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### >> European eGovernment Awards 2009 submission form now online

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. Read more at the [awards website](#)

### >> 4th European eGovernment Awards 2009: Information Day on 21 April

The European Commission invites you to participate in the 4th European eGovernment Awards 2009 Information Day on 21 April in Brussels (BE), Avenue de Beaulieu 25. The Information Day offers a unique opportunity to learn more about this year's awards, the submission and selection process, and the European Ministerial eGovernment Conference to be held on 19 and 20 November in Malm (SE). At the Information Day, all those interested in submitting a case for the European eGovernment Awards 2009 will be able to ask questions and will have the chance to meet members of the European eGovernment Awards Consortium and European Commission representatives. Read more [here](#)

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Submit your case at [www.epractice.eu/awards](http://www.epractice.eu/awards)

By submitting a case, you can share your experience through the awards scheme and support the European Commission in its mission to improve the citizens' quality of life through ICT, increasing trust in government and public sector organisations and contributing to enhancing the competitiveness of companies and businesses.

You can submit your case and experience in the following categories:

- Category 1 - eGovernment supporting the single market
- Category 2a - eGovernment empowering citizens
- Category 2b - eGovernment empowering businesses
- Category 3 - eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness

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

More information on case submission can be found at [www.epractice.eu/awards](http://www.epractice.eu/awards).

### Participate in the Information Day

The European Commission also invites all those interested in participating in the 4th European eGovernment Awards 2009 Information Day on 21 April 2009 in Brussels, Belgium.

The Information Day offers a unique opportunity to learn more about this year's awards edition, the submission and selection process and the European Ministerial eGovernment Conference entitled "Teaming up for the eUnion", to be held on 19 and 20 November 2009 in Malmö, Sweden.

At the Information Day, all those interested in submitting a case for the European eGovernment Awards 2009 will be able to ask questions and will have an opportunity to meet members of the European eGovernment Awards Consortium and European Commission representatives.

Participation in the Information Day is free of charge; however, registration must be performed on the ePractice.eu portal at [www.epractice.eu/en/workshops/egovawards](http://www.epractice.eu/en/workshops/egovawards).

### Further information:

- [Website of the European eGovernment Awards 2009](#)
- [European eGovernment Awards 2009 Information Day](#)
- [Awards helpdesk](#)

## EU: Commission proposes new 'Critical Information Infrastructure Protection' policy 6 April 2009

*On 30 March 2009, the European Commission adopted a [communication](#) calling for action to protect critical information infrastructures by making the EU more prepared for and resistant to cyber attacks and disruptions.*

Electronic communication services and networks provide the backbone of the European economy and are vital to citizens, businesses and governments. They are often referred to as critical information infrastructure (CIIs).

There is a 10 % to 20 % probability that telecom networks will be hit by a major breakdown in the next 10 years, with a potential global economic cost of around €193 billion. This could be caused by natural disasters, hardware failures, rupture of submarine cables (there were 50 incidents recorded in the Atlantic Ocean in 2007 alone), as well as from human actions such as terrorism or cyber attacks (such as the large-scale cyber attacks directed at Estonia in 2007), which are becoming more and more sophisticated.

As ICT networks tend to be decentralised, highly interconnected and interdependent, failures of these infrastructures could cascade and spread beyond national borders. At the moment, Member States' approaches and capacities differ widely. A low level of preparedness in one country can make others more vulnerable, while a lack of coordination reduces the effectiveness of countermeasures.

To achieve an enhanced level of awareness and preparedness throughout the EU, the European Commission's communication proposes the following set of actions:

- **Preparedness and prevention:** fostering cooperation, exchange of information and transfer of good policy practices between Member States via a European Forum. Establishing a European Public-Private Partnership

for Resilience which will help businesses to share experience and information with public authorities. Both public and private actors should work together to ensure that adequate and consistent levels of prevention, detection, emergency and recovery measures are in place in all Member states.

