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## *STOA Panel continues its examination of project proposals*

After deciding in favour of a first package of eight projects at its meeting of 20 January 2000, the Panel was set to continue its examination of Committee proposals at its meeting in Strasbourg on 17 February in order to complete its Workplan for the year.

*'Water management', 'Technological change and its impact on world trade and capital flows', 'Satellite navigation' – Final Studies being delivered to Panel*

Final Studies resulting from these projects will be delivered to the Panel at its meeting on 17 February 2000 in Strasbourg.

## *Interim study received on 'Health risks posed by silicone implants'*

The Interim Study on this topic, which results from a petition to the European Parliament being considered by its Committee on Petitions, has been received.

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## NEWS

- STOA Panel decides first projects for Workplan 2000**  
The STOA Panel discussed the 2000 Draft Annual Workplan at its meeting in Strasbourg on 20 January 2000 and adopted 8 of the proposed projects (see page 8). The Chairman of STOA, Professor Antonios TRAKATELLIS, has written to the President, Mme Nicole FONTAINE, for approval by the Bureau of Parliament. The remaining project proposals were due to be discussed at the Panel meeting on 17 February 2000 in Strasbourg.
- Date of future STOA Panel meetings**  
At its meeting on 17 February the STOA Panel was due to discuss options for the future time and place of STOA Panel (and Bureau) meetings, on the basis of a Draft Calendar of meetings. More information will follow in a future edition of the Newsletter.
- 'Independency in later life': STOA represented by Eryl McNally at POST/Commission workshop in London on 31 January 2000**  
Mrs Eryl McNALLY addressed a joint workshop was held by the UK parliamentary TA body, POST (Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology), and the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission on 'Independency in later life', on 31 January 2000 in the Grand Committee Room of the Palace of Westminster. It was chaired by Dr Ian GIBSON, MP, Chairman of POST.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in February:

### Workplan 2000

- A European health card**  
**Project Brief**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 2000 - 09/ENVI/PB01, EN, February 2000
- Environmental and health impact of civil and military aviation**  
**Project Brief**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 2000 - 07/INDU/PB01, EN, February 2000

### Workplan 1999

- Use of new technologies and cost of water management in view of the new water directive of the EU**, by George KALLIS, ERN, Athens, Greece

Final Study + Options Brief, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/05/02, EN, February 2000, PE 168.440/Fin.St./EN + PE 168.440/OB/EN  
The Options Brief exists in all languages

- The impact of rapid technological change in information technology on the stability of world trade and international capital flow**, by Jaume VALLS PASOLA, EPS, University of Girona, Spain  
Final Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/06/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.395/Fin.St.
- Technological options for a community strategy for a system of navigation by satellite (GNSS)**, by Rodney FEWINGS, INECO, Cranfield College of Aeronautics, UK  
Revised Interim Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/10/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.392/Int.St./rev.
- Women professionals in the media in the context of new technological developments**, by Mariagrazia FORCELLA, Bergamo, Italy  
Final Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/19/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.380/Fin.St.
- Health risks posed by silicone implants in general, with a special attention to breast implants**, by José MARTÍN-MORENO, National School of Public Health, Madrid, Spain  
Interim Study, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/20/02, EN, February 2000, PE168.396/Int.St.
- Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation**, by Jean-Pierre CHEVALIER and Jean-Pierre HUSSON, ESSOR Europe, Paris, France  
Scoping Paper & Scoping Meeting Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/INDU/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.399/Scop.Pap&Scop.Meet.Rep.
- Dioxins and PCBs: Environmental and health impact**, by Alexander POTRYKUS, IRCE, Munich, Germany  
Scoping Paper & Scoping Meeting Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/ENVI/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.400/Scop.Pap&Scop.Meet.Rep.
- Briefing Note on 'The Precautionary Principle: Stakes and options for policy making'**, by Jim DRATWA, STOA Scholar, Briefing n°30, PE 168.385  
Scoping Paper & Scoping Meeting Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/ENVI/01, EN, February 2000, PE168.400/Scop.Pap&Scop.Meet.Rep.

# PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

**The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) will be holding Scoping Meetings:**

- The remaining additional projects of Workplan 1999** will see their Scoping Meetings with the new contractors being organised in the coming weeks.  
Project Steering Groups will be set up for **the adopted 2000 projects** and meetings will be organised.

**The following Project Steering Groups (PSGs) have held meetings in the past months:**

## **Workplan 1999**

- 99/INDU/01 - Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation**  
**Date/place:** 26 January 2000, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Mrs AHERN, MEP; Mrs LUCAS, MEP; Mr ALYSSANDRAKIS, MEP; Mr HEALY, Green Group/INDU; Mr ANDREUCETTI, ENEL; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Team; Mr CUGNINI, STOA Scholar; Ms KOROMPILIA, STOA Scholar; Ms ROMERO DE CÓRDOBA, STOA Scholar  
**Contractors:** Mr HUSSON and Mr CHEVILLOT, ESSOR Europe, Paris, France  
**Main outcomes:** Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper  
**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH
  
- 99/INDU/02 - Ethical implications of research involving human embryos**  
**Date/place:** 1 February 2000, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Mr LINKOHR, MEP; Mr RÜBIG, MEP; Ms HALLDORF ROM, Assistant to Mr Wijkman; Ms HALPINE, Assistant to Mrs Scallon; Ms WHITTLES, CARE; Mr KARAPIPERIS, DGIII; Ms CECCARINI, PPE stagiaire; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Team; Mr CUGNINI, STOA Scholar; Mr DRATWA, STOA Scholar; Ms KOROMPILIA, STOA Scholar; Ms ROMERO DE CÓRDOBA, STOA Scholar.  
**Contractor:** Mr McGLEENAN, Queen's University, Belfast, UK  
**Main outcomes:** Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper  
**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH
  
- 99/INDU/ENVI/03 - European policy on food safety**  
**Date/place:** 8 February 2000, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Mr TRAKATELLIS, MEP; Mrs MALLIORI, MEP; Mr PETERS, Assistant to Mrs Oomen-Ruijten; Ms HOVING, Assistant to Mrs Plooij-Van Gorsel; Mrs COUSTET, DGII/Secretariat of the ENVI Committee; Mr PECHAN, PIAS, Prague; Mr KARAPIPERIS, DGIII; Ms SERCU, STOA Secretariat; Mr DRATWA, STOA Scholar; Mr CUGNINI, STOA Scholar; Ms KOROMPILIA, STOA Scholar; Ms ROMERO DE CÓRDOBA, STOA Scholar  
**Contractors:** Mr LANG, Thames Valley University, London, UK; and Mr MILLSTONE, SPRU, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK  
**Main outcomes:** Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper

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- 99/JURI/01 - Digital technology evolution and its impact on the EU entertainment and media sectors**

**Date/place:** 8 February 2000, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mr HARBOUR, MEP; Mr SILVA MAIA, PPE Group; Ms SERCU, STOA Secretariat; Mr CUGNINI, STOA Scholar; Mr DRATWA, STOA Scholar; Ms KOROMPILIA, STOA Scholar, Ms ROMERO DE CÓRDOBA, STOA Scholar.

**Contractors:** Mrs TREIBER, Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt, Brussels, Belgium; and Mr MARTINOLI, ICONS, Lodi, Italy

**Main outcomes:** Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Scoping Paper

**For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- A delegation of STOA Panel Members has been kindly invited to visit the Joint Research Centre at Ispra, Italy, by the Director-General of the JRC, Mr Herbert ALLGEIER. The visit is due to take place on 5 May 2000.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is glad to announce that the following have joined the Team:
  - in Luxembourg:
    - Eva HOPPER, a German Ramón y Cajal Scholar, who is an electronics engineer;
    - Patrick LUC, a Belgian Visiting Researcher, in his last year of Communication studies.

