

MEDEA+ launches phase 2

The EUREKA Cluster MEDEA+ held its Forum in Paris on 23 and 24 November 2004, emphasising its key role in the European micro- (and increasingly nano-) electronics industry. This year will mark the start of the second phase of MEDEA+, running until 2008, with project evaluations already under way. MEDEA+ has been providing a strong industry voice in the debate to maintain European leadership in silicon technologies, telecommunications, automotive, consumer electronics and smart cards. "Europe's skills and expertise are clear assets. Industry, institutes and academia are well prepared to trigger growth by innovation. Nanoelectronics is the vital cornerstone for almost all industries," said MEDEA+ Chairman Arthur van der Poel at the Forum. He urged full exploitation of all possible political and technical synergies, such as coordination with the Technology Platforms, which will be a key element of the next EU Framework Programme.

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