- **Detection and response:** supporting the development of a European information sharing and alert system.
- **Mitigation and recovery:** stimulating stronger cooperation between the Member States via national and multinational contingency plans and regular exercises for large-scale network security incident response and disaster recovery.
- **International cooperation:** driving a Europe-wide debate to set EU priorities for the long term resilience and stability of the Internet, with a view to proposing principles and guidelines to be promoted internationally.
- **Establishment of criteria for European critical infrastructure in the ICT sector:** the criteria and approaches currently vary across Member States.

The European Commission invited the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) to support this initiative by fostering a dialogue between all actors and the necessary cooperation at the European level.

#### Further information:

- [RAPID press release - European Commission](#)
  - [European Commission's communication on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection - "Protecting Europe from large scale cyber-attacks and disruptions: enhancing preparedness, security and resilience"](#)
  - [Critical Information Infrastructure Protection - a new initiative in 2009](#)
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## HU: Customs management becomes simplified 2 April 2009

*The management of customs affairs is being streamlined through a HUF 2.4 billion (approximately €8 million) investment in Hungary. The planned introduction of electronic solutions in the Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard procedures is foreseen to make it easier for approximately 50 000 businesses to obtain the necessary licences.*

Currently, the duties of businesses/organisations importing or exporting goods imply obtaining from the responsible authorities more than seventy various licences and certificates. This generally takes place via traditional, paper-based means.

The project of establishment of an electronic contact between the nine concerned authorities and the introduction of the "one-window" management of affairs are expected to make procedures smoother for 50 000 businesses/organisations using the customs services.

Businesses will be able to submit their applications for licences through the "Client Gate", the unified electronic client access and identification system accessible via the Hungarian eGovernment portal. Likewise, authorities will deliver the licences in electronic form.

As for the data pertaining to the licences and certificates issued by the relevant authorities, they will also be put at the disposal of the Customs and Finance Guard in an electronic form. The Customs and Finance Guard will then electronically convey the information relating to the use of the relevant licences/certificates to the competent authorities.

The development allows for the extension of the electronic processing of customs declarations introduced in 2007. It is expected to lessen administrative burdens while improving real work efficiency and control procedures.

The project is to be implemented by March 2010 within the framework of the Electronic Public Administration Operative Programme of the New Hungary Development Plan, for a HUF 2.4 billion budget (approximately €8 million).

Under this framework, the involved authorities are to establish or streamline IT systems supporting the issuance of licences and to start electronic client services with regard to the licencing procedures.

#### Further information:

- [Full, official press release - National Development Agency \(in Hungarian\)](#)

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## EU: Fingerprints and Photos to be provided with Visa requests 1 April 2009

*The European Parliament has recently adopted the new regulation regarding biometric passports and Visas. This regulation is the fourth part of the so-called Visa Information System package (VIS).*

According to the regulation, all future applicants for Visa issuance will have to submit their fingerprints together with their photos aiming to the prevention of fraud and abuse and the acceleration of the relevant procedures. Biometric visas, like biometric passports, should improve security provided the fingerprints they include are reliable.

The European Parliament approved the proposal previously made by the Council of the European Union thus been completing the legislative procedure. The regulation in question will come into force on the day after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The integration of biometric identity cards into the VIS is an important step, which makes a more reliable connection between the visa and the passport owner, so that no false identities can be used. After submission, all available fingerprints and photos will be traceable by default in the International Aviation Organization (I.C.A.O) archives. Each set of data will remain in the system's data bases for a period of 59 months and maybe re-used in new visa requests. Moreover children older than twelve years will also be included in the central visa data base of the Union with photo and imprints of all ten fingers. Children under twelve will be exempted from the requirement to provide fingerprints, as MEPs wished, following an agreement, negotiated by Sarah Ludford (ALDE, UK) with the Council and adopted by the European Parliament.

The debate over VIS and the collection of biometric characteristics started in 2004. On 8 June 2004 the Council of the European Union assigned the appropriate judicial authority to prepare the technical development of the VIS, which in turn assigned the project to the European Commission. The VIS system aims, among other things, to prevent an applicant whose application for a visa was rejected, from receiving permission to enter another Schengen state.

