



Four projects developed in Italy are amongst the finalists competing for the **4th European eGovernment Awards 2009** - an initiative of the European Commission to stimulate innovation by identifying best practice examples using information and communication technologies in public sector organisations. This year 52 awards finalists from 17 countries are competing for the prizes. The winners will be announced on 19 November at the Ministerial eGovernment Conference 2009 in Malmö (Sweden). For the first time the finalists' projects are accessible online through a virtual exhibition.

Selected finalists 2009: Italy

This year a total of 36 cases were submitted, making Italy the country with most submissions. Four submissions have been selected as finalists:

- **MEPA** is an example of a virtual marketplace;
- **Digit 2.0** allows running trials online;
- **INTERCENT** is procurement application based on a community network;
- **Si-GOVe** provides a statistical system to support decision-making processes.

In addition to the finalists, seven Italian submissions were recognised as good practices. Italian partners are involved in the following finalist cases: the international project **PloneGov** (see Belgium country factsheet), the pan-European project **EUCARIS** (see Dutch country factsheet <http://www.epractice.eu/awardsmediakit>).

The Italian Public Administration eMarketplace (MEPA)

MEPA: a public, one-million-item eCatalogue from SMEs

Category 2b: eGovernment empowering businesses



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MEPA is an eProcurement solution in which any Italian public administration can buy goods and services purchased below EU thresholds (i.e. low-value procurement not requiring formal tendering procedures). Suppliers are qualified according to non-restrictive selection criteria. Public buyers may search for, compare and purchase the products. Suppliers, mostly SMEs, can optimise their selling strategy at any time by specifying different quality dimensions or by promoting new price conditions or new products in real time.

→ www.acquistinretepa.it

The Digital Criminal Court of the Court of Cremona (Digit 2.0)

Online trials to cut costs and backlogs

Category 3: eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness



The Court of Cremona is cutting costs associated with running trials, including cases involving international cooperation, through the use of a video-based trial system (Digit 2.0). Bringing remote parties together in a secure way, the system enables judges, lawyers, detainees, and witnesses to participate in a trial without being physically present in the courtroom. It also enables them to discuss and share documents via the internet.

→ www.giustizia.it





Agency for the Development of the Telematic Market (INTERCENT)

Regional procurement network for public administrations and companies

Category 3: eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness



Intercent-ER is the central purchasing unit of the Emilia Romagna Region. It has developed and consolidated a system-based strategic approach in procurement policies, by promoting technological and cultural innovation in public tenders. It represents the most advanced “community network” active at regional level in Italy, with more than 550 regional public administrations purchasing goods and services through its ePlatform. → www.intercent.it

Government Information System of the Veneto Region (Si-GOVe)

A statistical system supporting regional governance

Category 3: eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness



Si-GOVe is a statistical information system storing all information related to regional requirements (i.e. economy, demography, agriculture, etc.). SiGOVe aims to support politicians, public sector managers and local institutions in their daily work by supplying certified information in a timely and efficient manner and providing useful guidelines for analysis and decision-making processes. → www.regione.veneto.it/Temi+Istituzionali/Statistica/

4th EUROPEAN eGOVERNMENT AWARDS 2009 – FACTS

- Submissions from 31 out of 34 eligible countries
- Total number of submissions: 259
- Number of finalists: 52 from 17 countries
- Number of finalists by categories:
 - Category 1: eGovernment supporting the Single Market - 5 finalists
 - Category 2a: eGovernment empowering citizens - 18 finalists
 - Category 2b: eGovernment empowering businesses - 6 finalists
 - Category 3: eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness - 23 finalists

4th EUROPEAN eGOVERNMENT AWARDS 2009 - CATEGORIES

- **Category 1. eGovernment supporting the Single Market:** strengthening the Single Market by increasing mobility for businesses and citizens in the EU;
- **Category 2. eGovernment empowering citizens:** improving access to public services for citizens;
- **Category 2b. eGovernment empowering businesses:** improving access to public services for companies, by creating business opportunities and generating savings for businesses (particularly SMEs);
- **Category 3. eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness:** making public services and administrative processes simpler and more efficient, thus reducing the administrative burden.

A separate **public prize** will be awarded based on the online votes cast by members of ePractice.eu (membership open to all).





EUROPEAN eGOVERNMENT AWARDS BACKGROUND

The purpose of the European eGovernment Awards is to support the implementation of European eGovernment policy and strategies and facilitate good practice exchange. In this context, since their launch in 2003 the Awards have been promoting the best ICT-based solutions for public services in Europe.

The European eGovernment Awards are organised every two years, coinciding with high-level EU Ministerial eGovernment conferences. Their aim is to monitor progress and identify policy and research priorities for the future. This year the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference, "Teaming up for the eUnion", is a European Commission-Swedish Presidency joint event. It will take place on 19-20 November 2009 in Malmö (Sweden). The European eGovernment Awards ceremony and Finalists Exhibition are integral parts of the conference.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Virtual Exhibition of European eGovernment Awards is accessible at <http://www.expopolis.com/>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Awards website: www.epractice.eu/en/awards

Full list of finalists: www.epractice.eu/en/awards/finalists

5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference, 19-20 Nov 2009, Malmö (SE): www.egov2009.se

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- Danish Technological Institute, DK www.teknologisk.dk
- RSO S.p.A., Rome, IT www.rso.it
- P.A.U. Education, ES www.paueducation.com

