

The Inaugural meeting of the Advisory Council for a European Photovoltaic Technology Platform will take place in Brussels on 4 December 2003.

The meeting aims to launch the work on the European Technology Platform in the field of Photovoltaics (solar electricity) in the presence of the Commissioner for Research Philippe Busquin, and the Commissioner for Energy and Transport Loyola de Palacio. The Council will gather some 20 experts from major European energy stakeholders - industry (producers and construction industry), electrical utilities and research centres. The aim of this first meeting is to present the concept of the Technology Platform and the Terms of Reference, to discuss the present state of the technology, its future potential and the steps needed to prepare a "Foresight Report" and a "Strategic Research Agenda" in the field of Photovoltaics.