### Further information:

- [Newsletter of the EU Parliament](#)
- [Fingerprint-Visa in the EU-Parliament](#) (in German)
- [Common Position of Advice, Parliament and Commission](#) (PDF)

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## Latest Publications

- [EU: ViroLab: A virtual Laboratory for Infectious Diseases](#) 23 March 2009 | EU Institutions
- [EU: Analysis of Business Requirements for eInvoicing in a Public Procurement Context](#) 31 March 2009 | EU Institutions

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## EU: ViroLab: A virtual Laboratory for Infectious Diseases 23 March 2009

### **Complete title:**

***ViroLab: A virtual Laboratory for Infectious Diseases***

### **Description (short summary):**

ViroLab is developing a Virtual Laboratory for infectious diseases that facilitates medical knowledge discovery and decision support for, e.g., HIV drug resistance. ViroLab allows for personalized drug ranking. It is on trial in six hospitals and various virology and epidemiology laboratories across Europe.

The March eHealth focus presents results of the ViroLab project. Medical doctors and researchers now have a huge amount of information within their reach. They can study diseases from the DNA level all the way up to medical responses through the increasing availability of genetic information, patient records, and large high quality clinical and pharmacological databases.

**Number of pages:** 2

**Original URL:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=4827&utm\\_campaign=isp&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_source=external&utm\\_content=syndication-120848](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=4827&utm_campaign=isp&utm_medium=rss&utm_source=external&utm_content=syndication-120848)

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## **EU: Analysis of Business Requirements for Invoicing in a Public Procurement Context** 31 March 2009

**Description (short summary):**

The report is one of the deliverables of the IDABC eInvoicing & eOrdering pilot project, a joint initiative from the Directorate-General Internal Market and Services and the Directorate-General for Informatics of the European Commission.

The report is intended to be read by:

- All parties involved in the initiation and management of the "IDABC e-Invoicing and e-Ordering for public procurement project", including in particular, members of: Directorate-General Internal Market and Services, Directorate-General for Informatics of the European Commission, the IDABC programme's Pan-European eGovernment Services Committee (PEGSCO).
- All staff and contractors engaged in the execution of this project.
- The Commission's Expert Group on Electronic Invoicing.

It contains the results of the business requirements gathering process for eInvoicing in a public procurement context, by collecting and analysing requirements from multiple sources.

- Interviews with Member States having already implemented eInvoicing and eArchiving
- Interviews with stakeholders, such as small, medium and large suppliers, solution (IT and financial) providers
- Legal requirements for eInvoicing and eArchiving (mainly VAT)
- Other eInvoicing and standardisation initiatives

**Number of pages:** 353

**Original URL:** <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/4721/5874>

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## **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.

- [European eGovernment Awards 2009 Information Day](#) 21 April 2009 | Belgium

Co-branding your event with ePractice.eu is possible. Please read our terms at [epractice.eu/workshops](http://epractice.eu/workshops)

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## **Upcoming Events**

- [IT: "E-democracy 2.0 - Institutions, citizens and new networks: a potential lexicon"](#) 8 April 2009 | Italy
- [CN: Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications- China '09](#) 21-22 April 2009 | Asia

- [CZ: 7th Eastern European eGov Days](#) 22-24 April 2009 | Czech Republic
  - [UK: ePS Annual Conference 2009](#) 23-24 April 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [CZ: ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009](#) 29-30 April 2009 | Czech Republic
  - [NO: PEPOL Conference – Public Procurement for the Future 2009](#) 18-20 May 2009 | Norway
  - [UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care](#) 1-3 June 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009](#) 17-18 September 2009 | Romania
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## **IT: "E-democracy 2.0 - Institutions, citizens and new networks: a potential lexicon" 8 April 2009 | Italy**

*International Workshop - e-Democracy 2.0: Institutions, Citizens and New Networks: a potential lexicon*

The international workshop seeks to mark a step forward in the practical and theoretical view of how, and under what conditions, new digital technologies and networks can contribute to increasing and qualifying the participation of citizens in public and institutional life.

