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>> European eGovernment Awards 2009 submission open

European eGovernment Awards 2009 cases can now be submitted online. All public sector organisations from EU Member States, EFTA countries and candidate countries are invited to submit their good practice cases to the awards scheme. You can submit your case in the following categories: eGovernment supporting the Single Market, eGovernment empowering citizens, eGovernment empowering businesses, and eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness. Submissions must be received no later than 10 June 2009 at 16:00 CET. Only online submissions via www.eppractice.eu/awards are eligible. Read more at the [awards website](#).

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Red SARA

Red SARA allows the interconnection of the Spanish Public Administrations enabling the cooperation and the exchange of information and services between them. Ministries, Autonomous Communities, Local Entities and other public bodies may connect their networks through Red SARA in a secure, reliable, capable and flexible way. The IP addressing plan facilitates the interconnection of the Spanish Public Administrations through Red SARA.

Besides, thanks to the link between Red SARA and the transeuropean network sTESTA, the Spanish Public Administrations may be interconnected with the Commission Services and administrations of other Member States for the participation in cross-border European services.

Red SARA is a relevant interoperability infrastructure for the development of eGovernment in Spain. It answers the statement in Law 11/2007 about the creation of a communications platform to interconnect Spanish Public Administrations and with the networks of European Institutions and of other Member States in order to facilitate the exchange of services and information between them.

Some relevant features of Red SARA are the following:

- Reliability: Red SARA is designed with VPLS (*Virtual Private LAN Services*) which allows high capacity for data transmission. Its design and technologies allow Red SARA to offer high availability which is complemented with a support centre operating 24 x 7 and with demanding SLAs.
- Security: Red SARA implements a range of security measures. All traffic is ciphered through the backbone and it is possible to establish VPNs.
- Capacity: Red SARA has a bandwidth of 1+1 Gbps between Ministries and Data Centres and 100 + 34 Mbps in Autonomous Communities. This allows ensuring capacity enough to satisfy demanding requests by existing applications and services as well as new coming eGovernment services.
- Quality of Service: VPLS technology allows quality service mechanisms to handle each type of traffic according to its nature (voice, video, data)
- Point-Multipoint: Red SARA is designed with a connectivity model of point-multipoint so that there is no central node where all connections converge and in this way possible single points of failure are eliminated.
- Flexibility: Red SARA is designed to be able to evolve according to the needs of the administration.
- Some relevant services of Red SARA:
 - MultiPKI Validation Platform for eID and eSignature Services <http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases/afirma>
 - Identity and Residence Data Verification Systems <http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases/identityresidence>
 - Spain's Change of Address Communication System <http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases/changeofaddress>
 - Gateway for On-Line Payments <http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases/pagos>
 - Application for jobs in the Spanish Administration <http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases/jps>

Agrega, federated access to educational content

In 2006 a series of measures are being developed in the area of Spanish community Education whose purpose is:

- To define a cataloguing reference standard, digital educational content package and publication,
- To generate a core group of digital learning objects, in some cases based on existing content, which serve to promote the technological environment created and
- To create a technological environment that will house content which adheres to the aforementioned standard, and which is accessible to the educational community under different modes of use.

To meet this latter objective a federation of digital repositories, called **Agrega** has been implemented with nodes installed in each one of Spain's Autonomous Regions. Each node enables the storage of SCORM 2004 learning objects labelled with LOM-ES metadata (application profile of the LOM metadata specification), and the performance of a set of operations on these in accordance with the profile defined by the user, such as search, display and the creation of new material.

EU-China Information Society Project

The project is now in its 4th year of operation and has carried out over 400 activities covering regulatory and e-government issues. The main achievements to date include the design of a regulatory framework for enacting essential laws and regulations including a study on the upcoming Chinese telecommunications law focusing on regulatory institutions, market access, universal service and convergence; a study on data regimes for the upcoming law on Personal Data Protection; input to the forthcoming law on Access to Government Information; an initial assessment of Information Security issues including infrastructure security; a series of e-Government applications systems covering emergency health response systems, systems covering emergency health response systems, G2C and G2B systems, and Smartcards for social security.

