

Mission

The mission of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) is to provide scientific and technological support for the EU policy-making process. A strong focus is on EU enlargement policy. Through specialised institutes in five countries, the JRC supports the efforts of applicant countries to acquire the scientific and technological know-how needed to implement and develop further the body of EU law. Research Commissioner Philippe Busquin's European Research Area initiative will enable the JRC to consolidate this role through increased networking with research organisations across the enlarged Union. The JRC provides support for a wide range of topics that are of direct concern to European policies and citizens.

These topics are broadly related to safety and security issues within three core areas: environment and sustainability; food, chemical products and health and nuclear safety and safeguards. These core areas are reinforced by three horizontal competencies: reference materials and measurements, public security and antifraud and technology foresight.

These two events will present recent JRC achievements and future plans to prominent research organisations in the Slovak Republic. The intention is to promote a structured dialogue, identify potentially interested partners and pave the way for enhanced collaboration in the 6th Framework Programme for RTD.



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PROGRAMME



JRC Information Event in the Slovak Republic

The Joint Research Centre
promotes the development
of a European Research Area
for an enlarged Union.

VENUES:

4th March 2004

Bratislava, Hotel Forum

5th March 2004

Košice, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Ministry of Education of
the Slovak Republic



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE
Joint Research Centre

4th March 2004
Hotel Forum, Bratislava

- 9.30 - 10.00 Welcome Coffee and Registration
- 10.00 - 11.00 Opening Session
(Moderator Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Member of the JRC Board of Governors)
- Mr. Martin Fronc, Minister for Research
 - Mr. Jochen Schult, Counsellor, European Commission in the Slovak Republic
 - Mr. Barry Mc Sweeney, Director General, Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- 11.00 - 11.30 The JRC Enlargement Activities
(Mr. Giancarlo Caratti, JRC)
- 11.30 - 12.00 Action Plan to support participation from Acceding Countries in FP6 and future opportunities
(Mr. Brendan Hawdon, DG RTD)
- 12.00 - 12.30 ERA and the Slovak Republic
(Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Member BoG)
- 12.30 - 14.00 Buffet Lunch (in parallel: press briefing)
- 14.00 - 16.00 Parallel Sessions

English will be the working language; presentations given in English or Slovak (no interpretation foreseen)

The Information days have been organised with the support of the programme Phare - TAC (Travel, Accommodation and Conference Facility).

A

Room A: Promoting Future Collaboration

Chairman: Mr. Jirí Burianek (JRC)

- Enlargement related opportunities at the JRC, Mr. Jirí Buriánek, JRC
- The Role of the National Contact Point, Mr. Martin Kedro, NCP
- Training and Mobility, Ms. Margaretha Theelen, JRC
- Experience of Slovak researchers at the JRC, Ms. Jana Smieskova, JRC
- Contribution of CORDIS, Ms. Virginia Mercouri

B

Room B: Examples of collaboration in Environment and Energy

Chairman: Mr. Giovanni Bidoglio (JRC)

- Inventory and remediation of mining waste Giovanni Bidoglio (JRC), Slovak partner: Ms. Vlasta Janova, Ministry of Environment
- Flood prediction and control, Mr. Milan Kalas (JRC), Slovak Partner: Mr. Peter Roncak, Hydro-Meteorological Institute, Bratislava
- Solar Energy: Mr. Marcel Suri (JRC), Slovak partner: Mr. Miroslav Marias, Ministry of Economy

C

Room C: Examples of collaboration in Metrology, Food and Agriculture

Chairman: Mr. Piotr Robouch (JRC)

- Metrology in chemistry Mr. Piotr Robouch (JRC), Slovak partner: Mr. W. Patoprsty, Slovak Metrology Institute
- Support to EU Agricultural Policies Mr. Giuseppe Nesti (JRC), Slovak partner: Mr. Michal Svíček, Soil Science and Conservation Research Institute
- Food safety Mr. Ole Ostermann (JRC), Slovak partner: Mr. Lubomir Dasko, Food Research Institute

- 16.00 -16.30 Closing coffee with opportunity for bilateral contact with JRC staff

5th March 2004
Slovak Academy of Sciences, Košice

- 9.00 Welcome and Registration
- 9.30 - 9.50 Opening Session
Chairman: Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Member of the BOG
Welcome: Mr. Marian Reiffers, Member of the Praesidium of the Slovak Academy of Science
- 9.50 - 10.20 The JRC and its Enlargement Activities/opportunities
(Mr. Giancarlo Caratti/Mr. Jirí Buriánek, JRC)
- 10.20 - 11.20 Examples of JRC projects (first part)
Chairman: Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Member of the BOG
- Inventory and remediation of mining waste: Mr. Giovanni Bidoglio (JRC)
 - Flood prediction and control: Mr. Milan Kalas (JRC)
 - Solar Energy: Mr. Marcel Suri (JRC)
- 11.20 - 11.40 Coffee Break
- 11.40-12.40 Examples of JRC projects (2nd part)
Chairman: Mr. Vladimir Sucha, Member of the BOG
- Metrology in chemistry: Mr. Piotr Robouch (JRC)
 - Support to Agriculture: Mr. Giuseppe Nesti (JRC)
 - Food Safety : Mr. Ole Ostermann (JRC)
- 12.40-13.00 Role of the National Contact Point
(Mr. Martin Kedro NCP)
- 13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch
In parallel: press briefing