Can the increasing of the quality and quantity of participation still be pursued by means of a top-down approach, i.e. under the direct drive and stimulation of government institutions? What contribution can be gained from bottom-up approaches, i.e. those that focus on initiatives promoted by society and associations? And can these two different approaches be integrated, and if so, what conditions are required?

This event focuses on one basic issue: the relationship between institutional initiatives, i.e. the institutional sphere, and citizens' initiatives, i.e. the public sphere, with regard to new media and the diffusion of Web 2.0 technology. These issues will be examined from the perspectives of scientific research and the point of view of some of the leading players involved in institutional and non institutional experimentations, Using these two perspectives the limits of promoting and sustaining e-democracy projects and initiatives will be analysed, as well as non-institutional participation experiences produced by means of the digital networks. At the same time, some of the most interesting experiences that have taken place in recent years will also be presented and discussed.

The workshop will be split into three different panels. The first will focus on the institutional role, in the widest sense of the term, and will include an examination of both the prerequisites of new media participation and the public policies currently promoted in this specific sector. The second panel will analyse the experiences of citizen associations and networks in order to discuss hypothetical visions and perspectives of the future. A third section of the workshop will focus on an analysis and discussion of how these issues can be applied to Italy.

A summary of the results of e-democracy policies in Italy will be followed by an open discussion involving the audience, institutional and non-institutional operators, and citizens who wish to voice their opinions on the various issues covered by the speakers.

The workshop aims to:

- offer participants an up-to-date and in-depth vision of the main trends, challenges and opportunities regarding civic participation, based on research into the latest developments in digital communication;
- promote an open discussion between institutional and non-institutional experts and operators and the audience on the various issues involved in computer-based participation.

In the first week of April, the [www.partecipa.net](http://www.partecipa.net) website will host a space for participants to register in and for the digital community to pose questions regarding the debate that will conclude the workshop. Visitors to the site can also view abstracts of the talks that will be presented, as well as some essential bibliographic references related to the different issues tackled by the seminar. Registration to the event is free. The programme of the workshop is available [here](#). The subscription form can also be [downloaded](#).

Event email: N/A

Event website: <http://www.partecipa.net>

Country: Italy

City/Location: Bologna

Organiser: Emilia-Romagna Region, Pep-Net (Pan European eParticipation Network)

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## **CN: Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications- China '09 21-22 April 2009 | Asia**

*International Conference, I-ESA CHINA 2009, Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications. Promoting collaboration of enterprises through interoperability, to link China and Europe, and the world.*

I-ESA brings together the world's leading researchers and practitioners in the area of enterprise interoperability. It is a unique forum for the exchange of visions, ideas, research results and industrial experiences, dealing with a wealth of interoperability research subjects for business, enterprise applications and software.

This series of conferences was Initiated in 2005 by two major European research projects of the 6th Framework R&D Programme of the European Commission, the ATHENA IP (Advanced Technologies for Interoperability of Heterogeneous Enterprise Networks and their Applications, Integrated Project) and the INTEROP NoE, (Interoperability Research for Networked Enterprise Applications and Software, Network of Excellence).

I-ESA China 2009 will feature a high-quality pre-conference programme on 20 April 2009, consisting of workshops and tutorials. During the main conference, there will be an attractive exhibits programme and an additional brokerage event, including a hands-on "industrial use case challenge". Conclusions and generalized discussion will wrap-up the event with the post-conference on 23 April 2009.

The call for papers for the event is open. Details about the submission of proposals for papers and workshops are available either via the I-ESA China 2009 portal or by contacting the I-ESA China 2009 General Chair ([I-ESA@hit.edu.cn](mailto:I-ESA@hit.edu.cn)). The paper submission deadline is 12 December 2008.

The conference encourages submissions in (but not restricted to) the following topics: Business Interoperability; Enterprise Interoperability Roadmaps; Cross-organizational collaboration and cross-sectoral processes; Systems engineering in the context of Interoperability; Specification and Implementation; Architectures and Frameworks for Interoperability; Service Oriented Architectures for Interoperability; Enterprise Modelling for Enterprise Interoperability; Approaches and solutions for Model Driven Architectures and Interoperability; Design and Execution of Interoperable Services; Platforms for Enterprise Interoperability; Semantics for Enterprise Interoperability; Interoperability Scenarios and Case Study; Education on Enterprise Interoperability.