Recently completed activities include a second phase of research into the telecommunications law focusing on capacity building for future market regulation plus an analysis into user protection, backed up by a new research on multimedia and internet governance; a second round of e-government applications in the 6 demonstration cities including surveys on benchmarking e-government and e-commerce at national level; a new e-Government training programme targeting senior decision-makers at provincial level; research and pilot projects on addressing the Digital Divide; a study on interoperability; ICT for communities and local government; plus a high-level forum on e-commerce with the Advisory Committee for State Informatisation (ACSI).

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HU: Open way to open source - 05 May 2009

Since the beginning of April 2009, the Hungarian budgetary and public institutions, as well as those in higher education, have been allowed to acquire open source software within public procurement frameworks. This may be of considerable effect on the development of the open source community in Hungary.

This announcement was made at a press conference by Ferenc Baja, the Government Commissioner responsible for Information and Communication and the State Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office.

The Secretary of State stressed that the target of the relevant act is to ensure the complete equality of chances of the various provider models, in the legal and financial sense. Mr. Baja added that there is now a HUF 12 billion (approx. €41 million) framework grant available for procuring both proprietary and open software.

According to the Secretary of State, the Hungarian IT market is strong enough to offer real service alternatives to closed source software.

The step towards open source is not without precedent. Indeed, in 2004 there was a software competence centre operating at the [Electronic Government Centre](#) (EGC) subordinated to the Prime Minister's Office. The software competence centre was however in operation for one year only because the profession and the public administration were not yet ready for the new type of cooperation.

Today the EGC, together with the [Open Document Format Alliance](#), is again working to formalise the cooperation framework with the trade organisations and the market participants.

Further information:

- [Official press release - Prime Minister's Office \(in Hungarian\)](#)
- [Electronic Government Centre](#)
- [Open Document Format Alliance Hungary \(in Hungarian\)](#)

EU/INT: How European Community FP7 projects support GEOSS - 05 May 2009

The [7th Framework Programme](#) of the European Community (EC) for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013) (in short: FP7) is one of Europe's most important instruments for funding research activities that support the development and integration of [GEOSS](#), the "Global Earth Observation System of Systems".

This is reflected in the fact that the EC decision establishing FP7 provides explicit support to the GEOSS, an initiative from the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) - a voluntary partnership of governments and international organizations coordinating efforts to build this system of systems.

As detailed in a [recent interview](#) with [Earthzine](#) by Zoran Stančič, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Research Directorate-General and one of the four GEO Co-Chairs, FP7 puts a strong emphasis on the need to integrate European Earth observation research activities into the nine GEO Societal Benefit Areas at both the European and global scales.

In a second [Earthzine interview](#), Mr Stančič describes the European Union's substantial contributions to GEO and the benefits that GEOSS is bringing to Europe. One of FP7's key contributions to GEOSS is the development of [GMES](#) (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security).

The first research activities resulting from the 2007 Call for Proposals under the Environment Theme of the FP7's Cooperation Specific Programme are now being implemented. Supported with around €20 million of FP7 funding, these projects address several GEOSS priority areas.

Here follows the list of these priority areas, together with the relating FP7 supported project:

- monitoring the ocean interior ([ACOBAR](#) project - ACoustic technology for OBserving the interior of the ARctic Ocean);
- building a geo-resource information system for Africa ([AEGOS](#) project - African-European Georesources Observation System);
- developing applications of [GEONETCast](#) (a global network of satellite-based data dissemination systems providing environmental data to a world-wide user community) for developing countries (DevCoCas project);
- improving observing systems for water resource management ([CEOP-AEGIS](#) project - Coordinated Asia-European long-term Observing system of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau hydro-meteorological processes and the Asian-monsoon systEm with Ground satellite Image data and numerical Simulations);
- monitoring of the carbon cycle at global level ([COCOS](#) project- COordination Action Carbon Observation System);
- contributing to a global biodiversity observation system ([EBONE](#) project - European Biodiversity Observation Network);
- developing a global soil observing system ([e-SOTER](#) project, intended to answer the need for a global soil and terrain database);
- implementing water column, seafloor and sub-seafloor observatories ([EuroSITES](#) project, which is integrating and enhancing key existing European deep-ocean observatories).

