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Dear Colleague,


The preparations on 7th Research & Development Framework Program (FP7) continue at an accelerated pace within all the involved institutions of the EU. The target of having the first calls for proposals before the end of this year/start of next year is still within our reach. The Unit D4 of DG INFSO, responsible for ICT for Trust & Security would want to stimulate an appropriate representation of organisations of the Member States that entered the EU in 2004. We would also like to prepare as good as possible for the upcoming entry into the EU of Bulgaria and Romania.

Following the Calls of FP6, 37 projects have started in our field with about 450 partners and a total of €146 million funding. Partners from the above mentioned countries took part for €5 million (3%) of this funding.

In order to best inform your organisations in view of participation in the area of ICT for Trust & Security in FP7, we would like to attract attention for our activities, which includes running projects, future events, ERA networks, European Technology Platforms, FP7 preparation and networking possibilities. In addition to our web site (<http://cordis.europa.eu/ist/trust-security/>), we issue newsletters, unit brochures and project leaflets. We invite regularly experts for Info days or workshops. Moreover, experts can apply in Cordis to become project evaluator or reviewer. At our website you can also find information about coordination projects like SecureIST, ESFORS and CI2RCO and related European Technology Platforms NESSI, eMobility, NEM and ARTEMIS – (<http://cordis.europa.eu/ist/about/techn-platform.htm>). The FP7 Work programme for 2007-2008 is under preparation also and it is expected to be published at the programme's main conference IST2006 (21-23 November 2006, Helsinki, http://europa.eu.int/information_society/istevent/2006). At this conference you can make professional contacts through our networking sessions.

In case these objectives are not in line with your area of interest, may we ask you to forward this letter to other potentially interested persons? We would also be grateful if you could help us to identify potentially interested organisations and experts or inform us about planned events, including National Information days on FP7. In case you would need any further information please do not hesitate to mail or call Mr. Tamas Kolossa (tamas.kolossa@ec.europa.eu, phone: +32 2 29 51 612) or my office.

Yours sincerely,



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