

# STOA NEWS

## New Framework Contract for Providing Scientific Services on TA for the European Parliament Starting in 2014

After a call for tenders for a framework contract covering the coming years of TA activities of the European Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment Panel (STOA), it has now been decided that the European Technology Assessment Group (ETAG) represented by ITAS will continue to support TA activities at the European Parliament by providing TA expertise in the following areas:

- Transport
- Nanoscale Science and Technology
- Life Sciences for Human Well-being
- Agriculture, Food and Biotechnology
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy
- Safety and Security Technologies

The new framework contract started in March 2014. For the new period, ITAS will cooperate with the following ETAG Partners:

- Teknologirådet, The Danish Board of Technology, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Rathenau Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Institute for Technology Assessment (ITA), Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna, Austria
- VITO, Flemish Institute for Technological Research, Mol, Belgium
- Technology Centre AS CR, Prague, Czech Republic
- Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI), Karlsruhe, Germany

The new period of work for the European Parliament will hopefully be as fruitful as the last one. In January 2014, ETAG completed the last projects under the framework contract for the period 2009–2013. During that period ETAG successfully carried out the following TA studies on behalf of STOA:

- Making Perfect Life – Bioengineering in the 21st Century

- NanoSafety
- E-Democracy in Europe – Prospects of Internet-based Political Participation
- Technology Options for Urban Transport
- Eco-efficient Transport
- Security of eGovernment Systems
- Integrated Urban E-Ticketing for Public Transport and Touristic Sites
- Options for Cutting Food Waste
- Technology Options for Plant Breeding and Innovative Agriculture
- Potential Impacts of Cloud Computing Services and Social Network Websites

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### European Technology Assessment Group

Als federführende Institution einer Gruppe von europäischen Einrichtungen berät das ITAS seit Oktober 2005 das Europäische Parlament in Fragen der sozialen, ökonomischen und ökologischen Bedeutung neuer wissenschaftlich-technischer Entwicklungen. Schon Ende der 1980er Jahre hatte das Europäische Parlament das sogenannte STOA-Panel (Scientific and Technological Options Assessment) als parlamentarisches Gremium zur Technikfolgenabschätzung eingerichtet. Angesichts der wachsenden Bedeutung der europäischen Wissenschafts- und Technologiepolitik hat das Europäische Parlament beschlossen, die wissenschaftliche Basis der Arbeit von STOA durch die feste Einbindung von in der Technikfolgenabschätzung ausgewiesenen wissenschaftlichen Institutionen zu stärken. Der „European Technology Assessment Group“ (ETAG) gehören führende TA-Einrichtungen mit langjähriger Erfahrung in der parlamentarischen Politikberatung an. Weitere Informationen unter <http://www.eptanetwork.org/>.