



EUROGIA+ General Assembly elects its Board

EUROGIA+ founding members have initiated the setting-up of its governing bodies with the appointment of an Executive Committee during a General Assembly on July 10th in Clamart-France. An agenda has been set to complete the Board and Technical Committee appointments. EUROGIA+ supporting countries* will then be invited to appoint representatives of the EUROGIA+ Public Authorities Committee and the 1st Call for proposals schedule will be announced.

On July 10th 2008, representatives of 17 companies** that had notified their expression of interest in EUROGIA+, the EUREKA Cluster for Low-Carbon Energy technologies, participated in a General Assembly and kickoff meeting to set-up the Cluster's governance. Those companies represent the participation of 7 countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway and Spain).

All participants have been invited to become founding members and members of the EUROGIA+ Board.

14 already announced their decision to become Board members, including 2 SMEs; others will confirm their decision at a later date.

Key appointments were made to be able to finalise the governance's set-up and plan the start of operations:

President: Dr. Gabriel MARQUETTE - Schlumberger (FR)

Vice-President: Mr Tom BLADES - Choren Industries GmbH (DE)

General Manager: Mr Pierre-Armand THOMAS - Technip SA (FR)

Secretary General: Mr Eric SANDRIN - GE Oil & Gas (IT)

Treasurer: Mr Manfred DITTMER - Conergy AG (DE)

EUROGIA, a not-for-profit association, will continue being the Cluster's legal support.

* Supporting countries are: Denmark, Slovenia, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Ireland, France, Austria, Iceland, Spain, Monaco, Israel, Turkey and Croatia

** Participating companies: ArcelorMittal, Bureau Veritas SA, Choren Industries GmbH, Conergy AG, GE Oil & Gas-Nuovo Pignone S.p.a., Holografika, Mondragon Componentes, Alcatel Vacuum Technologies France-Adixen, Akeryards SA, CGGVeritas, SAFT Batteries, Saipem SA, Schlumberger, Suez-Tractebel engineering, Suez-Laborelec, Technip SA, WesternGeco AS

Ministers and national delegations attending the EUREKA Ministerial Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia last June 5th & 6th approved EUROGIA+, a new 5-year Cluster (strategic initiative), worth 1 billion euro and encompassing the whole energy mix. EUROGIA+ has the support of 15 EUREKA member countries. 'Our ambition is to develop low carbon energy technologies,' says Gabriel Marquette, EUROGIA+ Chairman and director of Collaborative Research at Schlumberger. 'We are already planning so-called Master Projects on specific topics of key importance such as carbon capture and storage, geothermal, hydrogen production and arctic exploration.'*

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