

# ITEA Cluster emphasises its vitality in Helsinki and Prague

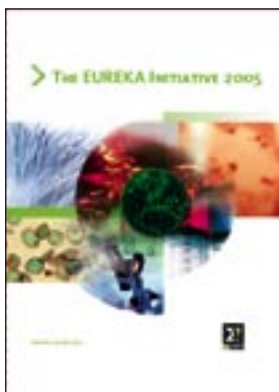


TT-Medal received the ITEA 2005 Achievement Award at the sixth annual ITEA Symposium in Helsinki, Finland on 13 and 14 October 2005. This project has achieved a major breakthrough by developing a generic solution for automated software system testing. The results provide a unique opportunity for European suppliers and consultants to position themselves better in a world market dominated by the

USA. "Working with ITEA allowed us to build a consortium of very disparate companies," explained project leader Dr Colin Willcock of Nokia. "The results should enable SMEs to build new testing tools that will put Europe on the map for testing. And winning the ITEA Achievement 2005 Award should now make exploitation easier."

Highlight of the Helsinki event was the introduction of ITEA 2, the follow up to ITEA. ITEA has played a key role in maintaining European leadership in the digital revolution built on embedded software-intensive systems and services, helping boost the competitiveness of many industries. The EUREKA High Level Group confirmed its approval for the ambitious ITEA 2 strategic initiative in Prague on 20 October 2005. ITEA 2 intends to mobilise a total of 20,000 person-years over its full eight-year duration, double that of ITEA. This will require a significant increase in investment to more than €3 billion. "ITEA 2 is essential to maintain the momentum built up by the current highly successful ITEA programme in a dramatically changing world," said new ITEA chairman Rudolf Haggenmüller.

## New EUREKA publications are on line



To mark its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, EUREKA has published a 60-page report that shows how, for two decades, the Initiative has supported members in achieving their research and development (R&D) goals and made a substantial contribution to increasing European competitiveness.

Two new-style publications outline EUREKA's yearly state of affairs. *The EUREKA Initiative 2005* and the *2004-2005 Annual Report* clearly demonstrate how EUREKA is achieving its mission to raise the productivity and competitiveness of Europe's industries and boost national economies on the world market, strengthening the basis for lasting prosperity and employment.

The Annual Report highlights some of the major results and events under the Dutch Chairmanship and provides up-to-date figures on funding and participants in EUREKA innovative projects and Clusters. As to *The EUREKA Initiative 2005*, it is a new 16-page brochure detailing EUREKA's achievements in driving co-operative research and supporting industrial needs, global competitiveness and innovation in Europe.

All publications can be downloaded from the EUREKA website: [www.eureka.be](http://www.eureka.be).

## EUREKA diary

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### 23-24 February 2006

CELTIC 2006

Dublin, Ireland

### 9-15 March 2006

CeBIT 2006

Hanover, Germany

### 16-17 March 2006

European Business Summit 2006 (EBS)

Brussels, Belgium

### 28-31 March 2006

Forum LABO and Forum BIOTECH 2006

Paris, France

### 4-7 April 2006

ANUGA FOODTEC 2006

Cologne, Germany

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