Participation is open to all and requires the payment of a general fee of €300 for the totality of the Conference (Lunch, Coffee Breaks, Proceedings, Dinner).

Event email: [i-esa@hit.edu.cn](mailto:i-esa@hit.edu.cn)

Event website: <http://www.i-esa.org.cn/OncePortal/portal/>

Country: Asia

City/Location: Beijing

Organiser: Interop V-Lab

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## **CZ: 7th Eastern European eGov Days 22-23 April 2009 | Czech Republic**

*7th Eastern European eGov Days: eGovernment & eBusiness Ecosystem & eJustice*

The annual Eastern European eGov Days provide a solid platform for exchange of creative ideas and inspiring technology transfer between Western and Eastern European countries. The 7th EEEGOV Days will focus on the themes of eGovernment, the eBusiness Ecosystem and eJustice. Supplementing the Czech presidency of the European Union, the event is held under the auspices of the Czech Ministry of the Interior.

The event is organised in cooperation with a wide range of partners from: the national governments of Austria, Latvia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Sweden; the regional government of Vysocina Region (CZ); civic partners such as the Vienna Core group (EU), the Judicial Academy (CZ) and the Respekt Institute (CZ); and business.

The event will support the European eGovernment Award 2009 which is administrated by CEPA Institue (AT), and promote the forthcoming Ministerial eGovernment conference 2009.

Expert and project communities will meet on April 22, the day before the official opening, on the occasion of side workshops supported by the organisers. High level Government Officials from 6 EU countries will speak in a plenary session together with 5 lead ICT visionarists and 3 representatives from the European Commission. 60 experts will speak in the parallel sessions.

Transformational Government enabled by ICT is becoming mainstream, having an impact on all aspects of eGovernance. The accepted papers will cover technological, socio-economic, organizational and political aspects, related to the eGovernment agenda and cross-topic issues, showing the integrated knowledge from different disciplines. The thematic sessions are as follows:

- Government Transformation and eService provision: Personal Data Protection & eGovernment Interoperability, Information and Data Security, Future of customer-centric ICT-enabled services, eDemocracy & eParticipation.
- Digital Government & Business Ecosystem: Concepts, models and challenges, Vertical and horizontal integration of services, Economic and financial aspects, Evaluation and measurement of eGovernment, eProcurement, Semantic technologies.
- eJustice: Judicial decisions on-line (data protection/anonymization, accessibility, applications, uniform gateways, semantic search systems etc.), on-line publication of black-letter law, multi-jurisdictional systems, unification of search criteria and search terms, semantic systems etc., IT support of the judiciary, Legal aspects of eGovernment implementation.
- Public Sector Information: Implementation of Directive 2003/98/EC throughout Europe (experience, opinions, outlook), innovative PSI products & packages (business, geographic, meteorology, traffic, socio-economical, legal etc.; accessibility of PSI and its privacy issues, economic issues of PSI, problems and challenges of data holders, the end users' view.

The number of the participants will be around 200. Registration to the event may be performed by filling the [online form](#). The programme can be downloaded [here](#). The registration fee is €130 (CZK 3 250). For those countries that joined the European Union after May 2004 and for non Member states the fee will be €85.

Event email: [zalisova@epma.cz](mailto:zalisova@epma.cz), [pekarek@epma.cz](mailto:pekarek@epma.cz)  
Event website: [http://www.epma.cz/7th\\_eeegovdays.html](http://www.epma.cz/7th_eeegovdays.html)  
Country: Czech Republic  
City/Location: Prague  
Organiser: European Projects and Management, EPMA (CZ) & Forum eGovernment/OCG (AT)

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## **UK: ePS Annual Conference 2009 23-24 April 2009 | United Kingdom**

### *eProcurement Scotland's 7th Annual Conference 2009*

The ePS Conference 2009 will predominately address public sector buying organisations including those currently using eProcurement or considering its use in the future.