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Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (+352-4300.22418) or e-mail (fschaerlaeken@europarl.eu.int).

**Projects of the STOA Workplan 2000 which have already been adopted by the STOA Panel at its meeting of 20 January 2000 but which are still subject to approval by the Bureau of the European Parliament**

<i>Committee</i>		<i>Project title</i>	<i>Member(s) responsible</i>
C01/01	AFET	New technologies in defence policy and conflict management: A challenge for the EU	BROK; MORILLON, LAGENDIJK, GAHRTON
C05/01	ECON	Technological feasibility of reducing the costs of small cross-border credit transfers (CBCTs) within the eurozone	RANDZIO-PLATH
C06/01	JURI	Security technologies for digital media	PALACIO; HARBOUR
C07/..	INDU	Environmental and health impact of civil and military aviation	WESTENDORP; LUCAS
C09/..	ENVI	Microbiological threats to food	JACKSON; TRAKATELLIS
C09/..	ENVI	A European health card	JACKSON; TRAKATELLIS

## STOA Workplan 1999: Table of projects

**NOTICE:** The numbering of the projects is based on the Committee Number in the way they were named and listed during the out-going EP in June 1999.

<i>Committee</i>		<i>Project title</i>	<i>Member(s) responsible</i>
03/01	Budgets	Cost-benefit analysis of EU research and technological development programmes	SAMLAND, WYNN
04/01	Economic	Economic aspects of the development of technologies for the waste treatment industry	VON WOGAU, MALERBA
05/02	Research	Genetically-modified food: Objectives for EU funded research and development	SCAPAGNINI, ADAM
05/02		Use of new technologies and cost of water management in view of the new water directive of the EU	SCAPAGNINI, ESTEVAN BOLEA
06/01	External economic	The impact of rapid technological change in information technology on the stability of world trade and international capital flows	HERZOG, SEPPÄNEN
07/01	Legal	New technologies for the marketing and sale of medicines on the Internet and television networks	DE CLERCQ, MOSIEK-URBAHN
10/01	Transport	Technological options for a community strategy for a system of navigation by satellite (GNSS)	BAZIN, LANGENHAGEN
12/01	Culture	Linguistic diversity on the Internet: Assessment of the contribution of machine translation	PEX, ROBLES PIQUER
13/01	Development	Evaluation of agricultural or other technologies fighting against hunger and poverty	ROCARD, ROBLES PIQUER
14/01	Civil liberties	Crowd control and prison technologies (An appraisal of technologies of political control)	D'ANCONA, FORD
19/01	Women's rights	Women professionals in the media in the context of new technological developments	HAUTALA, McNALLY, HEINISCH
20/01	Petitions	Personal protective equipment at work	FONTANA, CAMISÓN ASENSIO
20/02		Health risks posed by silicone implants	FONTANA, SCHMIDBAUER, MILLER



## URGENT ADDITIONAL PROJECTS 1999

Proposals for urgent additional STOA projects made since the European elections of 13 June 1999 by Committees of the newly elected European Parliament and adopted by the new STOA Panel at its meeting of 19 October 1999 in Brussels

**NOTICE:** The numbering of the projects is based on the Committee Number in the way they were named and listed after the elections of the EP in June 1999.

