

Brussels, 20 December 2006 RTD/K2/HvH D(2006) 555863

Re: First FP7 Call: Information and Brokerage Day – Hydrogen & Fuel Cells – Prague (Czech Republic) – 1 February 2007.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The European Commission, with the logistical support of the Nuclear Research Institute of the Czech Republic, is organising a

European Information and Brokerage Day on "Hydrogen and Fuel Cells", to be held in Prague on 1 February, 2007

The main objectives of the day are:

- To help applicants to maximise their chances of success.
- To inform about the content of the Work Programme and the first call for proposals, to clarify doubts about the scope and content of the published topics, to explain available funding schemes and to present the evaluation criteria and process.
- To encourage potential applicants to present and discuss the objectives, scope and structure of planned proposals.
- To identify possible interactions, overlaps and/or synergies, to help partners from new Member States, SME's, etc., to join project consortia under formation.
- To present the state of play of the future Hydrogen and Fuel cell Joint Technology Initiative (JTI)

We would be pleased if you could participate in this event. We would also appreciate if you could distribute this announcement within your organisation and country.

The preliminary programme, the registration form and general information on organisational issues are enclosed. Please, confirm your intention to participate by returning the enclosed form <u>before 17:00 on **9 January 2007**</u>, by e-mail to:

rtd-energy-HFC@ec.europa.eu.

The forms allow you to indicate whether you would like to make a short presentation during the event and, if so, to attach a short abstract of it. You will also have the possibility to bring a poster to facilitate discussion with interested parties during the working lunch.

Please note that the event is limited to 200 participants. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, please limit the number of participants from the same company or institution.

We look forward to seeing you in Prague.

Please also note that the Czech host plans to organise a complementary event the day before our event. Further details will be published soon at http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/index_en.htm. Please finalise your travel arrangements only after consulting this information.

Yours faithfully,

Wiktor RALDOW Head of Unit

Encl.: Preliminary Draft of the Programme

Registration Form General Information

Preliminary Programme of the complementary event