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9.00am for 9.30am



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The Royal Academy of Engineering, in association with The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, will hold a workshop on 15 January 2010 for business stakeholders interested in influencing UK priorities for the 8th European Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP8).

The European Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development is the EU's principal mechanism for funding research in Europe and forms an important source of support to the UK's research community. The current programme, FP7, is operating to a budget of €53bn over the period 2007-2013. While the UK stands to earn €7bn from its participation in the programme, concerns remain that the level of business participation lags behind academic involvement.

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills is supporting this workshop as part of its consultation on UK priorities for FP8. This workshop will be an opportunity for business from all sectors to share their experiences of Framework to date and to convey their views on FP8 to UK policy makers. Themes for discussion will include:

- Research areas for FP8
- Budgets
- Relationship between Commission and Member States
- Instruments
- Ways to improve business participation
- UK co-ordination mechanisms

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Programme

9.00am Registration and refreshments

9.30am Welcome and presentations

11.30am Panel Debate and discussion

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Close

Chair: Professor Sir William Wakeham FREng

Confirmed speakers at the workshop include:

Professor Ric Parker FREng, Director Research and Technology, Rolls Royce Group

Paul Jenkins, Head of Strategic Programmes, BT

Colin Harper, Strategic Business Manager, QinetiQ

Please RSVP by 22 December 2009 to: Mr Cuong Dang, International Officer, The Royal Academy of Engineering, 3 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DG stating whether:

- You would like to attend this event
- You are unable to attend the event but would like to receive further information on this topic

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There is no charge for attendance but as space is limited, delegates are required to register in advance. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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