Further information:

- [Full, original news article - Portal of the Group on Earth Observations \(GEO\)](#)
- [Brochure "FP7 in Brief"](#)
- [What is GEOSS?](#)
- [About Earthzine](#)
- [GMES](#)

EU: EP candidate: Free software essential for public administrations - 05 May 2009

French candidate for the European Parliament (EP) Marielle de Sarnez says public administrations' interest in free software is essential. "This is an issue of competitiveness for the EU in the information technologies sector, as well as the condition of our technological independence."

Sarnéz, a member of the European Parliament since 1999, is currently campaigning to be re-elected to the European Parliament. She has recently pledged her support for free software, after being approached by the Free Software advocacy associations "April" in France and the "Associazione per il Software Libero" in Italy. The two organisations want candidates for the European Parliament to pledge their support for free software.

In a statement explaining her support for the campaign, Sarnez says she was one of the MEPs that last year called on the EP to move to this type of software. "Europe's potential for Free Software is unique."

The campaign by April and Software Libero has received so far the support of ten candidates from France, Italy and Belgium.

All candidates for the European Parliament are asked to publicly state their support for the use and development of this type of software and to affirm that they will protect it from legislation that threatens it.

The two advocacy groups started a campaign on 31 March 2009, two months ahead of the elections for the European Parliament. They want citizens to approach candidates, bring them up-to-date regarding free software and ask them to express their support for it. The names of candidates who pledge support are published on a web site, [The Free Software Pact](#).

Spokesperson for the campaign, Alix Cazenave, said free software advocacy groups in Spain and Portugal are about to join the campaign. "And we are also making contact with German free software activists."

On this site, the groups have also made available an application to help volunteers organise their lobby work, called 'Grassroot Platform Technology'. An alternative open source platform, 'Carocandidato', is developed by Italians developers involved in the campaign.

"The Free Software Pact is a tool for citizens who value free software to educate candidates about its importance and why they should, if elected, protect Europe's free software community", the two advocacy groups write in a statement.

Both organisations previously have approached national politicians for similar campaigns, so "joining forces was a natural step", the two organisations explain.

Further information:

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU website](#)
- [Website of 'The Free Software Pact'](#)
- [Carocandidato platform](#)
- [April](#)
- [Associazione per il Software Libero \(in Italian\)](#)

EU: European Parliament approves report on ISA - 04 May 2009

On 22 April 2009, during its Plenary Session, the European Parliament adopted the report on "Interoperability solutions for European public administration" (ISA).

This vote paved the way for the IDABC follow-up programme scheduled for the period 2010-2015.

A decisive step has also been taken in the legislative process. Based on the European Commission's proposal [COM \(2008\) 0583](#), the report will refer back to the Commission President, who will then pass it to the Council for the final formal agreements. The ISA programme has a provisional budget of € 164.1 million.

Moreover, the decision represents a major acknowledgement for SEMIC.EU and its activities. Thus, intensified efforts over the coming years in bringing interoperability solutions for public administrations on all levels have been opened up. The adopted text stresses the importance of Pan-European cooperation and defines interoperability as a key to better administration across Europe.

Further information

- [Original press release - SEMIC.EU](#)
- [Relevant Legislative Information - The Legislative Observatory website of the European Parliament](#)

NL: EUPL recommended for public bodies publishing open source - 04 May 2009

NOIV, the Dutch Government's resource centre on open source and open standards, recommends that public administrations that publish open source applications use the European Union Public Licence (EUPL).

