



Europe goes Photonics

ICFO contributes to the new European Technology Platform Photonics21

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A European Technology Platform (ETP) in Photonics has been launched as a result of previous consultations between high-level researchers and representatives of the European photonics industry. The platform, named 'Photonics 21', based on the vision document 'Photonics for the 21st Century', proposes a coordinated action plan at the European level to explore the future applications of light and to reap the expected benefits in terms of creating both jobs and wealth. Through a shared vision between industrial and public actors, it aims at creating the critical environment necessary for visionary and industrially relevant R&D in photonic components, systems and applications. Photonics21 will have the responsibility to determine a strategic research agenda, which will provide the basis for a common strategy to achieve a strong European leadership in Photonics.

More than 200 experts from 16 European member states and 120 companies celebrated the launching event of the European Technology Platform Photonics²¹ in Brussels, last 2nd of December 2005. They will actively contribute to a European Research Area for Photonics. ICFO participates in the working group Photonics Education, Training and Research Infrastructure.