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Invitation to submit expressions of interest**An opportunity for Europe's research community to help prepare for the first calls of FP6***Identifier: (EOI.FP6.2002)**(2002/C 71/06)*

Following the common position adopted by the Council concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities for the period 2002 to 2006 ⁽¹⁾, the political agreement on the corresponding Euratom programme and the amended Commission proposal for the specific programmes implementing the sixth framework programme ⁽²⁾, the European Commission invites the submission of expressions of interest (EoI) to participate in research actions for topics throughout the seven thematic priorities 1.1.1 to 1.1.7 of the specific programme proposal — integrating and strengthening the ERA and thematic priorities 2.2 and 2.3 of the specific programme proposal — nuclear energy. This invitation does not apply to the other types of activities.

The European Commission is inviting those interested in submitting proposals for 'integrated projects' or 'networks of excellence' (both are new instruments for FP6) to submit EoI to participate in research actions for topics that could be the subject of proposals for these two instruments.

A guide for submitters, help and information desks addresses and further information relevant to this invitation to submit EoI is given at the following web address: www.cordis.lu/fp6/eoi-instruments

Submissions of EoI are invited from those organisations or groups of organisations from the Member States, associated candidate countries and other associated States intending to form consortia (which may also include entities from third countries and international organisations) to respond to later calls for proposals with an integrated project or network of excellence.

EoI must be prepared as indicated in the guide for submitters and must be sent by e-mail to arrive no later than 17.00 (Brussels local time) on 7 June 2002 to: fp6-eoi2002@cec.eu.int An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by e-mail.

⁽¹⁾ Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities, contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002-2006) (ftp://ftp.cordis.lu/pub/rtd2002/docs/fp6_council_0102.pdf).

⁽²⁾ Amended proposal for a Council Decision concerning the specific programmes implementing the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities. (COM(2002) 43 final) (ftp://ftp.cordis.lu/pub/rtd2002/docs/fp6sp_amended_0102.pdf).