



VEMAGS is funded by all 16 Federal German States ("Länder") with the State of Hesse as overall project manager and was implemented as an official e-government project under the national programme "Deutschland Online" in 2007.

Connecting about 6,000 parties, the online-based application processes the communications of applications, hearings and permits of about 3,000 applicants and 1,700 traffic or road-building authorities. For the first time ever, applicants enjoy 24/7 online access to their ongoing and past applications and permits, including status displays of the connected hearings at all authorities involved.

Hauliers, crane and construction companies have to register their abnormal transportation projects with their initial traffic authority. There the project's feasibility is examined, often so in cooperation with additional relevant authorities like the police or German Rail (Deutsche Bahn) and every single road authority along the entire route of the transport. A decision can only be issued when all written statements of those have reached the initial permit authority. Application input as well as maintenance of business and vehicle master data is carried out by the applicant himself and remains completely in his responsibility. The application data is given online at the disposal of the authority. The authority examines and decides which additional authorities are to be involved in the permit process (along the submitted route) and initiates the necessary hearing assignments. The affected authorities can process them directly and parallelly in real-time. Over 80% of these transports are transit transports, meaning their routes cross borders of different Federal States of Germany and therefore involve numerous authorities on different levels of administration. Only then if all hearing partners have submitted their consent statements and requirements, the initial authority can create and issue the formal permit, delivering it to the applicant electronically signed via internet.

Before VEMAGS, this procedure was based on fax and very time-consuming (14 days upwards), which was highly risky to cause major delays for hauliers, because their customer orders often have to be dealt with in short terms. This is one of the major reasons why 50% of transports are guessed to take place without any authorization. These illegal transports distort competition and are a serious threat to traffic safety.

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## Vlaams Innovatienetwerk

**Vlaams Innovatienetwerk** is the network of Flemish intermediaries, active in the field of innovation. They include public knowledge centres, universities, technological research centres, polytechnic institutes and public bodies that have stimulation of innovation in industry as one of their tasks. The network is coordinated by IWT: the Flemish (governmental) agency for innovation.

This case documents the web 2.0 application that has been developed in relation to this Flemish network. The main goals of the web application are:

- map the expertise that is available in the whole network and make this expertise available to the industry (SME's) and the network
- animate the communication and interaction between the network partners and between the network partners and the industry

The web application allows network members to share information on:

- available expertise within the network organizations
- contact details of organizations and it's employees
- public funded research or development projects of potential interesting to multiple companies
- events organized by network partners
- news-items (blog)
- online encyclopaedia (wiki) on innovation

The web applications can be browsed anonymously but we do provide two account types that give extra possibilities. One account type is reserved for SME's: it allows them to get access to the full contact details of the network members, to give comments on news items, to contribute to the wiki and to publish a profile on their company. The second account type is reserved for the network members (knowledge centres, intermediaries) which gives in addition to the previous type also the possibility to enter news items, promote events, projects and to launch questions addressed to subgroups of the network.

The web 2.0 application also gives the possibility to set up sub-networks: these sub-networks can be public or private. Private sub-networks are only accessible for its members. The sub-networks allow the members to cooperate on specific items in a secured environment (private sub-networks) and/or to present information that is filtered for a specific target group: see for instance <http://bouw.innovatienetwerk.be> aimed at the building industry.

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## Registry Integrated System

Registry service of application forms, and documents addressed to any Public Administration Organisms or Department. The service is operable since 1995 in the *Ventanilla Única* (single point of contact) project, without technological support for the moment.

With the aim of offering a technological platform, the Ministry of Public Administration (at the present Ministry of the Presidency) carried out the study and development of an integrated solution for the exchange between the registry offices in 2007.

The project includes, in summary, the following steps:

- Elaboration of a secure system for the exchange of registry entries between registry offices involved in the program.
- Adequacy of the application software for the management of the 'Red 060' registry offices. This network is the most extensive and powerful cooperation network for the Public Administration in Spain. It is made up of more than 1 600 offices. The services provided by the Registry Integrated System through the 'Red 060', improve the efficiency, effectiveness and modernisation of the Public Administration. Moreover, they promote the collaboration network between the Public Administration services

SIR is a non-intrusive exchange system between registry offices that incorporates the efforts made by different public organisms to achieve the exchange of registry entries through electronic devices across the Spanish territory.

