

Press Release

EUROGIA+ Second CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS opening on Jan. 1st, 2009

Brussels, 19 December 2008 – EUROGIA+ is extending an invitation to Europe's high tech industry to participate in its 2nd Call for project proposals.

This 2nd Call **opens on January 1st, 2009** and addresses ALL technology domains described in **EUROGIA+** White Book.

In addition, two Master Projects' thematic will also be opened to give visibility on specific areas and initiate critical mass actions: 1/ **Gas & Geothermal**; 2/ **Carbon Capture & Storage** for Non-Energy Producers. More information will be provided with the Call's official opening.

Deadline for submitting Call 02 Projects Outlines: March 17th, 2009.

Based on a diligent evaluation and projects selection process, **projects labelling** is planned for the early beginning of **July 2009**.

EUROGIA+ is the the first program dedicated to developing Low-Carbon Energy Technologies for the whole energy mix, from fossil to renewable sources. **EUROGIA+** proposes a systemic approach, inclusive of trans-sectoral R&D cooperation, to cope with the huge challenges the world is facing today:

- energy demand's continuous growth,
- greenhouse gases emissions' reduction,
- transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies while continuing the decarbonisation of the energy chain, and ultimately migrating towards the hydrogen economy.

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

As a EUREKA Cluster programme, our approach is intergovernmental, bottom-up and industry-driven, which allows a project idea to attract funding from participating countries even if it is not a priority for all of them. 15 member countries in the EUREKA framework have committed financial support to **EUROGIA+** labelled projects and **EUROGIA+** is open to partners from large industrial companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as research institutes and universities. Our projects involve at least two companies in two different countries – according to the EUREKA rules.

Call process

Our Calls for projects involve a two-step procedure with continuous involvement of the relevant national funding authorities. First, short Project Outlines (POs) are submitted. For those approved outlines, the next step is to submit a Full Project Proposal (FPP). These are evaluated and, if approved, given the **EUROGIA+** – EUREKA endorsed – label. Project participants can then apply for public financial support from their respective countries.

Information and guidelines for the preparation of project proposals are available from 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. It addresses the energy mix, i.e. all types of energy from O&G to renewable sources (except coal & nuclear).

EUROGIA+ is a network of technology providers that encompasses all scientific and technology disciplines of relevance to energy. This variety leads to cross fertilisation between those sectors and in turn accelerates innovation.

As a **public/private R&D partnership**, **EUROGIA+** aims at **accelerating investment in sustainable energy technologies**.

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