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THE EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM ON NANO-ELECTRONICS HEADING TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

Major developments unveiled at the ENIAC annual Forum in Budapest

Budapest, November 27, 2007 - ENIAC, the European Technology Platform for Nanoelectronics, has unveiled in a Press Conference the key topics to be presented in their Annual Forum that will take place tomorrow, November 28. Major issues will be the main achievements of ENIAC in 2007 and the upcoming developments.

ENIAC has presented a fully revised version of its Strategic Research Agenda that in its previous releases has already influenced national, trans-national and European research programs in the advanced and strategic field of Nanoelectronics: the new version focuses on societal needs and developments, increasingly linking its technology priorities to “lead markets” and key application areas such as Energy and Environment, Health, Security, Communication and Mobility, Transportation, and Entertainment.

In the last years, the Platform has successfully carried out its strategic mission, first bringing together the key European industrial and scientific R&D performers in Nanoelectronics to commonly define the Strategic Research Agenda, and then federating them in AENEAS (Association for European NanoElectronics ActivitieS). This dedicated legal structure will allow them to take part in the Joint Undertaking, a public-private partnership with the EC and relevant Member States expected to implement European-wide large research projects under the label of the Joint Technology Initiatives (JTI).



“Now that these goals have been achieved, the time has come to take the next step and move towards the implementation phase,” said Alain Dutheil, ENIAC Vice-Chairman. “To contribute to the competitiveness of European Nanoelectronics, the next challenge of ENIAC / AENEAS stakeholders will be to actively work together to turn the Strategic Research Agenda into strong industrial research programs and research projects capable of capitalising on European strengths”.

Out of the thirty-four currently established European Technology Platforms, ENIAC is one of the six expected to found the Joint Technology Initiatives. At the Press Conference, the representatives of ENIAC and of the European Commission confirmed that the ENIAC Joint Technology Initiative, a program intended to mobilize around 3 Billion euros in the next years, is expected to be endorsed by the Council of the European Union before the end of the year, after a positive opinion by the European Parliament on December 10. The start of the Joint Undertaking that will implement this first-of-a-kind public-private partnership for European R&D is planned early next year.

On the occasion of the Forum, and complying with the rotation concept adopted by the Platform and its legal association, chairmanship of ENIAC / AENEAS will be transferred from Wolfgang Ziebart, Chief Executive Officer of Infineon Technologies, to Alain Dutheil, Chief Operating Officer of STMicroelectronics.

More information on the ENIAC technology platform can be found at <http://www.eniac.eu>



About ENIAC

ENIAC (European Nanoelectronics Initiative Advisory Council) is the European Technology Platform for Nanoelectronics established by the European Commission to prepare a coherent, Europe-wide development in leading-edge technologies in the Nanoelectronics field. Its mission is to identify the research issues essential for ensuring Europe's "knowledge" leadership in this area, and to define a Strategic Research Agenda, bringing together all European key players in Nanoelectronics along the common roadmap of this Agenda.

ENIAC was launched in 2004: the Strategic Research Agenda was released in 2005 and partially revised in 2006. Fifty Stakeholders from the semiconductor industry, equipment & materials suppliers, users companies and research centres are now actively participating in the Platform. Universities are represented through the ENIAC Scientific Community Council, while participation of SMEs through national platforms is being strongly encouraged.

About AENEAS

AENEAS (Association for European NanoElectronics ActivitieS) is a non-profit industrial association, providing a legal backbone to the European Technology Platform on Nanoelectronics (ENIAC). AENEAS will carry forth the mission and the activities of the ENIAC Platform, and allow key European R&D performers in Nanoelectronics to participate in a public-private partnership with the European Commission, Member States and Associated States. The aim of this partnership is to implement key sections of the ENIAC Strategic Research Agenda, in the frame of the proposed Joint Technology Initiatives, a major new mechanism in the European Framework Programme.

Participation in AENEAS is open to all European key players in Nanoelectronics, whether large industry, small and medium enterprises, research institutes, academia, associations or natural persons. More information on AENEAS can be found at:

http://www.eniac.eu/web/aeneas/aeneas_ex.php

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