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Commission move to simplify EU-grant requirements

The European Commission has unveiled a plan to simplify the procedures for taking part in EU-funded research projects. The goal is to boost research and innovation. Pictured, Commissioner for Science, Innovation and Research, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn. [Press release](#)



Major Cyprus-led Marie Curie project under way

The [SmartEN](#) multidisciplinary science team will become fully operational on 28 May. SmartEN, backed by almost €3.7 million in EU funds and managed by the REA, will support 19 Marie Curie fellows building a researchers' network intended to provide sensor technology solutions for sustainable environmental management. [More](#)

The project, triggered in December 2009, was officially launched last 23 April in Limassol (Cyprus) by the President of the Republic of Cyprus Demetris Christofias and EU Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, in charge of Education and Culture.



Software call for tenders open

The REA is renewing and increasing its software licences. External providers are invited to present offers for renewal and acquisition of eight specific lots of software before 13 May at 17.00 pm. [Call](#)



Monitoring Iceland's volcanic ash cloud

The movement of the plumes of ash and dust released into the atmosphere by the Eyjafjallajökull eruption is being monitored by the MACC and SAFER scientific teams. [More](#)



New grants launch

New Marie Curie Actions Individual Fellowships calls for proposals ([IEF-IOF-IIIF](#)) are open. The grant funding linked to these 2010 calls, intended to stimulate researchers' career development by fostering acquisition of new skills and competences, is of €151 million. The deadline to submit proposals is 17 August. [More](#)

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