The main aims of SIR are:

- To grant the exchange of all the registry offices through the SARA network integrating the existing exchange systems previously developed by the Regional Governments
- To enable access to registry entries and document copies for the Departments through electronic devices before the arrival of the physical documentation
- To provide a homogeneous service to the citizens, through the standardization of the registry offices operative process.

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## eDischarges

In partnership with the Law Society and the Irish Mortgage Council, the PRA has developed an online system which enables lending institutions to apply for the cancellation of a charge (mortgage) registered against the title by electronic means, without the need to submit paperwork. The development of this capability is central to progress towards a national system of electronic registration of title (eRegistration) and the system marks the delivery of the first element of electronic conveyancing (eConveyancing) in Ireland.

A Project Board mandated to direct the eDischarges project was established in late 2006. Representatives of the Law Society, the Irish Mortgage Council, the Revenue Commissioners and the Companies Registration Office were invited to join the board to work with senior managers from the PRA. A series of workshops were conducted with the relevant stakeholders so that all participants would clearly understand the role of the various parties in the current processes and to discuss the various options for a suitable eDischarge model. From these discussions an agreed model for the new process emerged. This proposed model was subsequently developed, was launched on March 30th and has successfully addressed the requirements of all parties involved in the process.

During the consultation phase many changes to the initial proposal were agreed. As a result the new system offers a more secure, efficient and transparent method than the existing paper based process and eliminates many of the inefficiencies and delays currently experienced when mortgages have been redeemed.

In order to provide an additional incentive for our customers and to maximise the usage of the new system the PRA, for the first time with its electronic services, introduced differential charging. Under the new arrangements there is no fee charged for this service whilst maintaining the existing fee for the paper based application. In addition to encouraging the highest possible user take up this was introduced to ensure that as we move to the next phases of electronic registration our existing customer base would be fully committed to and familiar with on-line applications.

As the project also involved considerable business process re-engineering between the lending institutions and solicitors who represent the borrowers it was appropriate to provide this financial incentive. The new system, while highly automated and completely paperless, is not automatic. This subtle but important distinction was a key element for many of the parties and means that the PRA, as the national registering authority, still retains the ultimate responsibility of deciding whether or not to remove a mortgage from the title. Given the value of the assets involved and the size of the mortgages this was a prudent and necessary step in building confidence for future developments.

If an application is correctly prepared and fully acceptable the relevant mortgage is cancelled from the register on the day of lodgement. A completion notice will issue by electronic means and as an additional security feature notification is also issued to a third party (such as a solicitor acting for the borrower) nominated by the lending institution. The Property Registration Authority is a creation of statute and all of its activities must have a legal basis. Given the legal nature of the transactions involved and in order to underpin the new system on a statutory basis new Land Registration Rules were introduced to provide a legal basis for this process.

Any lending institution, who wishes to avail of this service, can simply log on to [www.edischarges.ie](http://www.edischarges.ie) to download and submit the relevant application to open a user account with the PRA. Once the applicant has successfully completed their application and agreed the terms and conditions they can immediately commence lodging applications.

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## **E-government in Communication disputes**

Few people and a great technology to solve the problems of communications. That is the way we can identify our project. The results after 2 years of application show the goodness of our idea. 10000 citizens solved their problems with telephone operators, 3 million euros were saved and given to citizens, everything made by our website was stored, people had the possibility to point up their problems staying at home, the staff of the committee was able to face any problem, efficiency and efficacy brought us to be the first region in Italy to reach the best innovation and practices. The partnerships with the two local Universities, the consumers unions, the department of economic affairs of Apulia, the regional school office and the major organisation of Apulia show how our organisation is well appreciated all over the territory of our country and has contributed to reach specific objectives and operational standard activities. We are the Apulian communication committee, instituted by regional law in 2000. Our main goal is to ensure in our region the respect of all the rules of communication. The management planned a programme of two years in order to achieve the specific objectives in short term and global objectives in mid term. Guardianship on minors on local TV, questions of law concerning telephone administrators and citizens, the so called " Par condicio ", that to say, to guarantee equal possibility of access of all political parties to TV, were heavy problems to face. Apulia is a country of more than 4 million people and the disputes between citizens Pay TV and telephone administrators are many.

