

EurActiv explores EU science and research realm ahead of Spring Summit

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EU leaders will meet on 8-9 March 2007 in Brussels for an annual Spring Summit dedicated to competitiveness, innovation and energy issues.

Economic growth increasingly depends on research and many challenges such as climate change and increasing energy consumption can no longer be solved at the national level alone.

At the summit, EU leaders are expected to endorse an ambitious energy and climate change package, including a strategic energy-technology plan aimed at focusing Europe's R&D efforts on low carbon technologies.

But does the EU have the structures in place to meet the challenge? And does it put its money where its mouth is?

Topics address during the 'special week' will include:

- The European research area (ERA)
- Interview with Bertil Andersson, chief executive of the European Science Foundation
- The European Institute of Technology (EIT)
- The European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (ESETP)
- Joint Technology Initiatives (JTI)

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