In April 2009, the resource centre published a brochure explaining the country's administrative policy regarding the distribution of software. The booklet, 'Public Administration software as Open Source' is available only in Dutch.

The brochure was written to help public bodies to decide how to make software applications they developed or that were developed for them, available as open source. Making some of this software publicly available in such way is part of the Dutch national IT policy.

The Dutch Government adopted a mandatory policy on open standards and open source a year ago. Part of the plan of action is that public bodies are told to examine if the software applications that they developed, or that were developed for them, can be published as open source.

This would make more software available for reuse to other Dutch public bodies, companies and citizens, the government explains in its policy. This should also enhance government transparency and increase provisioning of electronic government services. "Administrations should maybe make full intellectual property rights in the software a subject in procurement."

According to a blog post on the EUPL site of OSOR.EU by one of the authors of the booklet, Mathieu Paapst, legal counsel at the NOIV, the EU's open source licence has several advantages for Dutch public bodies. "It has disclaimers regarding warranty and liability and also makes Dutch law applicable and allows disputes to be settled by a Dutch court of Law."

The brochure also deals with various aspects of European tender rules and the possibilities to legally distribute the public administration software as open source under the EUPL.

The OSOR project is considering translating the booklet into English. "The guideline is very well written and would be useful for a broader range of users", commented Szabolcs Szekacs from the European Commission's IDABC unit which is responsible for the project.

Further information:

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU website](#)
- [NOIV brochure \(in Dutch\)](#)
- [OSOR.EU EUPL blog post by Matthieu Paapst](#)

EU: PEPPOL Infrastructure Open for Early Adopters - 04 May 2009

Version 0.8 of the PEPPOL infrastructure (Pan European Public Procurement) has been released on 1 May 2009. The release includes a simple demonstrator business application in addition to open source software libraries and other components.

The PEPPOL Infrastructure allows Service Providers, governments and large corporations to exchange business documents between their respective users. Small and medium-sized companies and public sector organisations that do not have the capabilities to connect directly to the PEPPOL Infrastructure must sign up with a Service Provider connected to the PEPPOL Infrastructure.

It is strongly recommended that a standardised interface be used for connecting to a Service Provider. The PEPPOL project offers the "PEPPOL lightweight profile" as such a standardised interface.

Contents of the 0.8 release

The release contains the following components:

- A software toolkit implementing the "PEPPOL Full profile" needed in order to establish an access point (connection) to the PEPPOL infrastructure.
- A software toolkit implementing the "PEPPOL Lightweight profile". This toolkit is used to implement an optional interface between an access point and a connected ERP system or a simpler business application.
- A reference implementation of a very simple business application capable of creating and receiving orders or invoices. This reference implementation is called the "PEPPOL Demonstrator". The PEPPOL Demonstrator implements the "PEPPOL Lightweight Profile" using the supplied toolkit.

- A REST-proxy which can be set up in front of a UDDI registry. The open source UDDI registry, [OpenUDDI](#), can be used as service registry. The REST-proxy implements the PEPPOL registry specification.
- A software client library for the Registry Locator Service.
- A software client library for the Service Registry.

Further information:

- [Official press release - PEPPOL project website](#)
- [To register and download the components for the PEPPOL Infrastructure](#)

Latest Publications

- [EU: Prague Declaration on 'Safer Internet for Children'](#) | 20 April 2009 | EU Institutions

EU: Prague Declaration on 'Safer Internet for Children' - 20 April 2009

Description (short summary):

The Prague declaration has been adopted during the ministerial conference "Safer Internet for Children - fighting together against illegal content and conduct on-line" that took place in Prague on 20 April 2009.

