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New studies available on: Ethical issues, Technology-induced atypical workforms, Selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the EU

These and other (Draft) Final and Interim Studies will be delivered to the STOA Panel at its meeting on 15 April in Strasbourg. They are part of the STOA Workplan 1998, which is now yielding its final results. Meanwhile Workplan 1999 is well under way. Project Steering Group meetings have been organised with respect to all 12 projects.

Renewable energy sources in the developing countries

At the request of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, there will be a presentation on the 1998 project on 'New options for renewable energy sources, including solar power, in the developing world' at the meeting of the Committee on 21 April 1999 in Brussels. The presentation will be given by Mrs A. SHANKER of IED, Paris, who prepared the Study. Among other points, the Study presents such options as considering sustainable energy as a priority sector in all Technology Assistance and Development Aid programmes, proposing specific budget lines and objectives for developing countries to be inserted in the energy sector and research programmes, as well as encouraging the European Investment Bank to increase its financing of renewable energy projects.

STOA prepares to welcome the new Parliament

STOA will participate in the 'welcome' operation to Members of the new European Parliament in Brussels following the European elections on 10-13 June 1999. It will also organise an information stand at the Strasbourg part-session on 20-23 July.

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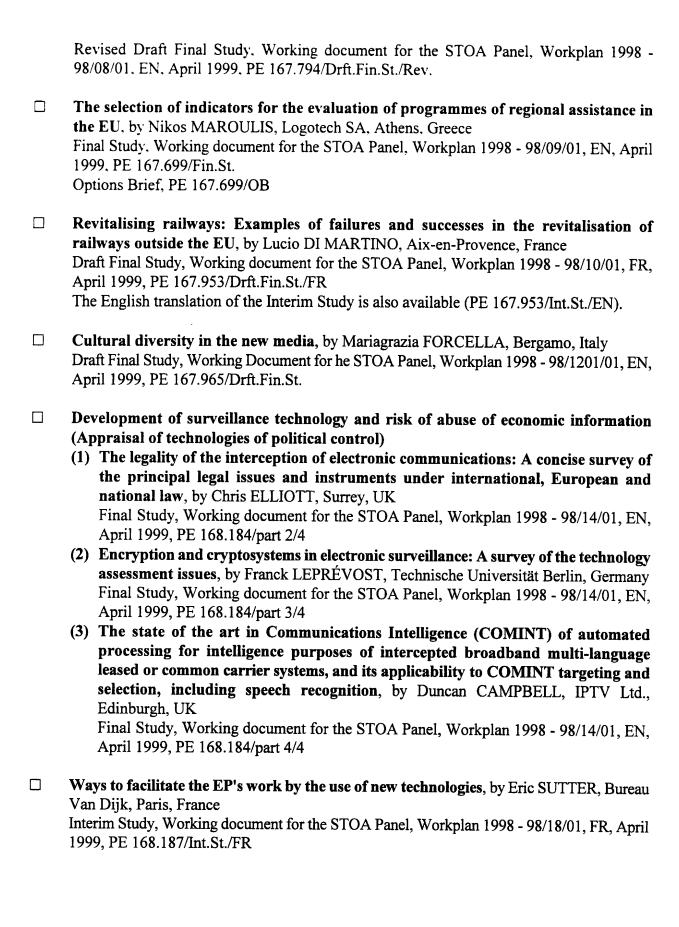
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	Presentation of 'Ethics' project at Research Committee meeting MM. HEDGECOE and ISAKSEN of the Centre for Professional Ethics of the University o Central Lancashire, UK, gave a presentation of the 1999 Interim Study on 'Ethical issues ir European research and technology' at the meeting of the Committee on Research Technological Development and Energy of 17 March in Brussels.
	Presentations to STOA Panel Two presentations are foreseen at the STOA Panel meeting on 15 April 1999 in Strasbourg (1) Mrs FEINDT of Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt, Brussels, on the 1997 project on 'Electronic commerce and secure telecommunications', and (2) Mrs TREIBER, also of Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt, Brussels, on the 1997 Workshop of 23-24 March 1998 on 'Learning to live in the information society as an older person', chaired by Mrs HEINISCH, Vice-Chairman of STOA.
W	ORKING DOCUMENTS, STUDIES, PAPERS, BRIEFS
Worl Apri	k in Progress - The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in
Wor	kplan 1999
	Evaluation of agricultural or other technologies fighting against hunger and poverty, by Jean-Marc BOUSSARD, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Nogent-sur-Marne, France Scoping Meeting Report, Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1999 - 99/13/01, FR, April 1999, PE 168.186/Scop.Meet.Rep./FR
	Linguistic diversity on the Internet Project Brief, Workplan 1999 - 99/12/01, EN, February 1999
Wor	kplan 1998
	Ethical issues in research and technology, by Ruth CHADWICK, Adam HEDGECOE, Lars ISAKSEN and Louise SARCH, Centre for Professional Ethics, Centre for Professional Ethics, UK Interim Study, Working Document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/05/01, EN, April 1999, PE 167.955/Int.St.
	Technology-induced atypical workforms , by Gérard VALENDUC and Patricia VENDRAMIN, Fondation Travail-Université (FTU) asbl, Namur, Belgium, in association with Andrew GILLESPIE and Ranald RICHARDSON, CURDS, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK



