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>> Register now for upcoming workshops!

We remind all members that right after the summer break ePractice.eu will resume its regular face-to-face activities. Detailed introductions to the workshops "eInclusion: People with disabilities", on September 25 in Brussels, and "Administrative burden", on October 8 in Bremen, are already available in the portal. For updated information, agendas and free registration on these and other upcoming ePractice seminars please visit epractice.eu/workshops

>> Call for papers: Key enablers for eTransformation?

The European Commission's eGovernment Action Plan considers innovations in eidentification, interoperability and open source software to be eGov key enablers. Will these initiatives make possible the efficient and correct operation of public administration eServices? What does the evidence suggest? Against this background, the European Journal of ePractice invites contributions that marshal empirical evidence, such as case studies, surveys or ethnographic studies of the effectiveness of OSS. The deadline for article submissions is 1 October, 2008. For more information, please visit [the call for papers](#).

>> Revision of the European Interoperability Framework (EIF)

The draft document based on which the final EIF v2.0 will be elaborated is now available online on the IDABC website of the European Commission. External comments from all of those interested are welcome by 22 September 2008. For more information, please visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7728>

>> Note to our readers

This is the last ePractice newsletter before the summer break. We will resume the weekly publication on September 2.

Please feel free to forward epractice.eu/newsletter to whom it may be of use. You are welcome to send suggestions that may help us to improve the portal and enrich its content. We invite you to [become a member](#) of ePractice.eu in order to use all our services.

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FASTeTEN project

FASTeTEN is a project to deploy a bundle of services for secure electronic document exchange across Europe. The bundle of services, FAST – Fournisseur d'Accès Sécurisés Transactionnels (Secure Access Gateway) – has been successfully developed and piloted in France. FASTeTEN will demonstrate FAST in different eGovernment contexts in Spain and the United Kingdom. A group of potential future deployers (from Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and Malta) will monitor the demonstration deployments with a view to further implementations of FAST across Europe.

ICT training for hospitalized children in Russia

The project is targeted at enabling children with severe oncological and haematological diseases to acquire basic ICT skills so that they can participate in the information society. During the first part of the initiative 16 children aged 6-16 from the Region Yugra and Khanty-Mansyik (HMAO) in Russia will take the eCitizen training course at the Nizhnevartovsk city hospital. The project is expected to have an important social impact, as ICT is the only means for the hospitalized children to communicate with the outside world. The project will come to full scale in 2009 when over 300 patients of oncological hospitals in Yugra and Khanty-Mansyik (HMAO) will be trained. eCitizen is a part of the European Computer Driving License programme, which aims to bridge the digital divide and guarantee all citizens access to the information society without discrimination based on their social status, gender, age or physical abilities.

Electronic Individual Pension Intermediaries Examination System (e-BEAS)

Electronic Individual Pension Intermediaries Examination System (e-BEAS) is an examination system designed to implement the exams for intermediaries in individual pension system and keep track of the electronic registries which is one the assignment given by Turkish Treasury to Pension Monitoring Center (in Turkish Emeklilik Gözetim Merkezi or in short EGM). e-BEAS is the first application of electronic examination system at the level of government in Turkey. EGM has been making exams in an electronic environment since July, 2004. e-BEAS is a cost-effective and appropriate way for licensing the intermediaries. The need on the side of pension companies for exams on an irregular, frequent interval determined by the applications due to the regulation that prohibits the sales of private pension products by individual pension intermediaries without having licenses underlies the necessity of an electronic exam. The classic examination system would not have met the needs of the sector.

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EU: e-Forum calls for Learning Journey partners 28 July 2008

e-Forum, the European eGovernment association, is calling for partners with an eGovernment good practice case to promote, to join e-Forum in running a Learning Journey - a one-day workshop giving an in-depth insight into the good practice case.

e-Forum, the Forum for European ePublic Services, is a membership organisation that has already run twelve successful Learning Journeys. These Learning Journeys can cover a range of areas: eGovernment, eHealth, eAdministration, trust and security - in fact anything to do with eServices and eGovernance.

Through these events, the Learning Journey format has become well developed, and participants have gained valuable insights from the experience.