The following have been highlighted:

- the fact that the scope of the Safer Internet Programme, which is to promote safer use of the Internet and other communication technologies, has been extended to fighting illegal and harmful conduct, such as grooming and cyberbullying;
- the proposal from the European Commission to update the Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA1, in particular the provisions aimed at strengthening efforts to combat online child sexual abuse material and grooming;
- the Council Conclusions on setting up national alert platforms and a European alert platform for reporting offences noted on the Internet, including child sexual abuse material, and enhancing cooperation, exchange of information and experience in fighting against illegal content and harmful conduct online at international level. This initiative is also part of a concerted work strategy and practical measures against cybercrime adopted by the Council on 27 - 28 November 2008;
- the initiative of the European Commission to set up a European Financial Coalition against commercial child sexual abuse material, whose aim it is to bring together all stakeholder groups engaged in the fight against the commercial distribution of images of child sexual abuse on the Internet, in order to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children by the manufacture, distribution and sale of child sexual abuse material on the Internet.

Number of pages: 10

Original URL: <http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/czech-presidency-of-the-eu-news-407971.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- [BE: Workshop on personalised online services](#) 06-07 May 2009 | Belgium
- [UG: IST- Africa 2009](#) 6-8 May 2009 | Africa
- [NL: Invoice Conference 2009](#) 11 May 2009 | Netherlands

- [CZ: The Future of the Internet](#) 11-13 May 2009 | Czech Republic
 - [BE: Workshop "ICT for efficient government: the role of research"](#) 12 May 2009 | Belgium
 - [NO: PEPOL Conference – Public Procurement for the Future 2009](#) 18-20 May 2009 | Norway
 - [NO: Hands-on-workshop with the PEPOL Infrastructure](#) | 20 May 2009 | Norway
 - [FR: Health Information Technologies 2009](#) | 27-28 May 2009 | France
 - [RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009](#) | 17-18 September 2009 | Romania
 - [FR: Smart Event 2009](#) | 22-25 September 2009 | France
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BE: Workshop on personalised online services - 6-7 May 2009

The workshop will present views and insights on personalised web portals, from the perceived need of personalised services, business model and the model behind self service web services to the way those services need to be developed.

Personalised web services are services which are presented on a web portal, and where users can enter using one single log on. The services presented vary from leisure services to classical municipal service delivery, like licenses and requests for getting official documents.

The main themes of the event will be:

- On 6 May: Why develop personalised services?
- On 7 May: How to build personalised services?

On 6 May, the event will highlight a number of issues: examples of pilot projects, channel selection, state of affairs in eID usage, privacy issues, which personalized services to offer.

The program of 7 May is technically oriented and addresses the issues of standardization and mid-ware architecture.

Further information about the program is available from francis.devriendt@kortrijk.be.

Participation to the event is free. Registration can be performed by sending an email to bart.noels@leiedal.be preferably until 1 May 2009. Registration is possible for each day separately or for both days.

The program is in English on May 6 and May 7 in the morning. The workshops in the afternoon of May 7 are conducted in Dutch.

Event email: francis.devriendt@kortrijk.be

Event website: <http://www.smartcities.info/invitation-e-gov-workshop-personalised-online-services-kortrijk>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Kortrijk

Organiser: Smart Cities Project

UG: IST- Africa 2009 6-8 May 2008

Hosted by the Ministry of ICT of the Republic of Uganda, IST-Africa 2009 is part of a multi-stakeholder initiative focused on reducing the Digital Divide in Sub-Saharan Africa. This event is the fourth in a series of annual technology research conferences that bring together representatives from leading commercial, government and research organisations around the world to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice.

The event also aims at the identification of opportunities for international research collaboration between Europe and Africa under the ICT Theme and Research Infrastructures (Capacities Programme) of the Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), thus naturally enjoying the full support of the European Commission.

A call for papers has been launched. It focuses on the following thematic priorities: eHealth - Health Information

Systems; eInfrastructures; Technology Enhanced Learning and ICT Skills; Digital Libraries and Intelligent Content; Open Source Software – Applications; ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility; ICT for Environmental Sustainability; RFID and Networked Enterprise; eGovernment - Services to Citizens & Business.

