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STIMULATING EUROPE'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL POTENTIAL

The Council of the European Communities has given the go-ahead to the launching of a stimulation action which is designed to improve the effectiveness of European Research and Development.*

The action is a response to the increasing difficulty which European science has in translating its acknowledged excellence into the socio-economic progress and competitive advantage enjoyed by our major trading partners. During a first, two year, experimental phase several ways of stimulating European research are to be tried out, including research grants, twinning laboratories in different countries, developing specific multinational projects and encouraging the mobility of research workers. The areas of science involved have been chosen on the grounds that they are likely to require research teams to come together, to encourage the promotion of high quality teams, or to bring about a strengthening of communication and information dissemination within the European scientific system.

The main areas chosen are pharmaco-biology, solid state physics, optics, combustion, photometry/photoacoustics, interface phenomena and climatology. However, proposals of even greater potential scientific or technical value can be considered.

Further information may be obtained from the Directorate-General for Science, Research and Development:

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Proposals for 1983 should be received by October 1.

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