Most recently, e-Forum held a Learning Journey on telecare and telehealth in the London borough of Newham, enabling participants to gain a detailed overview of the [Newham Advanced Telecare](#) (NeAT) good practice case, which has been featured on the ePractice.eu website. Information about this Learning Journey is available on the e-Forum website.

Those whose organisation is interested in hosting a Learning Journey are invited to contact the e-Forum director [Baudouin de Sonis](#). The commitment on the part of the host includes providing a venue for the Learning Journey (normally the site of the good practice example being studied), and speakers, who are normally the people involved in delivering the good practice case.

Further information:

- [e-Forum website – Call for Learning Journey Partners](#)
- Contact e-Forum director [Baudouin de Sonis](#)

LV: eSignature should become obligatory, say Latvian ministers 28 July 2008

A number of Latvian ministers have advocated the idea of making eSignatures obligatory in order to ensure that electronic signatures gain a critical mass and become the norm.

Latvian Minister of Transport Ainars Šlesers, whose portfolio also covers electronic communications and the postal service, recently announced plans to introduce several public services that would only be available to eSignature users. Such services could be offered by the State Revenue Service and the Road Traffic Safety Department (RTSD). “If eSignatures are not made mandatory, nobody is going to use them,” the minister argued.

Minister of Regional Development and Local Government Edgars Zalāns agrees, saying that a date should be set for when the use of eSignatures becomes mandatory, while Prime Minister Ivars Godmanis believes that first of all the mandatory use of eSignature should be introduced in public institutions, for instance, in the legislative process, where several authorities, ministries and institutions collaborate.

Minister of eGovernment Affairs Signe Bāliņa explained that the number of eSignature smart cards requested by public institutions is growing, but there appears to be a certain amount of reluctance on the part of civil servants.

Data shows that currently only a few public authorities offer services for eSignature holder. For example, the State Social Insurance Agency is ready to receive electronically signed documents by email; the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs accepts eSignatures, and citizens can use electronic signatures to access their data at the State Revenue Service. The Public Procurement Review Body and the Electronic Procurement State Agency accept electronically signed documents.

Cost might partly explain why the take-up of eSignatures has been somewhat sluggish. For private individuals, an eSignature package costs more than €30, not taking into account the fee for the time stamp. Costs for businesses are two or three times higher.

Further information:

- [News article - E-pārvalde \(in Latvian\)](#)

CZ: New legal Czechs and balances for electronic documents 28 July 2008

A draft Czech eGovernment Act has made electronic and paper documents legally equivalent. The Ministry of the Interior considers the reform as a breakthrough for both the public and the police, as it has brought about simplified, faster, cheaper, and more efficient functioning of the public administration.

The draft Act on Electronic Actions and Authorised Document Conversion puts electronic and paper documents on the same level. The Ministry of the Interior describes this reform as unsurpassed in the Czech

Public Administration domain since the reign of Maria Theresa, the Austro-Hungarian reformist monarch of the 18th century. The draft legislation, if enacted, will make the functioning of the Czech civil service easier, faster, cheaper, and more efficient.

The bill stipulates the obligation of the public authorities to communicate with one another electronically, namely by means of compulsory 'data boxes'. The act also permits the authorised conversion of paper documents. It also enables natural persons to open their data boxes and use the documents it contains in their dealings with public authorities.

Furthermore, the Senate passed an act on the Czech police and security services which marks a major shift in approach. Police administrations will receive certain financial powers and responsibilities, will have a leaner hierarchy and will carry out some hitherto non-police activities.

The two reforms are a major step forward in streamlining the civil service of a country whose once elaborate bureaucracy was immortalised in the fiction of Franz Kafka.

Further information:

- [Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic - Press release \(in Czech\)](#)
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MT: New IT Agency set up 25 July 2008

The Maltese Government recently announced the establishment of Malta's Information Technology Agency to drive the implementation of the National IT Strategy.

Since 2000, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communications (MITC) has led and managed the national IT policy directly. However, the Government realised that the absence of a permanent structure within the public sector to manage this important policy area would represent a threat to the development of this policy in the long term.

Hence, the newly established permanent IT Agency (MITA) will take over several of the functions that were previously carried out by the Ministry. MITA will furthermore absorb the operations of [Malta Information Technology and Training Services Ltd \(MITTS Ltd\)](#), the Government-owned company which has been supplying IT systems and services to Government departments.