<b>Committee Ref. n°</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>
JURI 01	Digital technology evolution and its impact on the EU entertainment and media sectors
JURI 02	The impact of electronic commerce on the competitiveness of SMEs in the European Union
INDU 01	Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation
INDU 02	Ethical implications of research involving human embryos
INDU/ENVI 03	European policy on food safety
ENVI 01	Recycled cooking oils: Assessment of risks for public health
ENVI 02	Dioxins and PCBs: Environment and health effects

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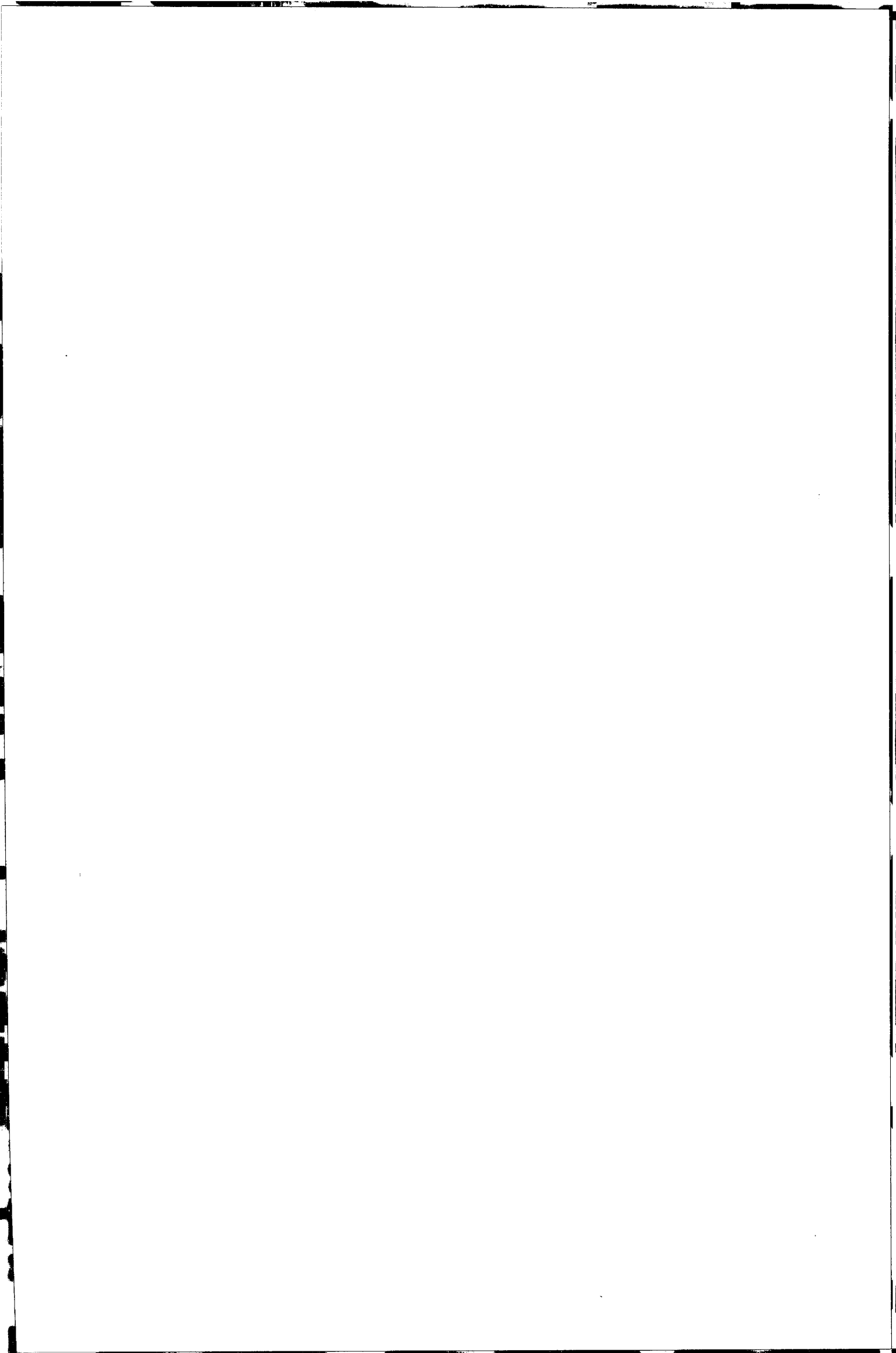
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