Technology at the beginning helped us. The previous experience of the other Italian regions was the starting point of our activity which, since the first step was based on innovation and on technology. Here the way we followed to solve our problems. The first initiatives were made to promote creation and growth of knowledge in our staff, accelerating and strengthening a system which needed training and innovation. Supporting ideas, innovation and previous experience and facilitating exchange and experience with other regions, Corecom Puglia started its way to the new proxies. The president of Regional Council helped us, giving 700.000 euros. One of the top priorities was to find equilibrium between the quality of services and the access of citizens. With the help of an external firm, Cadan, we were able to create a system full of dissemination of innovation processes through e government, to greater simplify procedures, reducing time needed for supply of services to citizens. Technical and managerial competence received by national authority, favoured the best practices. Technical assistance was given to activities necessary for the effective and smooth management and implementation of programme. The committee financed the setting up, maintaining and upgrading of the website. Immediately started the information and publicity to increase the awareness of potential beneficiaries. Thanks to an important agreement with the department of economic affairs of Apulia, we

found new economic means to favour training for conciliators in the field of consumers unions. In this way all people engaged in our project could know the right procedures the laws ruling our activities. Our training, made by our staff with the help of national Authority gave us the possibility to have a very deep dialogue not only with consumers unions, but with all the citizens. Once achieved the specific objectives, we entailed favourable outcomes and effects in terms of growth of competitiveness and territorial services. At the end of our project we started with an anonymous form given to our citizens to evaluate our work.

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## Learn more about ICT

"Learn more about ICT" is a multi-stakeholder project initiated by the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation. The initiative concerns giving every citizen in Denmark the ability to benefit by ICT. The aim is that citizens' level of ICT skills is further improved through the increased and improved provision and use of ICT courses.

The organizations involved cover a broad spectrum of the society and include national commitment from both libraries and the citizen service centres. Furthermore, organizations for elderly people, unions and a number of other organizations are taking part in the initiative. The network is continually adding new organizations to reach out to every corner of society and meet the needs of the most people as possible.

To realise the aim of further increasing the ICT skills of the population, around 60 selected persons from the involved organisations have received an education specifically developed for the initiative.

On the basis of that, these persons have become certified ICT-teachers, and have been taught an ICT-pedagogical approach which ensures that they can teach on a fully informed level and subsequently run customized teaching and training for people in their organizations. At the same time, the ICT-teachers are able to teach colleagues in the ICT-pedagogical approach.

To support the development and knowledge sharing of education material, the unique website [www.It-formidler.dk](http://www.It-formidler.dk) has been developed. The site is both an online production facility for education material and archive for the developed and uploaded material at the same time. Furthermore, the ICT-teachers can use It-formidler.dk as a virtual meeting place when it comes to contact with course participants from past and future. Everybody can download the education material for free and use it to training courses for free.

In order to communicate and create widespread awareness about the importance and benefits of good ICT-skills, "Learn more about ICT" is being supported by a national campaign about digital literacy, focusing on creating motivation in the target group. The campaign consists of television programmes, radio spots and the development of a campaign website at the Danish National Broadcast. Furthermore, campaign material specifically designed for the initiative have been produced and distributed to all the involved organizations to ensure the local and regional consolidation of the national campaign.

Thus, "Learn more about ICT", through the establishment of a national network of ICT-teachers outside the established education system, guarantees citizens increased access to tailored ICT-education targeted to their needs and interests and offered in a context that is known for them, because the training courses are offered through and in the participating organizations, which also share each others facilities and cooperate in other constructive ways.