The programme will cover:

- eCommerce and new contract of service
- PECOS Project 21C - how do we get there collectively
- Content Management and best practice in collaborative contracts
- Progressing with Post Implementation Reviews, the key findings to what we can do
- Supplier eCommerce (eEnablement) - what do our suppliers need?
- Progress with eInvoicing
- eSourcing - who is using it, what can it do to support your business needs, how does it fit with the advertising portal.

Spaces are limited and registration to the event is being performed by email [eprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:eprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk). There is a fee of £100 (approximately €106) for Scottish public sector organisations and of £182 (approximately €193) for non Scottish public sector, aiming to cover the full cost of accommodation, meals etc. Number of expected attendees is around 150 delegates.

Event email: [eprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:eprocurement@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Event website: <http://www.eprocurementscotland.com/Home/Channels/Events/Archive/conf2009>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Aviemore

Organiser: Scottish Procurement Directorate, Scottish Government

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## **CZ: ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009 29-30 April 2009 | Czech Republic**

### *ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009*

ICT Brokerage Event 2009 is held under the Czech Presidency of the European Union and is an accompanying event of the conference [Research Connection 2009](#).

The Brokerage Event, which is one of the projects of the Regional Innovation Strategy of South Moravian Region (RIS 3), will be accompanied by an Information Day on the following challenges of the ICT Work Programme 2009:

- Pervasive and trusted network and service infrastructure
- Cognitive systems, interaction and robotics
- Components, systems and engineering
- Digital libraries and content
- Towards sustainable and personalised healthcare
- ICT for mobility, environmental sustainability and energy efficiency

The project is financially supported by Regional Contact Organization South Moravia (RKO JM), Enterprise Europe Network, Centrop Information Technology Transfer (CITT) and Sectoral Contact Organization for Knowledge-based Society (OKO).

The final version of the Work Programme for ICT research in FP7 for 2009 and 2010 can be downloaded from [here](#).

Registration to attend the events is open and free; it can be performed by filling the relevant registration forms, [Registration to Information Day](#), [Registration to Brokerage Event](#).

Event email: [info@ict-brokerage.cz](mailto:info@ict-brokerage.cz)

Event website: <http://www.ict-brokerage.cz/en/home/>

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Brno

Organiser: Masaryk University, Brno University of Technology, South Moravian Innovation Centre, Regional Chamber of Commerce Brno, Transport Research Centre and FIRST Innovation Park in collaboration with the European Commission (DG INFSO) and invited EU project coordinators

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## **NO: PEPPOL Conference – Public Procurement for the Future 2009 18 - 20 May 2009 | Norway**

### *PEPPOL Conference - Public Procurement for the Future 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 and requires the payment of a 4 500 NOK (approximately €510) fee.

Country: Norway

City/Location: Oslo

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

Event email: [anita.hessen@tsforum.no](mailto:anita.hessen@tsforum.no)

Organiser: PEPPOL project and BUSINESSEUROPE

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## **UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care 1-3 June 2009| United Kingdom**

*6th ICMCC Event – "Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care"*

In a recently published paper, the ICMCC defined Patient 2.0 Empowerment as: the active participation of the citizen in his or her health and care pathway with the interactive use of Information and Communication Technologies.

Dealing with medical and care compunetics, the field of social, societal and ethical implications of computing and networking, ICMCC decided to focus the 2009 event on Electronic Health Records (EHR) and secondarily, the connection between EHR and Digital Homecare.

The main themes of the conference are as follows:

- EHR and Knowledge Mangement;
- Social aspects of EHR;
- Ethical aspects of EHR;
- EHR and Digital Homecare;
- Future of EHR (visionary).

The [call for papers](#) is open until 1 February 2009. Authors are encouraged to focus their contributions from a patient's perspective.

Event email: [event@icmcc.org](mailto:event@icmcc.org)

Event website: <http://2009.icmcc.org/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: International Council on Medical and Care Compunetics (ICMCC)

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## **RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009 17-18 September 2009 | Romania**

*E-Health and Bioengineering Conference (EHB) 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](mailto: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

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