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1.ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

LEGISLATIVE WORK.

-Thematic Strategy on Prevention and Recycling of Waste. Co-decision - first reading and Own-initiative. Consideration of draft reports. Deadline for amendments: 5 September. Adoption in ENVI Committee: 10 October. Adoption in Plenary: November I.

-Related to MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: Co-decision - first reading and Own initiative Consideration of draft reports. **Marine Protected Areas.** It introduces the obligation to establish of "Marine Protected Areas" in the EU legislation. Deadline for amendments: 13 September. Adoption in ENVI Committee: 10 October. Adoption in Plenary: November.

2.GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND CO2 SEQUESTRATION

-Commission services seek contributions for Intelligent Energy – Europe II as part of the new Framework programme for Competitiveness and Innovation (CIP).

While awaiting the formal adoption of the CIP by the European council, preparation of the work programme for IEE-II has already begun. To help it develop this new work programme, the European Commission services seek your feedback and views. Your contribution is important and should be made via the online questionnaire provided on:

ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/iee2/index_en.htm

PUBLICATIONS

“The enlargement of the European Union: effects on trade and emissions of greenhouse gases”, Xueqin Zhu and Ekko van Ierland (2006). Ecological economics 57(1): 1-14.

The current study provides new insights into the possible consequences that EU enlargement may have on greenhouse gas emissions and reduction targets.

3.HAZARDS AND CLIMATE VARIATION

EVENTS

-Advisory Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction PRESENTS

“A Conference of European Scientific Good Practice for Disaster Risk Reduction”

14-15 November 2006, Venue The Thames Barrier Installation. London .

Organized by the Advisory Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction Supported by Environment Agency, Civil contingencies Secretariat, Health protection Agency, Society for Earthquake and Civil Engineering Dynamics, University of Portsmouth.

Conference Objectives: *To encourage European collaboration in disaster risk reduction via the UN International Strategy for Disaster reduction (ISDR) National Platform framework.*

All representative disaster risk reduction organizations of the 25 EU member states are invited to collaborate on promoting resilience to natural disasters.

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-International conference **THE ABIOTIC ENVIRONMENT: EVALUATION OF CHANGES AND HAZARDS - case studies (ECAH)**, Warsaw, Poland, 16 -17 October 2006. Following activities of the FP5 Centre of Excellence **REA** the coming conference will address the following subjects: Water management and resources, Marine abiotic environment and resources, Natural hazards, Human induced environmental hazards, Present and past environmental changes and Preparations for FP7. For more details please visit: www.pgi.gov.pl quick access: conferences.

4.HYDROGEOLOGY

-Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment in the Water Safety Plan. The MICRORISK project (FP5 project) has recently produced its final report. The final report describes how Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA) can be used in water safety planning. For more information about the MICRORISK project see www.microrisk.com

-Marine Pollution (MAPO) Project. This FP6 Specific Support Action aims to assist small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) that specialize in marine pollution issues and wish to participate in current technological partnerships (IP/NoE) and in future European research projects. The support action proposed by the MAPO Consortium aims at assisting European SMEs:

- in integrating ongoing Integrated Projects/Networks of Excellence and/or in building new technological partnerships for FP6 projects and first FP7 calls for proposals.
- in order to participate in European RTD projects oriented towards means of detection, treatment, warning and prevention of all types of marine pollutions. For more information please visit:

www.marine-pollutions.org

PUBLICATIONS AND AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

-CORDIS focus. RTD Results Supplement. CORDIS focus is published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities as part of the FP6 Framework Programme. CORDIS focus is available at: <http://cordis.europa.eu.int/focus/en>

-Water and Soil European Research - Catalogue of FP6 projects. A recent publication provides an overview of the projects addressing issues linked to water and soil research that resulted from activities launched from 2003 to 2006 by the priorities "Global Change and Ecosystems" and "Policy-Oriented Research". The overall European Commission budget dedicated to the presented 58 research projects is 188 M EURO. The information provided is based on the data available in June 2006, some projects still being subject to final negotiation. The publication is available at: http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/rtd/eesdwtkeact/library?l=/projects_information&vm=detailed&sb=Title

EVENTS

-Climate Change Impacts on the Water Cycle, Resources and Quality Research-Policy interface workshop, Brussels, Belgium, 25-26 September 2006. The workshop is organized in the frame of the European Commission by DG Research, DG Environment and DG Joint Research Centre. For more information please visit: <http://cordis.europa.eu/sustdev/environment/ev20060628.htm>

5.GEOHERITAGE AND SOIL PROTECTION

PUBLICATIONS AND AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Source: Peters D. et al. (2006) « Disentangling Complex Landscapes: New Insights into Arid and Semiarid System Dynamics », *BioScience* 57 (6): 491-501.

Contact: debpeter@nmsu.edu Theme(s): Soil, land use, sustainable development and policy assessment

6.RESOURCES AND RESERVES – MINERALS AND THEIR SUSTAINABLE USE

-The **CRIRSCO** website is now active at www.crirSCO.com. The aim of CRIRSCO (Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards) is to contribute to earning and maintaining that trust by promoting high standards of reporting of mineral deposit estimates (Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves) and of exploration progress (Exploration Results).

7.GENERAL NEWS

-The European Platform of Women Scientists ([EPWS](http://www.epws.org/)) is preparing an overview of European networks and activities dedicated to promoting women in science. It is estimated that Europe needs an extra half a million researchers (or 1.2 million research-related personnel) to meet the EU's Lisbon goals of becoming the world's most competitive knowledge-based economy. As women are currently under-represented in the field of scientific research, the Commission is promoting measures aimed at encouraging women to take part in European research. The [EPWS](http://www.epws.org/), launched with start-up funding from the Commission in March 2006, is currently mapping the structure and activities of different networks throughout Europe and is calling for individual women scientists and women scientist networks from all disciplines to help it in this task by answering a [questionnaire](#) on the issue. The answers will be used to update the current information on networks of women scientists in Europe, provided for in the Commission's [Directory of Networks of Women Scientists](#) (2003) and to prepare the first EPWS network [event](#) on 20 October . <http://www.epws.org/>

-1 and 1/2 day Lobbying in the EU: How to represent and defend your interests, in Brussels workshop which will be held on the 2nd and 3rd (finishing at 13.00hrs) of October at Le Chatelain All Suite Hotel, Brussels. This high quality workshop encompasses both theoretical and practical perspectives on lobbying, utilizing lobbying methodologies, case studies and practical simulation exercises to help develop your working knowledge and skills relating to EU affairs. Register now "Early Bird Rate" which will expire on the 28 August, 2006. Further information can be found online at <http://www.eulobbying.com>, or please email jwilmott@epsilonevents.com or call James Wilmott on +44 (0) 2920 642 704 to discuss the workshop further.

8.JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EFG office is contributing directly to the mobility of young geologists through Europe. We found recently the web page of **The Leonardo Hungarian Agency**. On this page, you can register your institution's offer with all the details in English, French or German in their Partnersearch Database. <http://english.tpf.hu/pages/partner/partnerlist.php>

European Companies have the possibility to register, offering training placements.

This is an opportunity for young Hungarian geologists; they have the chance to get a grant within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci European Mobility Programme, and to start to develop their professional careers.

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