The [online submission of papers](#) and the [online submission of workshop proposals](#) will both be due on 28 November 2008.

The provisional acceptance of the papers will take place up to 16 January 2009 and the submission of the final papers up to 20 February 2009. The presenter's registration will be completed on 9 March 2009. Details about the content and structure of the papers and workshops can also be found in the above links on the event website.

Information regarding registration and fees for the event has been made available [online](#) on the event's website. Online registration will commence in February 2009.

Event email: secretariat@IST-Africa.org

Event website: www.IST-Africa.eu/Conference2009

Country: Africa

City/Location: Kampala (Republic of Uganda)

Organiser: Ministry of ICT of the Republic of Uganda with the support of the European Commission and the Technical Co-Sponsoring of IEEE

NL: Invoice Conference 2009 – 11 May 2009

The Invoice Conference 2009 focuses on all aspects of electronic invoicing and automated invoice processing. The Invoice Conference 2009 reveals large savings and practical benefits, thanks to an interactive and festive program full of presentations and demonstrations.

The format for the Invoice Conference 2009 was developed based on the observation that there was a need to create more value for suppliers, users and policy makers alike.

The Invoice Conference 2009 aims at fulfilling this need by:

- An interactive marketplace merging expo and conference: Every exhibitor is offered the possibility to perform a short presentation (pitch). The visitors are able to walk around this marketplace for several hours gathering information, sharing knowledge, building networks and promoting interests;
- Awarding the four best practices on eInvoicing and invoice automation with the 'Golden Invoice'. A jury decides which three best practices receive 'Golden Invoice'. The fourth 'Golden Invoice' is awarded by the audience;
- Analysing and Explaining statistical information on the adoption and use of eInvoicing and invoice automation with the Invoicing Monitor. The Invoicing Monitor in 2009 supports the Invoicing Compass 2009. The Invoicing Compass 2009 contains over 80 profiles from 54 eInvoicing and invoice automation providers.

The number of participants would be around 250-300. Further information about the registration can be found [here](#).

Event email: info@factuurcongres.nl

Event website: www.factuurcongres.nl

Country: Netherlands

City/Location: Eindhoven

Organiser: Factuurwijzer

CZ: The Future of the Internet – 11-13 May 2009

The conference will take place within the framework of Czech EU Presidency. Opened by the European Commissioner Viviane Reding and representatives of the Czech EU Presidency, the event will assemble European and international key speakers. It will bring together in a follow-on workshop the more than 80 EU research projects and national initiatives that are instrumental in defining the future of the Internet.

The conference aims to review the strategic orientations and trends governing the future societal and economic developments of on-line Internet and Mobile societies, and to present interesting ideas and projects in this area. The perspectives emerging from research and development in Europe together with the progress made on the

commitments taken by more than 80 European funded projects when signing the [Bled declaration](#) will be marked. A description of the conference programme can be found [here](#).

The number of the participants will be around 500. The registration is now open; further information on the registration process and fees can be found [here](#).

Event email: fi2009@guarant.cz

Event website: <http://www.fi-prague.eu/>

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Prague

Organiser: Czech Educational and Scientific Network (CESNET) with the support of the European Commission Directorate General Information Society and Media

BE: Workshop “ICT for efficient government: the role of research” – 12 May 2009

The workshop will place emphasis on the role of technological research in achieving efficiency in government processes. Efficiency itself can be represented by measures such as the reduction of the administrative burden, the reduction of software costs, the achievement of vendor independence, the reassignment of human resources towards more productive duties and others.

The organisers will be accepting short abstracts (of not more than 150 words) from those wishing to give a presentation. Although all contributions on ICT raising efficiency of eGovernment are welcome, the workshop will place particular emphasis on the role of research in achieving this goal. The workshop will welcome success stories arising out of the FP6 research projects and support actions.

Additional information can be found in the workshop's [call for participation](#).

