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### **EurActiv.com launches online discussion forums on EU policies**

EurActiv.com, the internet portal on EU affairs, has launched a new forum service. The discussion forums will enable 'EU Actors' to participate in online debates on hot topics on the European Union's agenda. EU Actors include the institutions, industry federations, NGOs, public affairs companies and others.

The forums are completely integrated with EurActiv's other services, so that participants, with one click, have access to background information, news reporting or LinksDossiers on the topic of discussion. Forum Guidelines help maintain the professional quality expected from the EurActiv portal.

Four different Forums have been opened at this stage:

- A Forum on **Enlargement**, to invite discussion of all the main issues surrounding the negotiations with the candidate countries;
- A Forum on **Future EU**, offering EU Actors a platform for expressing their views on the Convention and later on the next intergovernmental conference (IGC);
- A Forum on **eContent and Languages** for debates on the EU's eContent Programme;
- A Forum on **EurActiv News**, where anyone can react to other news stories written on the portal.

Willy De Backer, Editor of EurActiv.com, said: "The launch of the EurActiv forums adds a new dimension to our coverage of EU policies. This new level of interactivity will make debates more attractive, lively, and transparent. "

EurActiv.com Publisher Christophe Leclercq added: "EU Actors will now have an online platform, comparable to the "Letter to the Editor" service of print media, where they can express their views. But, contrary to written contributions in the traditional press, the online forums are faster and EU Actors' positions can be attached to the forum messages. In that sense, EU professionals now have a new platform to make their voice heard in Brussels."

*The EurActiv forums are available via [www.euractiv.com/forums/](http://www.euractiv.com/forums/)*

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