The avail	following English translations (from French original) of this earlier document is also able:
	Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a European juridical network, by Eric SUTTER. Bureau Van Dijk, Paris, France Interim Study. Working document for the STOA Panel, Workplan 1998 - 98/14/02, EN February 1999, PE 167.956/Int./EN
OT	HER STOA INFORMATION
	STOA is sad to announce that the following have left the Team: - Ana María CORDÓN RODRÍGUEZ, - Roberta DANTE, - Anne HAUTAMÄKI, - Paolino MOURAO TAPADA, - Philippe OUDIN, - Laura ROSSI, - Giorgia TOSSI. We wish them all the best for the future. STOA is however glad to welcome the following new Ramón y Cajal Scholars to the Team:
	 in Brussels: José María CASTRO CERÓN, a Spanish (astro)physics engineer, Elodie-Cécile MARREL, a French historian/archivist, Timothy MARSHALL, a British philosopher; in Luxembourg: Thomas BEEVERS, a British ecologist, Chrisoula CATSORA, a Greek energy specialist, Miriam RICCI, an Italian nuclear physicist.

STOA Workplan 1999: Table of projects

	Committee	Project title	Member responsible
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04	Economic	Economic aspects of the development of technologies for the waste treatment industry	VON WOGAU, MALERBA
05	Research	Genetically-modified food: Objectives for EU funded research and development	SCAPAGNINI, ADAM
		Use of new technologies and cost of water management in view of the new water directive of the EU	SCAPAGNINI, ESTEVAN BOLEA
06	External economic	The impact of rapid technological HERZO change in information technology on the stability of world trade and international capital flows	
07	Legal	New technologies for the marketing and sale of medicines on the Internet and television networks	DE CLERCQ, MOSIEK-URBAHN
10	Transport	Technological options for a community strategy for a system of navigation by satellite (GNSS) BAZ	
12	Culture	Linguistic diversity on the Internet: Assessment of the contribution of machine translation	PEX, ROBLES PIQUER
13	Development	Evaluation of agricultural or other technologies fighting against hunger and poverty	ROCARD, ROBLES PIQUER
14	Civil liberties	Crowd control and prison technologies (An appraisal of technologies of political control)	D'ANCONA, FORD
19	Women's rights	Women professionals in the media in the context of new technological developments	HAUTALA, McNALLY, HEINISCH
20	Petitions	Personal protective equipment at work	FONTANA, CAMISÓN ASENSIO

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0201	Agriculture	Consequences of climate change for agricultural production	
0401	EMAC	State of play of the interstate customs computer network	
0501	CERT	Ethical issues in European research and technology	
0502		Comparative study into coalmining technology and costs between the EU (including countries of C. and E. Europe) and major competitors in USA, Australia, S. Africa	
0503		Building regulations as a means of requiring energy saving and use of renewable energies: current status and future potential at Member State and EU level	
0504		A nuclear amplifier for energy for electricity production	
0505		Bio-informatics: a technology assessment of recent developments in bio-informatics and related areas of research and development including high-throughput screening and combinatorial chemistry	
0801	ASOC	Technology-induced atypical work-forms: Existing and proposed regulatory strategies concerning social agents (state, employers, trade unions) dealing with technologically-induced a-typical forms of work (tele-work, stand-by work, 24-hour-office-operation)	
0901	Regional	The selection of indicators for the evaluation of programmes of regional assistance in the European Union: Classification of criteria for an empirical assessment principally based on research and development, technological innovation and technology transfer indicators	
1001	Transport	Revitalising railways: Examples of failures and successes in the revitalisation of railways outside the European Union	
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1103		Orphan drugs	
1201	Culture	Cultural diversity in the new media	
1301	Development	SMEs, technology and development	
1302		New options for renewable energy sources, including solar power, in the developing world	
1401	Civil liberties	Development of surveillance technology and risk of abuse of economic information (Appraisal of technologies of political control)	
1402		Use of modern technology for the purpose of setting up a European juridical network	
1701	Fisheries	The problem of discards in fisheries	
1801	Rules	Ways to facilitate the EP's work by the use of new technologies	

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