



# **STOA NEWSLETTER**

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## ***Parliament Committees actively discussing STOA projects for 1999***

Following the invitation of Mr Alain POMPIDOU, Chairman of the STOA Panel, to all chairpersons of the European Parliament's 20 committees to put forward proposals for STOA projects, a number of ideas and subjects are under consideration. The proposals transmitted to STOA will form the basis for the Annual Workplan 1999, due to be approved at a special meeting of the STOA Panel on 2 December 1998, in Brussels.

## ***Interim studies of STOA projects on "Coal-mining" and "Renewable Energies for Developing Countries" now available***

The interim study on "Coal-mining technology" was presented at a meeting in Brussels on 12 of November 1998, by the contracting firms IDOM (Spain) and IMC (UK). This document, as well as the one produced on "Renewable Energies for Developing Countries" from the contractor IED (France), will be distributed to the members of the STOA Panel, at the meeting in Strasbourg on 19 November.

## ***Successful Scoping Meetings held on "Revitalising Railways" and "Discards in Fisheries" STOA projects***

During the month of November the above-mentioned meetings took place, bringing together STOA external experts that will carry out the work, Members of the European Parliament, as well as officials from the relevant Committees secretariats. The purpose of Scoping Meetings is to allow contractors to receive direct input from MEPs and other parties at an early stage of their work as guidance and orientation on priority topics.

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## NEWS

### **Workplan 1999**

STOA has received a number of project proposals from the different parliamentary committees and will be discussing the Draft Workplan 1999 at the STOA Panel meeting on 19 November in Strasbourg. It is foreseen to adopt a Final version at an extraordinary Panel meeting on 2 December at 12.00 in Brussels (Room LEO 3-G-3).

### **Presentation on 'fish ranching'**

Dr James MUIR of the Stirling Aquaculture Institute, UK, gave a presentation of his Workshop Study on 'Aquaculture: Deployment of an open-sea marine park with self-restocking by behaviourally conditioned fish (Free fish farming at sea)' at the meeting of the STOA Panel of 8 October in Strasbourg, and will be doing the same at the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries on 26 November in Brussels.

### **STOA delegations to top European research centres**

Two STOA visits have successfully taken place so far: MM. POMPIDOU, HERMAN and BUFFETAUT visited the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) in Sevilla on 15-16 October 1998, and received a warm welcome for its Director, Mr Jean-Marie CADIOU; MM. POMPIDOU and CAMISÓN ASENSIO were welcomed by Mr WIJSENBEEK, who initiated this visit, at the Netherlands research centre TNO in Delft on 29 October. The visit to the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) in Cambridge originally foreseen for 5-6 November, has been postponed to 4 February 1999.

### **New DGIV Publications list**

This list was recently updated and is available in English and French. To obtain a copy please contact Mr DIMMER (tel. +352-4300.22829).

## WORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS

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

### **Workplan 1998**

- Comparative study into coalmining technology**, by Mr Luis RAMOS, IDOM, Bilbao, Spain, in association with Mr Eddy HINDMARSH, IMC, UK  
Interim Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C05/02, EN, November 1998, PE 167.778/Int.St.

- **Bioinformatics**, by the Anglia Polytechnic University - Science and Technology Studies (SATSU), Cambridge, UK, in association with Leiden University Medical Center - Sylvius Laboratories, Department of Human Genetics, the Netherlands  
Scoping Paper, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C05/05, EN, November 1998, PE 167.885/Scop.Pap.
- **New options for renewable energy sources, including solar power, in the developing world**, by IED, Paris, France, in association with Energy 21, Paris, France  
Interim Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C13/02, EN, November 1998, PE 167.792/Int.St.
- **The problem of discards in fisheries**, by MegaPesca, Portugal  
Scoping Paper, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/C17/01, EN, November 1998, PE 167.884/Scop.Pap.

#### **Workplan 1997**

- **Transparency and openness in scientific advisory committees: The American experience**, by Dr Josephine Anne STEIN, Policy Research in Engineering, Science and Technology (PREST), University of Manchester, UK, in association with Prof. Ortwin RENN, Akademie für Technologiefolgenabschätzung (AFTA), Stuttgart, Germany  
Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05-C015/1, EN, November 1998, PE 167.327/Fin.St.
- **Survey and evaluation of criticism of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation**, by Prof. Panayotis ASSIMAKOPOULOS, The University of Ioannina, Greece  
Final Workshop Study (revised version), Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1997 - 97/C05/6, EN, November 1998, PE 167.161/Fin.Wksp.St./Rev.  
The Technical Annex (PE 167.161/Tech.Anx. of March 98) remains unchanged.

#### **Workplan 1996**

- **Strategic options for the evaluation of R&D programmes of the European Union**, by Mr Ken GUY, Technopolis, Brighton, UK  
Final Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1996 - 96/A.LP.1(follow-up), EN, November 1998, PE 167.406/Fin.St.

# PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

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

## Workplan 1998

- 98/C05/02 - Comparative study into coalmining technology**

**Date/place:** 12 November 1998, Brussels

**Participants included:** Mr ADAM, MEP; Mrs GARCÍA ARIAS, MEP; Mrs JUAREZ BOAL, DGII/Research Committee secretariat; Mr SOSA, STOA Projects Administrator, Ms DANTE, STOA Scholar; Mr GARCÍA PRIETO, STOA Scholar; Ms RODRÍGUEZ, STOA Scholar.

**Contractors:** Mr FERNÁNDEZ, IDOM Spain; Mr BERNIS, IDOM Brussels; Mr FAWCETT, IMCL UK; Mr GAZTELU, IMCL Brussels; Mr HURT, RMT.

**Main outcomes:** The Interim Study was presented and discussed.

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The following Project Steering Groups (PSG) and Scoping meetings were organised:

## Workplan 1998

- 98/C17/01 - The problem of discards in fisheries.** A scoping meeting with Mrs HARDSTAFF, MEP and Mr ADAM, MEP, and MM. KRONE and READ of MegaPesca, Portugal, 18 November at 16.00 in Strasbourg (IP1-410).
- 98/C10/01 - Revitalising railways.** A scoping meeting with MM. WIJSENBEEK, MEGAHY and SARLIS, MEPs, and the contractor, Mr DI MARTINO, 19 November at 09.00 in Strasbourg (IP1-534).
- 98/C04/01 - State of play of the interstate customs computer network.** Mr PEDRELLI of Pragmata, Italy, will present the Interim Study on this project to Mrs PEIJS, MEP at a meeting which is planned to take place on 24 November at 15.00 in Brussels (LEO 3-H-1).
- 98/C05/05 - Bioinformatics.** A scoping meeting with Mr POMPIDOU, MEP, and MM. WEBSTER and BROWN of SATSU, UK, is planned to take place on 24 November at 16.00 in Brussels (LEO 3-H-1).
- 98/C05/01 - Ethical issues in European research and technology.** A scoping meeting with Mr POMPIDOU, MEP, and Ms SARCH and Mr ISAKSEN of the Centre for Professional Ethics, UK, is planned to take place on 25 November at 16.45 in Brussels (LEO 1-E-3).

- 98/C05/04 - A nuclear amplifier for energy for electricity production.** A scoping meeting with Mr POMPIDOU, MEP, and Mr HUSSON of ESSOR, Paris, is planned to take place on 26 November at 12.00 in Brussels (LEO 7-H-1).
- 98/C04/02 - Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a juridical network.** A scoping meeting with Mr BONTEMPI, MEP, and MM. SUTTER and DELVAUX of Bureau Van Dijk, Paris, is planned to take place on 2 December at 11.00 in Brussels (LEO 1-E-3).
- 98/C12/01 - Cultural diversity in the new media.** A scoping meeting with Mrs HEINISCH, MEP, and Mrs FORCELLA, contractor, is planned to take place on 16 December at 15.00 in Strasbourg.

## OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- STOA is sad to announce that Mr Rachid TAÏR has left the Team. He is now doing a scholarship with the EP's DGIII.  
  
We wish him all the best for the future.
- STOA is however glad that Ms Patricia VIGNERON, Visiting Researcher, has joined the Team in Luxembourg. She is a French Environmental engineer.

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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](mailto:fschaerlaeken@europarl.eu.int)).

## STOA Workplan 1998: Summary of projects

<i>Committee project n°</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Project title</i>
0201	Agriculture	Consequences of climate change for agricultural production
0401	EMAC	State of play of the interstate customs computer network
0501	CERT	Ethical issues in European research and technology
0502		Comparative study into coalmining technology and costs between the EU (including countries of C. and E. Europe) and major competitors in USA, Australia, S. Africa
0503		Building regulations as a means of requiring energy saving and use of renewable energies: current status and future potential at Member State and EU level
0504		A nuclear amplifier for energy for electricity production
0505		Bio-informatics: a technology assessment of recent developments in bio-informatics and related areas of research and development including high-throughput screening and combinatorial chemistry
0801	ASOC	Technology-induced atypical work-forms: Existing and proposed regulatory strategies concerning social agents (state, employers, trade unions) dealing with technologically-induced a-typical forms of work (tele-work, stand-by work, 24-hour-office-operation)
0901	Regional	The selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the European Union: Classification of criteria for an empirical assessment principally based on research and development, technological innovation and technology transfer indicators
1001	Transport	Revitalising railways: Examples of failures and successes in the revitalisation of railways outside the European Union
1101	Environment	Sustainable use of pesticides
1102		Biodiversity strategy
1103		Orphan drugs
1201	Culture	Cultural diversity in the new media
1301	Development	SMEs, technology and development
1302		New options for renewable energy sources, including solar power, in the developing world
1401	Civil liberties	Development of surveillance technology and risk of abuse of economic information (Appraisal of technologies of political control)
1402		Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a European juridical network
1701	Fisheries	The problem of discards in fisheries
1801	Rules	Ways to facilitate the EP's work by the use of new technologies

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