



Press Release

## **SUCCESSFUL MEDEA+ ANNOUNCES NEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**Paris, 5 April 2004 - A mid-term assessment carried out by independent contractors on behalf of European National Public Authorities is testifying good results for MEDEA+ strategic approach and performance, thus paving the way to enter the second phase (2005 to 2008) of the MEDEA+ programme.**

MEDEA+, the industry-driven pan-European programme for advanced co-operative Research and Development in Microelectronics (EUREKA 2365) is announcing its 1st call (2nd phase) open for project proposals from April 05 to May 17, 2004. After the evaluation and selection process, the final decision is to be expected in December 2004 with project labelling. It can be assumed that the projects will start from 1st January 2005 onwards. Related information and guidelines for preparation are accessible on <http://www.medeaplus.org> ("Apply"-section).

There will be an awareness day too, held on April 22, 2004 to further exchange of information about proposals and bidding consortia. For online-registration, please visit: [www.medeaplus.org/awarenessday](http://www.medeaplus.org/awarenessday)

During MEDEA+ first phase (2001-2004) more than 280 partners from 16 European countries with average annual resources of 2500 person-years contributed to Europe's leading role in Semiconductor technology and –applications. MEDEA+ projects are executed by industry, (SMEs and large enterprises), universities and institutes and are supported by European national Public Authorities.

### **About MEDEA+**

MEDEA+ is the industry-initiated pan-European Programme for advanced co-operative Research and Development in Microelectronics, set up and labelled within the framework of EUREKA (E! 2365) to ensure Europe's continued technological and industrial competitiveness in this sector.

MEDEA+ started in January 2001 and focuses on "system innovation on silicon for the e-economy". The central objective of the MEDEA+ programme is to stimulate innovation and provide the technology platform that will allow Europe, through its microelectronics and system industry, to move into the Information Age, contributing to the creation of increased employment and economic prosperity.



Running until 2008, with a major review in 2004, the MEDEA+ programme channels private and public funding into microelectronics research & development projects. The MEDEA+ technology projects are in line with the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors (ITRS). They associate semiconductor manufacturers, their suppliers and the academic world. The applications projects proposed by the system houses and their semiconductor suppliers cover a broad spectrum of market areas and prepare the foundations for market-leading Information and Communication Technology development in Europe.

MEDEA+ partners include major microelectronics manufacturers, systems houses, SME's, universities and institutes from across Europe.

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