain better borrowing conditions with reduced risk.

The EIB, by taking such subordinated risk through the LGTT guarantee, will help the project to cope with the revenue risk of the early years of operation while relying on the long-term perspective of the project to be financially viable.

The capital contribution of 1 billion euro (500 million euro each from the Commission and the EIB) is intended to support up to 20 billion euro of total capital investment.

[http://ec.europa.eu/ten/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/ten/index_en.html)

[www.eib.org](http://www.eib.org)



## DOCUMENTS & WEB SITES OF INTEREST

### EU LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Proposals & Regulation

**Directive 2007/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2007 amending Council Directives 89/665/EEC and 92/13/EEC with regard to improving the effectiveness of review procedures concerning the award of public contracts**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l\\_335/l\\_33520071220en00310046.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l_335/l_33520071220en00310046.pdf)

### **Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)**

On 28 January 2008 European banks formally launched the first SEPA payment instrument for credit transfers. In SEPA, all euro payments are considered domestic and are made with one set of payment instruments.

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/payments/sepa/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/payments/sepa/index_en.htm)

### **Proposal for a Directive on industrial emissions** (integrated pollution prevention and control)

The Proposal recasts seven existing Directives related to industrial emissions into a single clear and coherent legislative instrument. The recast includes the IPPC Directive, the Large Combustion Plants Directive, the Waste Incineration Directive, the Solvents Emissions Directive and 3 Directives on Titanium Dioxide.

Minimum provisions covering the inspection of industrial installations, the review of permits, reporting on compliance and protection of soil will be introduced with consequent environmental improvements. The scope of the legislation will be clarified and amended to include some new activities.

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ippc/proposal.htm>

**'Climate action and renewable energy package'**: the European Commission's legislative proposal to achieve agreed EU objectives in the fight against climate change

On 23 January 2008, the European Commission put forward a far-reaching package of proposals that will deliver on the European Union's ambitious commitments to fight climate change and promote renewable energy up to 2020 and beyond.

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate\\_actions/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/climate_actions/index_en.htm)

### REPORTS

### **Climate change: the cost of inaction and the cost of adaptation**

The report looks at the economic costs of climate change (impacts) at a European level. These costs are increasingly shaping the climate policy debate but the report highlights the fact that methodological issues and uncertainties remain in cost estimation.

[http://reports.eea.europa.eu/technical\\_report\\_2007\\_13/en/Tech\\_report\\_13\\_2007.pdf](http://reports.eea.europa.eu/technical_report_2007_13/en/Tech_report_13_2007.pdf)

## **Interim report on Progress in Romania/Bulgaria under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism**

The reports verify the countries' progress in remedying all shortcomings in the implementation of EU laws and policies, in particular in the areas of judicial reform and the fight against corruption.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2008:0062:FIN:EN:PDF>

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2008:0063:FIN:EN:PDF>

## **CONSULTATIONS**

### **Small Business Act**

The objective of this initiative is to put small and medium sized enterprises at the forefront of decision-making in the EU and to introduce concrete measures to unlock the SMEs' growth potential.

It will include new initiatives to reduce regulatory burden on SMEs, facilitate access to Single Market/public procurement, help provide necessary financial/human resources for SME development and help SMEs face the challenge of globalization and climate change.

Deadline: 31 March 2008

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/entrepreneurship/sba\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/entrepreneurship/sba_en.htm)

### **Future non-energy raw materials policy**

A Commission Staff Working document on the competitiveness of the EU non-energy extractive industry (4 June 2007) analysed the availability of non-energy raw materials within the EU. It also examined the different drivers of a competitive extractive industry in Europe.

As a next step, the Commission will prepare a Communication on a European strategy on non-energy raw materials.

Deadline: 24 March 2008

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=1249](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=1249)

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **European business - Facts and figures, 2007 edition**

Eurostat's main reference publication gives a comprehensive picture of the structure, development and characteristics of European business and its different activities. It presents the latest available statistics from a wide selection of statistical sources describing for each activity: production and employment; country specialisation and regional distribution; productivity, cost profiles and profitability; the importance of small and medium-sized enterprises.

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?\\_pageid=2293,59872848,2293\\_68195678&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=2293,59872848,2293_68195678&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

### **Handbook with estimates of external costs in the transport sector**

The Commission handbook, jointly prepared with transport research institutes, summarises the state of the art as regards the valuation of external costs. The Commission intends to make use of this handbook to prepare a communication, due in June 2008, on a strategy to internalise the external costs for all modes of transport that is and a proposal to revise the directive on the charging of heavy goods vehicles.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/costs/handbook/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/costs/handbook/index_en.htm)

### **Europe's Vulnerability to Energy Crisis**

The World Energy Council (WEC) points to Europe's vulnerability to energy crises. The report identifies several major risk factors.

<http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/1231.asp>

### **A decade and more of monthly construction statistics - Issue number 129/2007**

This 'Statistics In Focus' presents a decade and more of short-term construction statistics: it provides an overview of the last ten years in that sector and also a brief analysis of the recent developments in this important activity.

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?\\_pageid=1073,46587259&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL&p\\_product\\_code=KS-SF-07-129](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-SF-07-129)

### **Considerable growth in transport infrastructure in the Mediterranean partner countries -**

Issue number 11/2008

This 'Statistics In Focus' contains data on transport infrastructure - ports, airports and roads - in the Mediterranean Partner Countries and the recent changes in that infrastructure.

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?\\_pageid=1073,46587259&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL&p\\_product\\_code=KS-SF-08-011](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page?_pageid=1073,46587259&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&p_product_code=KS-SF-08-011)

### **Cohesion Policy 2007-13 - National Strategic Reference Frameworks**

New brochure, summarising the National Strategic Reference Frameworks, presented by the Member States during 2007.

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/atlas2007/fiche/nsrf.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/fiche/nsrf.pdf)

### **Working for the Regions. EU Regional Policy 2007-13**

The 36-page publication explains how EU regional policy works and how it supports, for example, transport, innovation, environmental and urban development in Europe's regions and cities. Cooperation between regions, evaluation of programmes, as well as audit, control and publicity requirements are other aspects covered. Figures explain how much will be spent by EU structural funds, and on what, in the 27 EU member states in the years to come.

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/docgener/presenta/working2008/work\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/presenta/working2008/work_en.pdf)

### **Final draft of the 'EIB Anti-Fraud Policy and Procedures'**

<http://www.eib.org/about/news/review-of-anti-fraud-policy--and-procedures-enters-final-stage---the-last-draft.htm>

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