



Stockholm information day on the 4th European eGovernment Awards a success

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VINNOVA, the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems, and the European eGovernment Awards Consortium

The current call, the online submission form and the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference, entitled "Teaming up for the eUnion", were successfully presented at the Stockholm information day on the 4th European eGovernment Awards. Over 30 representatives from Swedish municipalities, counties, non-governmental organisations, ministries and agencies took part in the event hosted by VINNOVA.

Information day in Stockholm (SE)

The 4th European eGovernment Awards 2009 information day, held on 6 May in Stockholm (SE), was hosted by VINNOVA, the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems.

VINNOVA believes that it is essential to actively encourage submissions to the awards scheme to ensure a broad representation of innovative cases at the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference, entitled "Teaming up for the eUnion", to be held from 19 to 20 November 2009 in Malmö. VINNOVA is actively involved in the preparation of the Ministerial eGovernment Conference hosted by the Swedish Presidency and the Information Society and Media Directorate-General of the European Commission.

Over 30 participants representing a variety of public sector (local, regional, national and pan-European) and stakeholder organisations were welcomed by *Ulf Blomqvist* (Head of Unit, VINNOVA) and *Madeleine Siösteen Thiel* (eAdministration/eGovernment Manager, VINNOVA). The 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference was presented by *Urban Funered* (Ministry of Finance, Sweden, and Conference Project Leader). *Trond Kundsén* (Norwegian Research Council/Malmö Pre-Conference Steering Committee) then presented the Malmö Pre-Conference Event on Innovation and eParticipation (to be held on 18 November 2009). *Morten Meyerhoff Nielsen* (Awards Consortium and Danish Technological Institute) presented the European eGovernment Awards 2009 and explained how to submit an application through the ePractice portal. The information day enabled participants to learn more about this year's awards, the submission and selection process, and the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference.

The presentations will be made available at www.epractice.eu/awardsmediakit. This page also includes other promotional material, such as the flyer, videos, press releases, information in different languages and fact sheets on past editions of the awards.

VINNOVA, the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems, is a state authority that aims to promote growth and prosperity throughout Sweden. VINNOVA is specifically responsible for the area of innovation linked to research and development, funding the needs-driven research required by a competitive business and industrial sector and a flourishing society, and strengthening those networks that form such a necessary part of this work.

The Swedish Government has entrusted VINNOVA with the following tasks:

- ◆ Contributing to making Sweden a leading research nation in which research of high scientific quality is conducted.





- ◆ Promoting sustainable growth and increased employment by acting to increase competitiveness and the emergence and expansion of successful companies.
- ◆ Supporting research and development work of the highest quality in areas such as engineering, transport, communications and employment in general in order to promote renewal and sustainable growth.
- ◆ Stimulating Swedish participation in European and international R&D cooperation and in the exchange of experience in the field of innovation.

Meanwhile, in Rome (IT)...

The CNIPA (Centro Nazionale per l'Informatica nella Pubblica Amministrazione) [national centre for IT in public administration] is targeting selected administrations with interesting eGovernment solutions, such as the Municipality of Prato, the INPS [state social security body] and the Carabinieri. The Italian Ministry of Public Administration and Technology has published the current call for submissions on its [website](#).

The Italian initiatives follow similar successful coordination and encouragement of participation in the 2007 awards. A local information day pack is available at www.epractice.eu/awardsmediakit and may be used free of charge for dissemination and local information days.

How to apply

Submissions for the European eGovernment Awards 2009 must be received no later than 10 June 2009 at 16:00 CET. Only online submissions via www.epractice.eu/awards are eligible. For further information, please visit www.epractice.eu/awards or contact the awards helpdesk: awards@epractice.eu.

Related Information

- ◆ Awards webpage on the ePractice.eu portal: www.epractice.eu/awards
- ◆ Previous European eAwards: www.epractice.eu/awards
- ◆ 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference and pre-conference: www.egov2009.se
- ◆ European Commission Information Society portal:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/soccul/egov/index_en.htm
- ◆ EU eGovernment policy:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/egovernment/policy/index_en.htm
- ◆ VINNOVA: www.vinnova.se
- ◆ Norwegian Research Council/Norsk Forskningsråd: www.forskningsradet.no
- ◆ CNIPA: www.cnipa.it

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