

## New Channel of Communication to SME Communities

Dear Colleague,

In this ever-changing world, now would seem to be the best time to assess some of the changes and developments taking place in the Manufacturing Arena. This would then direct where we should be putting our efforts in terms of new projects and initiatives to enhance your capabilities of delivery to your customers. With the European 6th Framework Call 1 completed, we are already thinking about Call 2 of IST and NMP for Manufacturing and Engineering.

It is therefore in your interest to attend our next Special Interest Group (SIG) to be held in Bilbao, which will be a practical working session to listen to your requirements, identify some mutual business opportunities and generate some ideas to take us forward.

The workshop Agenda is designed for Manufacturers, Technology providers, Regional policy makers and Regional Technology Centres /Groups, who need to:

- Set priorities and objectives for new projects
- Understand new developments in networking and co-operative working
- Review new developments in ICT for manufacturing
- Identify potential project partners.

As indicated by the e-Power Members as a significant benefit, this workshop represents a further opportunity to meet your colleagues from other, similar regions and organisations from across Europe.

The workshop will be hosted by Mikel Sorli of Fundación Labein, a leading Technological Research and Innovation Centre with a long track record of collaborative RTD in Engineering and Manufacturing. You will also have the opportunity to witness first hand the technological capability of this important Spanish facility.

We would therefore like to invite you to the 5<sup>th</sup> e-Power SIG Meeting.

### e-Power 5<sup>th</sup> Special Interest Group Meeting

**Venue:** Fundacion Labein  
Cuesta de Olabeaga 16  
48013 Bilbao  
Spain  
**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2003  
**Time:** 10:00 to 16:00

Please confirm your attendance at the workshop to

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If you confirm early some **funding of travel and subsistence costs is available** for those outside the region.

Regards.

Philip Purslow

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