

## New Channel of Communication to SME Communities

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the e-Power Consortium, you are cordially invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Interest Group Meeting of a radical new network for the Engineering and Manufacturing sector, supported by the European Commission, which will provide you with a new channel of communication to reach regional communities of SMEs. Focussed on ICT and e-business, the e-Power Network will provide a framework for dissemination and delivery of research results and initiatives by the people closest to the SMEs: Regional Technology Centres and other catalyst organisations.

The presentations will introduce e-Power but also explore the importance of networking in a National / Regional context.

An open discussion will help defining the themes of the following SIG meetings and e-Power conferences.

### **e-Power 1<sup>st</sup> Special Interest Group Meeting Inter Organisational Relationships**

**Venue:** IDIT  
**Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Inovação Tecnológica,  
4520-102 Santa Maria da Feira,  
Portugal**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2002

**Time:** 09:30 to 18:00

You are invited to contribute to the discussion from your particular experience and viewpoint. This will enable the objectives and mechanisms to take account of synergies and improve the success and applicability to your work.

The trend towards cross project and cross initiative collaboration is becoming more significant, particularly with a view to the emerging 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme.

The agenda for the day is attached and we welcome your attendance for what should be a stimulating session, with a varied audience of users, members and experts, with a view to potential involvement and collaboration in the e-Power Network itself.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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