As a result, the main functions of MITA are to:

- Serve as the central driver of the ICT policy, programmes and initiatives in Malta;
- Deliver and manage the execution of all programmes related to the implementation of IT systems in Government with the aim to enhance public service delivery;
- Provide efficient and effective ICT infrastructure services to the Maltese Government;
- Proliferate the further application and take-up of ICT in both the society and economy;
- Promote and deliver programmes aimed at enhancing ICT education and the use of ICT as a learning tool.

As part of the same rationalisation move, the Maltese Government has also decided that the Malta Communications Authority (MCA) will take over from the Ministry the direct implementation of the efforts to upgrade Malta's external ICT environment, eliminate the digital divide and promote eCommerce. Both the Malta Communications Authority and MITA will be placed under the leadership of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communications.

Further information:

- [Maltese Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communications – Official Press release](#)
 - [Malta Information Technology and Training Services Ltd \(MITTS Ltd\)](#)
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BG: Bulgarian eWatchdog to guard against misuse of EU funds 25 July 2008

As part of a package of measures to prevent the misuse of EU funds, the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance is developing an IT Management and Monitoring for Structural Instruments (ISUN) system.

The new system will keep track of EU-funded projects from A to Z – starting from the registration of bidders, all the way through to the audit of completed projects, including management of irregularities.

The move comes as part of a concerted government drive against financial abuse. Among other measures, reliance is placed on information technologies to ensure transparency and accountability.

The European Commission's financial monitoring tool LOTAR is already in use. The managing authorities of the various operational programmes have already developed their financial projections. These will be uploaded on to LOTAR and remain in a 'frozen' state for one year to allow for progress checks.

As part of the package, the Ministry of Finance has unveiled its plans to develop ISUN. The project is currently at the tendering phase, with many bids submitted by leading software developers.

The new system will include the following modules: registration of bidders and projects, project evaluation, project management, financial performance, audits, on-site checks and management of irregularities. The full system must be developed within 36 months, and the first modules should be ready in eight months.

Although ISUN will be operated alongside LOTAR, the two systems will not overlap. LOTAR is an Excel-based tool for forecasting project finances, while ISUN is an end-to-end solution covering the full lifecycle of each project.

ISUN will be interfaced with other relevant IT applications, such as the tool for monitoring of rural development projects, accounting software and the Commission's fund management system SFC 2007.

Further information:

- [Europe.Bg – News article \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
- [News. Bg – News article \(in Bulgarian\)](#)

IT: Public-Private Partnership for Public eProcurement platform 23 July 2008

Consip, the Italian Public Procurement Agency, and i-Faber – UniCredit Group – have signed an Agreement on the supply of electronic services for public procurement.

The Agreement aims at testing innovation procurement tools for Public Administrations by means of a strong public-private synergy, using a technology entirely developed in Italy. i-Faber has been chosen by Consip in order to 'in source' the technological eProcurement platform presently supplied by an outsourcer.

The new platform will allow handling the entire procurement process, starting from the tender notification up to the issuing of the order, in compliance with the legislation governing the procurement activity of Public Administrations.

In addition to process simplification, and to a more user-friendly system for Public Administrations, the platform will allow Consip - as a contracting authority - to test, for the first time in Italy, the electronic support for establishing and using all the different types of Framework Agreements; the new purchasing tool identified by the EU Directive and by the Italian Public Procurement law.

The main advantages expected are:

- Greater expenditure control;
- Process simplification;
- Increased transparency;
- Time reduction.

The implementation of the platform will be carried out jointly by Consip and i-Faber and will benefit of Consip's yearly experience and expertise. This Agreement is a concrete case of cross fertilisation between public and private partnerships, thus enhancing the best practice of two different, but innovative realities.

Further information:

- [Angela Russo – Consip International relations](#)
- [Irene Picilli – Corporate Identity](#)

EU: Higher Education Accessibility – EU4ALL invitation and award 23 July 2008

The EU4ALL consortium invites all members of ePractice to join the EU4ALL [Special Interest Group](#) on Higher Education Accessibility and enter the competition for the newly established award.

A project started in October 2006, the 'European Unified Approach for Lifelong Learning' (EU4ALL) project aims to develop an open eLearning service architecture for ALL in line with the concept of 'Accessible Lifelong Learning' (ALL). The underlying approach is to develop a standards-based framework which facilitates the integration with a wide range of eLearning systems.

