

Invitation letter

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

You are cordially invited to the **Information Days on Research PPPs on 9 & 10 July** in **Brussels**.

As part of the European Economic Recovery Plan, the Commission launched in 2009 three Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), in close cooperation with industry, on "Factories of the Future", "Energy-efficient Buildings" and "European Green Cars Initiative" to provide EUR 3.2 billion of support for long-term "smart" research investment in the manufacturing, construction and automotive sectors.

In July 2012, The European Commission intends to launch the last round of **Calls** under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) with an expected budget of over EUR 440 million in the dedicated calls of the three recovery plan PPPs; the first research projects funded under these calls are expected to start in the spring of 2013.

In order to support the preparation of proposals, the Directorates General for Research and Innovation, Information Society and Media, Energy, and Mobility and Transport of the European Commission are holding Joint **Information Days on 9 and 10 July 2012** in the **Charlemagne building**, rue de la Loi 170, Brussels.

At the event, participants will gain information about the three PPPs and the future calls. There will be opportunities for participants to get in contact with possible project partners, and to present project ideas.

More information about this **networking/brokerage** opportunity and further practical details, including a preliminary agenda, and the registration page to the event, can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/ppp-in-research_en.html

The Charlemagne building has a limited capacity and because of the nature of the event, priority will be given to potential industrial proposers. It may therefore be necessary to restrict the number of delegates per organisation.

Participation is free of charge. However, the Commission cannot reimburse any costs for travel or accommodation.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

Signed

Herbert von Bose Director Industrial Technologies András Siegler Director Transport