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## *Fifteen projects already approved for Workplan 2000*

On 1 March 2000 the Bureau of the European Parliament approved 15 projects already adopted by the STOA Panel for Workplan 2000. Topics include 'Microbiological threats to food', 'The consequences of enlargement on EU agriculture' and 'Security technologies for digital media'. Further projects were up for adoption at the 16 March Panel meeting.

## *'Global Navigation Satellite System' and 'Linguistic diversity on the Internet' - Draft Final Studies ready*

The Draft Final Study was delivered to the Panel meeting on 16 March.

## *Interim Studies delivered to 16 March Panel*

The Panel received the Interim Studies on 'Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation', 'Dioxins and PCBs', 'Ethics of embryo research' and 'Prison technologies'.

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## NEWS

- STOA Panel decides on more projects for Workplan 2000 at second discussion round**  
The 2000 Draft Annual Workplan was discussed a second time by the STOA at its meeting in Strasbourg on 17 February 2000 and a further 7 of the proposed projects (see page 8) were adopted. The total of 15 projects have now been approved by the Bureau of the European Parliament at its meeting of 1 March 2000. The few remaining project proposals are due to be discussed at the Panel meeting on 16 March 2000 in Strasbourg.
- EPTA Network cooperation (European Parliamentary Technology Assessment)**  
Dr Rolf MEYER of TAB, the German partner of STOA in the EPTA Network was welcomed at the 16 March STOA Panel meeting. Dr MEYER is a member of the team of external advisers helping STOA on quality management. Dick HOLDSWORTH attended the EPTA Directors' meeting, hosted by TAB, on 3 March in Berlin on behalf of STOA. This meeting was in preparation of the EPTA Annual Conference which will take place in September at the Reichstag in Berlin and which will probably focus on a medical theme.
- Presentation of STOA project on electronic surveillance at Hearing of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms in Brussels**  
'The EU and data protection' was the theme of the Hearing of 22-23 February 2000 at which Duncan CAMPBELL gave a presentation on his part of the 1998 STOA study on 'Development of surveillance technology and risk of abuse of economic information'.
- Changes in the composition of the STOA Team**  
Mr Graham CHAMBERS, previously the official responsible for Public Health and Consumer Protection research in the Directorate-General for Research, is taking over from Mr Dick HOLDSWORTH from the beginning of April 2000. Meanwhile, Mr Theo KARAPIPERIS has taken over the management of the STOA office in Brussels. Also new in the Team is Mrs Cristina HELLARA, a national expert from the University of Oviedo, Spain.
- Date of future STOA Panel meetings**  
At its meeting on 17 February the STOA Panel decided, for the time being, to continue holding the STOA Panel meetings as before on the Thursdays at 14.30 of the part-session weeks in Strasbourg. Additional meetings could be organised in Brussels.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

**Workplan 1999**

- **Prison technologies**, by Luc MAMPAEY, GRIP, Belgium  
**Interim Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/14/01/B, FR, March 2000, PE289.666/Int.St./FR  
**Executive Summary**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/14/01/B, FR, March 2000, PE289.666/Exec.Sum./EN
- **The ethical implications of research involving human embryos**, by Tony McGLEENAN, Queen's University, Belfast, UK  
**Interim Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/INDU/02, EN, March 2000, PE289.665/Int.St./EN
- **Digital technology and its impact on the EU entertainment and media sectors**, by Helga TREIBER, Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt, Brussels, Belgium; and Mario MARTINOLI, iCons srl, Lodi, Italy  
**Scoping Paper & Scoping Meeting Report**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/JURI/01, EN, March 2000, PE289.663/Scop.Pap.& Scop. Meet.Rep.
- **Technological options for a community strategy for a system of navigation by satellite (GNSS)**, by Rodney FEWINGS, INECO, Cranfield College of Aeronautics, UK  
**Draft Final Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/10/01, EN, March 2000, PE168.392/Drft.Fin.St./EN
- **Linguistic diversity on the Internet: Assessment of the contribution of machine translation**, by Tom MORING, European Bureau for lesser Used Languages, Brussels, Belgium  
**Draft Final Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/12/01, EN, March 2000, PE289.662/Drft.Fin.St./EN
- **Physiological and environmental effects of electromagnetic radiation**, by Jean-Pierre CHEVALIER and Jean-Pierre HUSSON, Eссор Europe, Paris, France  
**Interim Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/INDU/01, EN, March 2000, PE168.399/Int.St./EN
- **Dioxins and PCBs: Environmental and health impacts**, by Alexander POTRYKUS, IRCE, Munich, Germany  
**Interim Study**, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/ENVI/01, EN, March 2000, PE168.400/Int.St./EN  
**Options Brief** 99/ENVI/01/EN
- **Also available are the following briefing notes by the STOA Scholars:**