Bringing together an interdisciplinary group of scientists, academics, researchers and professionals, the EU4ALL Special Interest Group (SIG) on Higher Education Accessibility is meant to foster and promote the dissemination of high quality research in accessibility, higher education and lifelong learning.

The EU4ALL consortium has recently announced the future reward of a 'recognition award' for the person or organisation that has made the most significant contribution(s) to Higher Education Accessibility. Nominations will be solicited throughout the EU4ALL project and assessed by the selection committee against the following set of criteria: innovative ideas, influence in the community, and/or social impact resulting from the work.

The EU4ALL consortium's intent is to invite more people to come and join this SIG community. Hence, all those interested in taking part are invited to present their work in the SIG on Higher Education Accessibility, thus ensuring awareness in the awards committee but also in a research community with direct interest and involvement in Higher Education Accessibility.

The 'Most Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Accessibility' award includes a certificate of recognition and the placement of references on the project's and other related websites. The award's winner will be announced prior to the EU4ALL conference in September 2010 (end of the project) and will be invited to the conference to present a keynote talk as a guest of honour speaker. Lastly, the success of the winner will be reported to the European Commission who is partially financing the project.

Further information:

- [EU4ALL website](#)
- [EU4ALL Special Interest Groups](#)
- Contact person [Krystallo Tziallila](#)

New Factsheets

The 10th Edition of the factsheets for France, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia are now available online. We invite you to visit the [relevant section](#) of the portal for regular and/or ad hoc updates related to the factsheets.

Latest Publications

- [ES: Digital Cities: Good Practice Guide](#) 31 December 2007 | Spain

- [EU: EPBD Buildings Platform: Overall context and activities – P039](#) 31 July 2007 | EU Institutions, Pan European
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ES: Digital Cities: Good Practice Guide 31 December 2007

Complete title:

Ciudades Digitales: Guía de Buenas Prácticas

Digital Cities: Good Practice Guide

Description (short summary): This Good Practice Guide on digital cities in Spain is intended to serve as a reference document for those who are responsible of devising and developing technological modernisation projects in municipalities.

Original URL: <http://sociedaddelainformacion.telefonica.es/jsp/articulos/detalle.jsp?elem=6840>

Number of pages: 134

EU: EPBD Buildings Platform: Overall context and activities – P039 31 July 2007

Complete title:

EPBD Buildings Platform: Overall context and activities – P039

Description (short summary): The EPBD Buildings Platform is a European Commission initiative in the framework of the Intelligent Energy - Europe (2003-2006) programme, which provides information services for practitioners and consultants, experts in energy agencies, interest groups and national policy makers in the European Member States for helping the implementation of the European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

Original URL: <http://www.buildingsplatform.eu/cms/index.php?id=179#c735>

Number of pages: 6

ePractice Workshops

ePractice.eu combines online and offline activities. Workshops are held on a monthly basis, giving participants the opportunity to discuss the latest issues and cases face-to-face.

- [eInclusion: People with disabilities](#) 25 September 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [Administrative burden](#) 8 October 2008 | Bremen (Germany)
- [FASTeTEN secure infrastructure workshop](#) 15 October 2008 | Issy-les-Moulineaux (France)
- [European eInclusion initiative: results and future steps](#) 13 November 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [eGov services to business: the state of the play](#) 17 November 2008 | Cork (Ireland)
- [Service Deployment](#) 9 February 2009 | Brussels (Belgium)

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Upcoming Events

- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008](#) 16 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [DE: E-Invoicing & EBPP – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008](#) 29 - 30 September 2008 | Germany
- [AT: EDem2008](#) 29 - 30 September 2008 | Austria

- [UK: Open Standards Forum 2008](#) 30 September - 3 October 2008 | United Kingdom
 - [IT: ESIIIG 2 – 2nd European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment](#) 20 - 22 October 2008 | Italy
 - [DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition](#) 4 - 6 November 2008 | Denmark
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FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008

16 - 19 September 2008

Smart University 2008 Advanced educational programme – ‘Sharpening Skills in Smart Card, eID, Mobile Telecoms and Aml Technologies’.

