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**2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Plenary Meeting of the European Biofuels Technology Platform, Diamant Conference Centre, Brussels, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009**

***Implementing the Strategic Research Agenda for sustainable biofuels – from pilots to demonstration plants***

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At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Plenary Meeting (SPM) in Brussels on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, the European Biofuels Technology Platform (EBTP), will present its activities recently initiated to support the implementation of the 'Strategic Research Agenda & Strategic Deployment Document' (SRA/SDD), launched in January 2008 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholder Plenary Meeting.

The Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) proposed by the European Commission and endorsed by the Energy Council in February 2008 provides a timely opportunity to look at the challenges of demonstration of the most promising technologies within the framework of the European Industrial Initiative on Bio-Energy (EII-B). Demonstration has been identified by EBTP SRA/SDD as a critical step in achieving the EU's ambitious goals for biofuels as part of its Energy and Climate Policy.

EBTP has developed a pragmatic approach to identify and analyse the innovative biofuels and bioenergy value chains which could bring a significant contribution to the ambitious EU objectives for renewables and sustainable biofuels, in addition to the existing bioenergy and biofuels pathways.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SPM will provide a stage for actors working on innovative advanced bioenergy and biofuels value chains of potential relevance to the EII-B to discuss the challenges of moving from pilot to demonstration phase and share best practice.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SPM will take place in the Diamant Conference Centre Brussels on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009. The detailed programme and speakers list are currently being finalised and will be published in November 2008.

For regular updates on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Plenary Meeting and the ongoing work of the EBTP, please visit our website [www.biofuelstp.eu](http://www.biofuelstp.eu)