Opportunities for cooperation between Indian and European Union Researchers and Research Organisations

A Series of Targeted Information Seminars in July 2008

At the end of July 2008, the European Commission will launch the 2008 Calls for Proposals within its Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7).

FP7 is fully open to participation by Indian researchers and research organisations and there are numerous scientific, networking and financial benefits from participating in FP7. In order to raise awareness and disseminate information on the opportunities offered by these Calls for Proposals, the Delegation of the European Commission to India, in cooperation with the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India, is organising a series of Information Seminars in New Delhi (7 July), Kolkata (8 July), Hyderabad (10 July), Chennai (11 July), Bangalore (14 July), Kochi (15 July), Mumbai (17 July) and Pune (18 July).

About FP7: The FP7 is the largest international research programme in the world with a budget of €54 billion (approx Rupees 310,000 crores) over the period 2007-2013. FP7 supports collaborative research in fields such as Health; Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology; Information and Communication Technologies; Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies; Energy; Environment (including climate change); Transport; Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities. A major fellowship programme (the Marie Curie Actions) is an integral part of FP7.

Related S&T activities specifically targeted for EU-India cooperation include strategic workshops, EU-India Coordinated Calls for Proposals, FP7 targeted calls with India (SICAs) and other actions agreed by the EU-India S&T Steering Committee.

About the Seminars: The seminars will be organised in a convenient location in each of the cities mentioned above. Each event will start at 09:30 and will be followed by lunch.

Each Seminar will cover:
- key features of EU-India S&T Cooperation
- the Framework Programme and the research areas covered by its 2008 Calls for Proposals
- the fellowships offered by the Marie Curie Actions
- practical information on proposal submission

There will be ample time reserved for questions and discussion.

Participation and registration: Participation in the seminars is free but requires registration. To register, please send an email to delegation-india-st@ec.europa.eu. Please include your name and institutional affiliation, the city where you wish to attend the seminar and your main field of research interest.

For more information on the Seminar series, including the venues of the seminars, please visit www.delind.ec.europa.eu/en/sicoep/fp7roadshow

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