‘Smart University Advanced educational programme 2008’ is part of the well established ‘Smart Event’, the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of ‘Smart University’, takes place within ‘Smart Event ’08’ on 16-19 September.

The event program addresses young engineers, researchers as well as executives willing to widen and deepen the scope of their knowledge on new technological and strategic issues of Smart Cards, e-ID, and Mobile Telecoms.

The program consists of 6 tracks of 2 days according to a workshop format which enables time for Q&A and for discussions, and a large interactivity between participants, teachers and lecturers. The schedule of these modules allows participants to attend successively 2 modules of their choice.

For each track participants will receive at the end a diploma signed by the teachers and certifying of their active participation to the course.

The 6 educational modules are as follows:

- The art of Java Card 3.0 Programming (Sept. 16-17);
- Identity Management (Sept. 16-17);
- Smart Card & Mobile Telecoms (Sept. 16-17);
- Secure devices: Smart Cards, RFID Tags and Pufs (Sept. 16-17);
- Security Certifications of Software Systems (Sept. 18-19);
- NFC - Near Field Communication (Sept. 18-19).

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €250 to €1320 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

‘Smart Event’ encompasses 3 other co-located events:

- [e-Smart Conference & demos 2008](#) – The future of digital security technologies (17-19 September 2008) – 9th edition
- [World e-ID Conference & demos 2008](#) – The next e-ID management technologies and services (17-19 September 2008) – 5th edition
- [Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) –The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smartuniv/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

World e-ID Conference & demos 2008 – ‘The next e-ID Management Technologies & Services’

‘World eID Conference & demos’ is part of the well established ‘Smart Event’, the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of World e-ID takes place within ‘Smart Event ‘08’ on 17-19 September.

The 2008 edition of ‘World e-ID’, aims to be an opportunity to share vision, see new perspectives and opportunities in the field of eID based on new application standards such as ISO 18013, CEN TC 224, ISO 24727 and new technologies, identify new programs on national and international level and show lessons learned from implementations and projects running. The conference extends the network into the high security community, with all relevant stakeholders, like governments, industries and consultancies.

Again this year, the event features eGovernment representatives and cases from all over the EU. On the opening session, Research and Industry Leaders will address their vision and perspectives.

The event programme includes the following parallel tracks:

- Regional Strategies & Developments;
- eID Standardisation;
- eID Applications;
- Architectural Models & Solutions;
- Border Management Solutions;
- Biometrics.

Moreover, a panel discussion will focus on ‘New prospects on European eID interoperability’. EU funded projects (PrimeLife, STORK) will furthermore be presented by EU Institutions officials.

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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- [Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) – The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition
- [Smart University 2008](#) – Advanced educational program on smart card, mobile telecoms, e-ID, designed by high level academics (16-19 September 2008) – 4th edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/we-id/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

e-Smart Conference & demos 2008 – ‘The future of Digital Security Technologies’

'e-Smart Conference & demos', is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 9th edition of 'e-Smart Conference' takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

In the recent years, 'e-Smart' has been enlarged in such a way to embrace the changing landscape of the Smart Card market to cover the entire Smart Security domain. This ensures that the 'e-Smart Conference' platform will be dedicated to reflecting Industry trends.

In particular, the event is open to the participation of world-class security and technology experts from the wireless and contact-less industry leaders, research laboratories and universities, industry associations, international standardisation organisations, and governmental bodies.

The event agenda reflects the enlarging scope of the Smart Security Industry. It features a wide range of parallel sessions focused on the following aspects:

- Trusted Personal Devices;
- Smart Security Software Platforms;
- NFC & RFIDs;
- Evaluation Tools, Methodologies & Penetration Testing;
- Beyond Smart Security;
- Java Card
- Smart Security Breakthrough Innovations.

Moreover, a Common Panel Debate e-Smart & Smart Mobility will be held on the topic 'Towards trusted convergence?'

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/esmart/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008 – 'The Emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications'

'Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008' is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 1st edition of 'Smart Mobility' takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

'Smart Mobility' has been established to focus on the emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications. since by 2010 and beyond, mobile and wireless communications, services and appliances will play a major role in all aspect of citizens and consumers existence, with the scope to improve their personal and professional quality of life. Smart Mobility platform will be dedicated to reflecting Markets and Industry trends at the cutting edge of this new application domain.