  - Food labelling for genetically modified products, briefing n°99/24, WIP 99/11/026, PE168.195 (revised version)
  - Aspetti logistici del trasporto intermodale e combinato nei paesi dell'Unione Europea, briefing n°00/02, WIP 2000/03/0148, PE289.658
  - Infrastrutture intermodali: Freight villages e interporti nella Comunità Europea, briefing n°00/03, WIP 2000/03/0149, PE289.659

## PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

- 99/JURI/02 - Impact of electronic commerce on the competitiveness of SMEs in the EU.** A Scoping meeting with Mr HARBOUR, MEP, and the contractors is planned to be held on 21 March in Brussels.
- 99/ENVI/01 -Recycled cooking oils.** A Scoping meeting with Mr TRAKATELLIS, MEP, and the contractors will be organised in the near future.
- 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 2000**

- 00/C09ENVI/.. - Microbiological threats to food**  
**Date/place:** 29 February 2000, Brussels  
**Participants included:** Mr TRAKATELLIS, MEP; Mr BOWE, MEP; Mr PIÉTRASANTA, MEP; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Team; Mr CHAMBERS, DGIV; Mr KARAPIPERIS, DGIII; Mr DRATWA, STOA Scholar; Ms PIBERNAT, STOA Scholar; Ms ROMERO DE CÓRDOBA, STOA Scholar  
**Main outcomes:** Agreement on project scope and timing on the basis of a Project Brief  
**For more information please contact:** Dick HOLDSWORTH

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is sad to announce that the following have left the Team: Giacomo CUGNINI, Andrea GRILL, Irini KOROMPILIA and Nadia TOPPINO. We wish them all the best for the future.

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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 meetings of 20 January and 17 February 2000 and approved 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/..	ITRE	Environmental and health impact of aviation	WESTENDORP; LUCAS
C09/..	ENVI	Microbiological threats to food	JACKSON; TRAKATELLIS
C09/..	ENVI	A European health card	JACKSON; TRAKATELLIS
C10/01	AGRI	The consequences of enlargement on EU agriculture	GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF
C12/01	RETT	Meeting demand for sustainable transport and transport infrastructure in the enlarged EU	HATZIDAKIS; COSTA
C13/01	CULT	Globalisation of the media industry and possible threats to cultural diversity	GARGANI; GRAÇA MOURA
C13/02	CULTI	Communications, culture and access to new information resources: An assessment of cultural and technological obstacles to Europe's transformation into an information society	GARGANI; VANDER TAELEN
C13/04	CULT	Technological requirements in architectural and archeological restoration	GARGANI; GUTIÉRREZ- CORTINES
C14/02	DEVE	Technology cooperation in the field of environmentally sound technologies	MIRANDA; WIJLMAN
C17/01	PETI	Comparative study on possibly toxic effects resulting from the reprocessing plants at Cap La Hague and Sellafield	GEMELLI 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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BUDC:	Budgetary Control	PECH:	Fisheries
LIBE:	Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	RETT:	Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism
ECON:	Economic and Monetary Affairs	CULT:	Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport
JURI:	Legal Affairs and the Internal Market	DEVE:	Development and Cooperation
ITRE:	Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy	AFCO:	Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Rodney and colleagues,

Please find herewith the March STOA Newsletter for Intra/Internet. I'll send you a paper copy by mail.

Sandra, Sorry to hear you are leaving. Lots of luck in your new job!

Eija and Gabriella, Good luck to you too, you'll be hearing from me....

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