

Dear Sir or Madam,

The climate change has become a global challenge. We have to act and to provide a sustainable basis for our business before the climate change gets out of control. The combination of energy security and energy stability is one of the great challenges within the next future. When saving the climate and dealing with the unavoidable consequences of the climate change, the European Union will play a key role.

In 2006 the European Union decided to found the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) in order to concentrate their forces and to improve the cooperation in the fields of innovation and technology. Thereby the climate change, the development and the use of renewable energy sources and the deployment of communication and information technologies receive priority.

The main task of the EIT is to improve the combination of education, research and innovation. The cooperation between science and industry has to be intensified for improving the competitiveness of the European Union. For this the EIT gives the impulses rather than to be used as a funding instrument.

In this context, the Potsdam-Institute of Climate Impact Research (PIK) together with the Scientific Department of the French Embassy in Berlin (during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU) and with the support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) are going to hold a conference

At the 20 October, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Place: French Embassy in Germany
Wilhelmstr. 69, D-10117 Berlin

Titled:

« Making Europe climate proof: the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and its potentials in climate research »

The focus of the communication between politics and industry is on the look for starting points of the EIT within the fields:

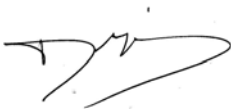
- Global climate modelling
- Regional climate modelling
- Estimation of climate impacts
- Climate protection and adaptation strategies.

We would like to invite you to this conference and be very happy about your participation.

Attached you get the program of the conference as well as more information about the EIT. Please also have a look at www.pik-potsdam.de/events.

Could you please send back your confirmation directly to the French Embassy **until the 15 October 08** by using the registration form. Thank you in advance.

With kind regards,



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