In particular, the event is now open to the participation of world-class trustworthy mobility and e-mobility applications, R&D, business & marketing experts from the mobile telecommunication, finance, entertainment, health and transport industry leaders.

During 2 and a half days, over 30 researchers and experts from the whole mobility and security value chain will present the latest technology innovations, share the lessons from trials and live roll-outs, and address their vision for consumers-centric transactions and services that combine:

- Security: Trust+Risks Management+Privacy;
- Mobility: Infrastructure+Protocols+Appliances;
- Convenience: Anything+Anytime+Anywhere.

The Smart Mobility program adopts a dual approach, technologies AND applications issues, thanks to 2 complementary parallel streams, namely 'Smart Mobility Ecosystem' and 'Smart Mobility Applications'.

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smart-mobility/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

DE: E-Invoicing & EBPP – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008

29 - 30 September 2008

E-Invoicing and Electronic Bill Presentment & Payment – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008

The European congress about E-Invoicing and Electronic Bill Presentment & Payment (EBPP) is intended to give companies dealing with E-Invoicing a broad overview and essential know-how for their own E-Invoicing projects.

First-rate speakers from the European Expert Group for Electronic Invoicing, Finnish and Spanish Government, The Netherlands Tax and Customs Administration, Swedbank, Royal Bank of Scotland, British Telecom and many more will report on their successful experiences with E-Invoicing.

Topics to be addressed cover, among others: the optimisation of Procure-to-Pay and Financial-Supply-Chain; Standards; Legal requirements; Market rollout; Interoperability.

Key insights include:

- Market trends and perspectives;
- Workflow-based processing of incoming invoices;
- Electronic Invoicing initiatives of Spanish Banks;
- Value Added E-Services for Shared Services Clients;
- E-Invoicing and VAT management;
- Workflow-based processing of incoming invoices;
- How to break through in B2C E-Billing;
- VAT compliance and E-Signatures;
- Panel-Discussion: Roll-Out Strategies.

In addition, delegates will have access to the exhibition area where 30 of the leading solution and service providers present state-of-the-art E-Invoicing solutions.

350-450 delegates from 30 countries are expected. Registration can be performed [online](#) at the event website. Attendance fees range from €1 050 to € 1 400.

ePractice members can profit of **10 % discount** on the registration fee simply inserting "epractice.eu" in the Registration Code field of the registration form.

Country: Germany

Event website: <http://www.expp-summit.com/>

Contact Email: stephan.mayer@expp-summit.com

AT: EDem2008

29 - 30 September 2008

International Conference for Electronic Democracy

An event organised by the Centre for e-Government of the Department for Governance and Public Administration, of the Danube University of Krems (Austria) in cooperation with the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, the conference EDem 2008 will take place on 29-30 September 2008 in Krems.

Various existing eDemocracy applications encompass the entire democratic process. In this context several questions arise, including:

- To what extent can eDemocracy support and enrich our democracy?
- What and where are the interfaces and methods that can be used to integrate eParticipation in present politics public administration processes?
- How can we ensure that the greatest number of people are reached and are able to use the means of participation?
- How can the modern media support political education?
- How can the Internet increase participation in political discussion?
- What are the limitations and the risks of eDemocracy?

The EDem2008 conference is intended to provide the opportunity to look into these questions and discuss the answers. During the conference, experiences will be collected, examples of good and bad practice analysed, and the State-of-the-Art and future scenarios will be presented and discussed.

The [final programme](#) of the event has been made available.

Participation to the conference will require the payment of a €95 fee. Those wishing to participate as guests should contact noella.edelmann@donau-uni.ac.at by email. Registration can now be performed [online](#) on the event website.

City/Location: Krems

Country: Austria

Event website: <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/departement/gpa/telematik/veranstaltungen/id/11094/index.php?URL=/de/departement/gpa/telematik/11094>

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UK: Open Standards Forum 2008

30 September - 3 October 2008

Open Standards Forum 2008 – “Security Challenges for the Information Society”

In today's Internet and in many large private network infrastructures, heterogeneity and diversity are the rule rather than the exception. Security infrastructures need open standards and interoperability to scale to the huge deployments that are being rolled out. Many security standards support a model where identity authentication, access control, digital signature processing, encryption and key management are provided as services that can be distributed and shared.

