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Press release

Public Hearing and Workshop on electromagnetic fields (EMF) and health effects: From science to policy and public awareness, Athens, 27-28 March 2014

Under the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union, an event related to the electromagnetic fields and the potential health effects is held in Athens on 27 and 28 March 2014.

The event is organized by the Directorate General for Health & Consumers of the European Commission, the General Secretariat for Research and Technology and the Greek Atomic Energy Commission, the national competent regulatory authority in the fields of radiation protection and radiological and nuclear safety, including protection from electromagnetic fields.

Specifically, the event includes:

- a public hearing on the preliminary opinion of SCENIHR (Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks) on EMF and potential health effects will take place on Thursday 27 March 2014. The public hearing aims to complement the public consultation, which is open until April 16, 2014. SCENIHR's task is to provide a scientific perspective on emerging health risks that may arise from new applications, such as nanotechnology, electromagnetic radiation, chemicals etc.
- a "Workshop on electromagnetic fields and health effects: from science to policy and public awareness-Conciliating scientific findings and uncertainties in policy making" will take place on Friday 28 March 2014. Discussion will focus on the latest scientific developments, the regulatory framework and the communication of the issue to the public. The workshop will be attended by experts and stakeholders from scientific bodies, competent authorities, international organizations, relevant fora and associations, as well as by EU Member States representatives.

A press conference for the event has been scheduled on the 28th of March, at 13.00. The press conference will be given by:

- Mr. Christos Vasilakos, General Secretary for Research and Technology
- Mr. Stefan Schreck, Head of Health Information Unit, European Commission, DG Health and Consumers
- Mrs Donata Meroni, Deputy Head of Health Information Unit, European Commission, DG Health and Consumers
- Mr. Christos Housiadas, Chairman of the Greek Atomic Energy Commission
- Mr. Theodoros Samaras, Chair of the EMF working group

The event will take place at the Cotsen Hall, 9 Anapiron Polemou, Kolonaki district, next to Gennadius Library.

Relevant links:

<http://gr2014.eu/events/parallel-events/workshop-electromagnetic-fields-and-health-effects>
http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consultations/public_consultations/scenih_r_consultation_19_en.htm

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