

## **EurActiv special coverage on the German EU Presidency**

***From 18 to 20 December 2006, EurActiv is running a 'Special Week' on the priorities and main issues of the upcoming presidency.***

Germany takes over the EU Presidency from Finland on 1 January 2007. The motto of the presidency is "Together Europe can succeed". Expectations are high and many hot issues are on the agenda.

Until March 2007, the presidency will focus on energy and innovation policy while the European Constitution and the internal market for electricity and gas will be at the core of the April to June period.

An action plan to launch a common European energy policy will be adopted at the Spring summit on 24-25 March.

The presidency will also be marked by celebrations of the Treaties of Rome's 50th anniversary. On the occasion of the Spring Summit, EU leaders will launch a "Berlin Declaration," which aims to redefine the goals and common values of the EU.

Priorities, relevant policy documents and stakeholders' positions are all available free-of-charge in a EurActiv LinksDossier specially produced for the occasion: EN; DE.

During its Special Week (18-20 December 2006) EurActiv will provide background on the challenges and goals of the priority areas of the presidency:

- Constitution, enlargement, neighbourhood policy;
- Lisbon Agenda and better regulation, and;
- energy policy and climate change.

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