

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A CHALLENGE FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS AND COMPETITION**

The European Commission is preparing a major conference on “Sustainable Development: a challenge for European research” that will take place May 26-28, 2009, in Brussels. The Scientific Committee for the conference, chaired by Prof. Jaeger from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the European Climate Forum, is pleased to invite submissions of papers for this conference.

**Profile:** The papers can be of three kinds

- 1) presentation of highly specialized discoveries or outstanding inventions of relevance for sustainable development;
- 2) reflection on the challenge of sustainable development in the years and decades to come;
- 3) proposals for how to strengthen European Research in the perspective of sustainable development.

Papers of the first two kinds shall fit one of the following three themes:

- i) Efficiency and Effectiveness
- ii) Fairness
- iii) Diversity

**Efficiency and Effectiveness** may relate to the use of energy, water, materials, labour, money, knowledge, etc. for specific purposes. **Fairness** may relate to practical accessibility of resources and services, to intergenerational equity, to relations between developed and developing countries, to the role of Europe, etc. **Diversity** may refer to biological, cultural, technological differences as well as to social and personal identities.

**Description:** Papers should be approximately 4000 words; references should comprise 5 to 10 entries; graphs are highly welcome. Previously published pieces will not be accepted, pieces may not be submitted in parallel elsewhere.

**Who can enter:** Professionals and graduate students worldwide as lead authors, their collaborators as co-authors.

**Deadline:** Submissions will be accepted through Jan. 15, 2009, 12pm, GMT.

**Judging criteria and procedure:** Papers will be judged on novelty, relevance, technical and scientific quality, potential impact on research strategy, identification of R&D needs and clarity of presentation.

The Scientific Committee of the conference will screen the papers; the most promising papers will get two written reviews, and amongst those with the best reviews, three reviewers will select the papers that will make up the content of about half the sessions foreseen in the programme. The judges will make a final decision no later than March 31, 2009. All papers selected for presentation will be available on the conference website.

**Prizes:** The European Climate Forum ([www.european-climate-forum.net](http://www.european-climate-forum.net)), an association of leading research institutes, businesses and NGOs, will, upon recommendation of the Scientific Committee, award a prize of EUR 1 000 to six winning papers – two for each kind of paper. Furthermore, these papers will be highlighted in the conference programme and published in the book produced out of the conference.

**How to enter:** E-mail papers as pdf files to [rtd-sd-conference@ec.europa.eu](mailto:rtd-sd-conference@ec.europa.eu) with “Paper: Europe / Sustainability Research” in the subject line. The authors shall be identified in the e-mail, not in the pdf.