This event is open to all eGovernment stakeholders, and in particular to:

- Representatives of eGovernment research projects in FP6
- Researchers, interested practitioners and promotion experts

It is to be noted that places are limited. Abstracts submissions and expressions of interest in attending are to be sent via e-mail to EGovR@eurodyn.com by 30 April 2009. Participation is entirely free of charge.

Event email: egovo@eurodyn.be

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/egovernment/studies/trendswatch/index_en.htm

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission (“ICT for Government and Public Services” Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media) along with the “Bringing Together and Accelerating eGovernment Research in the EU” study

NO: PEPPOL Conference – Public Procurement for the Future 2009 – 18-20 May 2009

Public procurement giving tax payers best value for money; enabling innovation; utilising public private partnerships; creating market opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises; including social and environmental considerations; ensuring compliance with the fundamental principles of equal treatment, non-discrimination, mutual recognition, proportionality and transparency; utilising electronic means - this is 'Public Procurement for the Future'.

The 'Public Procurement for the Future' conference starts with a reception on 18 May, continues with a full day program and banquet on 19 May, and closes on 20 May after a full day program. The conference's program can be viewed online at the event's website.

The conference is held in cooperation between the Pan-European Public Procurement Online (PEPPOL) project and BUSINESSEUROPE. It is open for the participation of public administrations attendees, suppliers and others engaged in European innovation through eGovernment and public procurement.

Registration may be performed online by **7 May 2009** and requires the payment of a 4 500 NOK (approximately €510) fee (discounted participation fee for every second participant from the same organisation).

Event email: anita.hessen@tsforum.no

Event website: <http://www.peppol.eu/peppol-conference/conference>

Country: Norway

City/Location: Oslo

Organiser: PEPPOL project and BUSINESSEUROPE

NO: Hands-on-workshop with the PEPPOL Infrastructure – 20 May 2009

A "Hands-on-workshop" for developers and IT-architects is offered in parallel to the ["PEPPOL-conference: Public Procurement for the Future"](#). The purpose of the workshop is to allow suppliers of ERP systems, business software, middleware products and systems integrators to get a first hand impression of the software and components provided to ease connection to the PEPPOL Infrastructure.

The workshop is divided into two parts. The first part is devoted to a presentation of the PEPPOL infrastructure, the specifications, components and software libraries. The second part has two separate tracks. Track I is for Java developers wishing to try out the software libraries and build PEPPOL compliant services and clients. In track II two suppliers of middleware products will demonstrate their products and show ways to be connected to the PEPPOL infrastructure with "off-the-shelf" products.

The targeting audience of the workshop is developers and IT-architects representing suppliers of ERP systems, business software, and middleware products and systems integrators. Participants in the workshop are assumed to be familiar with web services security (ws-security, ws-reliablemessaging, X509, OCSP, etc.)

Registration can be performed [online](#). The event is open and free of charge. There is however a limited number of free places and applications can be refused once the number of complimentary places has been exceeded. Therefore early registration is recommended.

Event email: mhb@itst.dk

Event website: <http://www.peppol.eu/news/events-1/hands-on-workshop-with-the-peppol-infrastructure>

Country: Norway

City/Location: Oslo

Organiser: Danish National IT and Telecom Agency

FR: Health Information Technologies 2009 – 27- 28 May 2009

Hit Paris, the European healthcare information technologies congress and exhibition, was launched in 2007 on the initiative of the FHF (French Hospital Federation) in response to the need of Healthcare players for information and training in areas concerning the modernisation and development of information technologies. An integral part of continuous professional training, it has been constructed around three key words: quality, pragmatism and transversality.

The event is set to be a new key event for all those involved in modernising health care. The European Health Information Systems Congress is therefore designed to bring together all actors involved in the process. Congress participants will come from the following fields:

- Institutionals: GIP, DHOS, ARH, Conferences, Agencies
- Hospital decision-makers: General Managers, IT Management, Medical IT Management, CME Presidents, Cluster Managers
- Users (Doctors, pharmacists, health executives)
- Private practice professionals
- Standardisation organisms
- Manufacturers and industrialists, financial providers and consultancy businesses.

