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Strong response to the ENIAC Joint Undertaking third call results in 26% more R&D project proposals

Brussels, 11 May 2010 - The submission of R&D project proposals in response to the third call issued by the ENIAC Joint Undertaking came to closure on 30 April 2010, showing a 26% increase with respect to the previous call. The selected projects shall contribute to the competitiveness and sustainability of the European nanoelectronics industry by sparking progress in the miniaturisation and enhancements in device functionality, driving and being driven by important societal applications in communication and computing, transportation, health care and wellness, energy and environmental management, security and safety, and entertainment.

Dr. Andreas Wild, the Executive Director of the ENIAC Joint Undertaking, said: "The strong response to the third call convincingly demonstrates that the ENIAC Joint Undertaking takes public-private partnerships to the next level by federating national and European resources. The total requested funding exceeds more than 4 times the available budget, confirming the strong innovative character of R&D in the nanoelectronics sector and providing a solid basis for future increases in public financial support."

The rigorous selection process begins now with a review of all proposals by a panel of experts who will provide valuable feedback to consortia in support of the preparation and submission of Full Project Proposals. The projects will then be ranked according to technical merit and to their anticipated impact on priority areas defined by R&D actors and approved by Public Authorities. The process will be concluded by funding decisions in favour of the highest ranked proposals.

In previous calls, Public Authorities selected 18 projects carried out by 239 innovative companies, research institutes and Universities - more than 40% of the participating entities are small and medium-sized enterprises. Over six years, the ENIAC Joint Undertaking shall commit public funding for projects with an estimated value of 3 billion Euros.

Since the beginning of May 2010, the ENIAC Joint Undertaking fully operates as an autonomous legal entity. This confirms that the European Commission successfully executed its statutory mandate to establish and run initial operations.

About the ENIAC Joint Undertaking

Status: The ENIAC Joint Undertaking is a legal entity established by the European Council Regulation (EC) 72/2008 as a European Union body with the mission to implement the Joint Technology Initiative in nanoelectronics as defined in the Specific Programme 'Cooperation' of the Seventh Framework Programme.

Mission: Until 2013, the ENIAC Joint Undertaking shall allocate public funding contributed by the Member and Associated States and by the European Commission to cooperative R&D

projects in order to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of the European nanoelectronics industry. The total estimated value of the R&D activities reaches 3 Billion Euros. The ENIAC Joint Undertaking shall function until the end of 2017 accompanying the projects to their completion.

Organisation: The operations of the ENIAC Joint Undertaking are managed by an Executive Director and a secretariat under the supervision of a Governing Board including Public Authorities and representatives of AENEAS, the association of the R&D actors in nanoelectronics. The Annual Work Programmes are elaborated by the Industrial and Research Committee and approved by the Public Authorities Board.

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