The 2008 Open Standards Forum is intended to give those who are evaluating or deploying security infrastructures an opportunity to explore the current and future state of security services, standards and products.

The three days event features a wide range of plenary sessions, keynotes and panels which cover, among others topics: Digital signatures, Security & Access Management, Working across borders; eIdentity, eID interoperability, Privacy & Trust, Federated Technologies etc. For more information, the [preliminary schedule](#) has been made available.

The Forum's program is specifically directed to IT leaders and professionals, including:

- Security Project/Programme Managers;
- IT Architects;
- Lead Designers;
- Identity / access control specialists;
- Information Systems Security Professionals;
- Security Officers;
- Telecom, healthcare, government sector IT specialists.

Advanced registration is open until 29 August 2008 and can be performed [online](#) at the event website. The advanced registration fee is \$500 (approx. €315) for OASIS members and \$800 (approx. €504) for non members.

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Berkshire (near London)

Organiser: Open standards consortium OASIS

Contact email: events@oasis-open.org

IT: ESIIG 2 – 2nd European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment

20 - 22 October 2008

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ESIIG 2 is the second edition of the European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment; the [first summit](#) was held on 22-24 November 2006 in Valencia, Spain. An [interim conference](#) also took place last year in Rome, Italy, on 11-12 October 2007.

The Second Summit is intended to be an unprecedented occasion for:

- Enhancing the role of European regions with respect to the priorities of Interoperability as a key element for the efficient, sustainable and equal development of eGovernment and for the creation of an intelligent and innovative European Government, fostering the development of the Knowledge Society, a higher European integration, a substantial increase of competitiveness and productivity of the EU in the international scenario;
- Analysing the European Interoperability Framework produced by IDABC, as a model for the adaptation and comparison of the single European regional frameworks for Interoperability;
- Verifying the state of the art and promoting successful initiatives in the field of Interoperability in Europe;
- Proceeding concretely in the constitution of ERNI (European Regional Network for Interoperability) and the other European tools proposed by the Valencia Declaration.

The call for papers has been extended until 21 July 2008. Papers focused on the actions, plans, projects and initiatives in the field of the interoperability in the eGovernment, as well as about the difficulties and priorities to face in order to reach a unique interoperable iGovernment in Europe will be particularly appreciated.

Furthermore, during the Summit, the [iG 2.0 Award](#) will also be given to the most outstanding action or initiative in the field of interoperability.

Participation to the Summit is open and free-of-charge. Registration can be performed [online](#) at the event website.

Country: Italy

City/Location: Rome

Organiser: Lazio Region, Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification

Event website: <http://www.esiig2.it/esiig2/index.php>

Contact Email: esiig2@regione.lazio.it

DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition

4 - 6 November 2008

Connecting Leaders in Technology and Healthcare

Because the adoption of IT in healthcare is a global initiative, this conference will focus on the role and impact of Health IT on the health sector in Europe and other parts of the world, including the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

The event is being designed by and for clinicians and other health professionals; health IT users and buyers; directors and administrators; informatics professionals; academicians; relevant standardisation and competent authorities on an international level and national level, and vendors such as software and hardware development companies and professional services firms.

Topics to be addressed in the conference include:

- eHealth as a Key Enabler in Integrated Healthcare and Citizen Empowerment;
- Organisational Readiness for Transformation in Healthcare;
- Investing for eHealth Deployment;
- Innovation and eHealth.

The conference will offer the following:

- Keynote addresses by leading healthcare experts, practitioners, and officials from EU and national governments;
- Education sessions about timely healthcare IT trends and issues;
- Best practices and real-world case studies from throughout the EMEA region;
- A trade exhibition where companies can showcase their products/services.

The educational sessions will primarily address experiences from deployed services, and focus on proven benefits in quality and efficiency. The demonstration activities and exhibition will give insight into the practical aspects of IT systems and their connectivity.

All proposals for the call for papers must be submitted [online](#) by Monday, 11 February at 17:00 CET.

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Copenhagen

Organisers: European Commission's General-Directorate for Information Society and Media together with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the European Institute for Health records (EuroRec), the European Health Telematics Association (EHTEL), the European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) and the Health Information Network Europe (HINE).

Event website: <http://www.worldofhealthit.org/>

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