Hit Paris 2009 is freely accessible to conference and exhibition participants and all healthcare professionals. The programme and registration for the congress will be available soon. All those interested may find more details and submit their papers [here](#). As for exhibitors, they may also find more details about participation [online](#).

Event email: info.pgpromotion@fr.cmpmedica.com

Event website: <http://www.health-it.fr/index.asp>

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: La Fédération hospitalière de France (French Hospital Federation), PG Promotion

RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009 – 17-18 September 2009

The main focus of EHB 2009, the second edition of the EHB conference, is placed on ehealth and bioengineering in general. Its goals are to promote concepts and advanced hardware and software technologies in the emerging domains of ehealth, telemedicine, medical devices/equipment, medical informatics, biomechanics, biomaterials, biotechnologies and healthcare management.

Another objective is to strengthen the interdisciplinary synergy between medical and technical researchers and practitioners, within the generous framework of medical bioengineering, in order to establish and promote advanced scientific concepts, methods and technologies for medical services and healthcare in Romania and enlarged Europe. In this respect, a special attention will be granted in the next years to targeting research to the real needs of patients, through different national and international projects and partnerships.

Last but not least, EHB 2009 represents a new "official" occasion to show that telemedicine in Romania and particularly in Iași exceeds the level of other more or less theoretical approaches and demonstrative issues. Its maturity was already proven by real time transmission and analysis of some vital biosignals of patients, performed by using the facilities offered by the first Romanian Telemedical Regional Centre located at the Faculty of Medical Bioengineering of the „Gr.T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași, which was developed by a local team within two research pilot projects - TELMES and TELEMON - financed by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research.

The intention is therefore to promote procedures for teleconsultation, telediagnosis and telemonitoring, providing an alternative to be employed in the healthcare system that could be made available "every time and anywhere" for those persons who need such a public service.

The [topics to be covered](#) and the [full papers' submission guidelines](#) can be viewed online.

The organisers expect to attract over 200 attendees. The registration fee is 300 RON (approximately €70).

Event email: ehb2009@bioinginerie.ro

Event website: <http://www.bioinginerie.ro/ehb2009>

Country: Romania

City/Location: Constanta

Organiser: "Gr. T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Iasi, the Romanian Society of Medical Bioengineering and "Ovidius" University of Constanta

FR: Smart Event 2009 – 22-25 September 2009

Smart Event is as an international forum of knowledge-sharing, learning and networking in the fields of e-ID, e-mobility and Smart Security. It has proven to be a meeting place for world-class researchers, innovators, developers and business decision-makers. The event encompasses 3 international conferences covering complementary areas:

- The future of digital security technologies, e-Smart.
- The building of trusted mobile applications, Smart mobility
- The next generation of e-ID management technologies and services, World e-ID.

The relevant calls for papers are open until 13 March 2009.

Smart Event features contents combining scientific and strategic presentations of Industry experts, researchers and academics, as well as governmental and institutional representatives.

The *Smart University* advanced educational programme as well as a series of workshops and meetings complete the agenda.

Smart Event 2009 addresses high level professionals that foster research and innovation the e-ID, e-mobility and Smart Security fields. Based on a steady growing audience, the target for 2009 exceeds 800 attendees. Regardless their activity - Academia, eGovernment, Institutions, Standardisation, Research, Integrators/Consultancy, Manufacturer/hardware, Security Solutions Providers, Content Service & Telecoms Operators – they all play an important and crucial influence on major decisions in the mobility, trusted technologies and services marketplace.

Registration will be performed online with the payment of a fee, and it will commence in April 2009

Event email: info@strategiestm.com

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smart-event/09/index.htm>

Country: France

City/Location: French Riviera

Organiser: Strategies Telecoms and Media

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