

## R&D and Innovation

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European countries have started implementing recovery plans to try and kick-start their economies and dig themselves out of the recession.

Most EU member states agree that support for innovation and research need to be at the centre of any recovery plan as it enables businesses to prepare for the next economic growth cycle and reap its full benefits.

However, concerns are being raised that national policies are not sufficiently coordinated and lack a European dimension.

During this 'Special Week', EurActiv will take a look at what policies are being implemented in some key EU countries, drawing on its network of partners in Central and Western Europe.

More specifically, our reporters will be looking into the following topics:

- Europe's future innovation roadmap: The post-2010 Lisbon Agenda
- Electrical cars: New source of growth for Europe's car industry?
- Green jobs and growth: Myth or reality?
- Harnessing ICT for growth
- New jobs: Equipping the labour force with the rights skills
- Algae: The next wave for biofuels?
- Science-based policy-making

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