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## EcoEnergy on a large computer infrastructure environment

With origins dating back to the eighteenth century, the University of Porto is currently the largest education and research institution in Portugal, spread across three university campuses located in the city of Porto. With 14 faculties and a business school, the University of Porto provides an exceptional variety of courses, covering the whole range of study areas and all levels of higher education.

The Engineering Faculty (FEUP) is one of them, with 7 522 students enrolled, 543 teachers and 801 administrative staff. Computer Centre of FEUP manages 830 computers distributed in 48 classrooms with the purpose to provide ideal conditions to our students to do research, school work and attend classes. Some of these classrooms are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

One of our big concerns was to control the time that computers were turned on and our main goal was to keep the computers on only when it was strictly necessary.

The computers are generally fully used but we have some time periods (nights, weekends, some hours during working days etc.) where the utilization is less, so we were wasting energy by leaving the computers on. In the past we tried to improve the situation by assigning technicians to turn off the computers, just before their working day ended. Obviously, this was unsatisfactory, both in economic terms and in staff motivation.

In this light, the Computer centre of FEUP decided to start building a project with the following objectives:

- Self "log off" the computers that our students forgot to "log off";
- Shutdown of the computer after 15m of inactivity;
- Monitor and control by a central server the "status" of the computer;
- Program shutdown and start up time on the central server;
- Capacity to turn on/off remotely and do programmed tasks;
- Ability to get online statistics of the energy consumption.

The most relevant result of this project was the cost reduction in our energy bill, which is estimated around 70%. Moreover, we strongly reduced the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### Impact

With the implementation of "**EcoEnergy**" and after analysing all data collected, we concluded that:

- Energy cost in our yearly invoice was reduced by almost 70% (estimated value);
- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emission reduced strongly;
- Classroom temperature decreased, making it more pleasant in summer;

### Lesson Learnt

- The way we manage computer infrastructure had drastically changed, specifically shutting down computers during non-using periods can save energy, benefit the environment and reduce costs;
- Small ideas can lead to big savings!

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## **EU: INSPIRE Conference: Live Webcast on Wednesday 17 June 2009 - 16 June 2009**

**On Wednesday 17 June 2009, the plenary sessions of the 3rd INSPIRE conference will be broadcasted live on the [INSPIRE Conference website](#).**

The Third INSPIRE Conference will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from 15 to 19 June 2009, in conjunction with the Eleventh International Conference of the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Association (GSDI 11th World Conference) and the National conference on Dutch SDI: Results and Challenges.

The INSPIRE sessions have been designed to provide those interested with an accurate and up-to-date picture of the implementation of the INSPIRE Directive.

The presentations and recordings will also be available on the INSPIRE Conference site after the conference.

### **Further information:**

- [INSPIRE Conference website](#)
- [INSPIRE Conference - ePractice announcement](#)

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## **ES: Awareness-raising workshops on ICT for SMEs operating in rural areas of Castile and Leon - 12 June 2009**

**The Ministry of Development of the Spanish region of Castile and Leon is organising, in collaboration with the region's Natural Heritage Foundation, a series of workshops focused on ICT and aimed at the SMEs and freelancers operating in rural areas of the region.**

The events organised under the framework of the "Entrepreneurs Programme" (*Programa Emprendedores in Spanish*) are intended to contribute to raising awareness and popularising new technologies among this public.

The campaign will consist in over 30 events in the approximately 20 "Casas del Parque" (contact points located in the various natural spaces of Castile and Leon) of the Natural Heritage Foundation. The events have been designed for groups of over 15 businessmen and businesswoman. Participants will receive practical training through 2 sessions of 4 hours long each.

Among other issues, the following themes will be addressed: use of the computer and of the various office automation tools, IT security, accessing public services and performing related actions online.

The Regional Park of "Sierra de Gredos", province of Ávila, hosted the first of those workshops on 9 and 10 June 2009.

### **Further information:**

- [More information on the workshops - Regional Government of Castile and Leon \(in Spanish\)](#)
- [Website of 'Programa Emprendedores' \(in Spanish\)](#)

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## **EU: Call for researchers open at JRC-IPTS Seville - 12 June 2009**

**A new call for interest for doctoral researchers, post-doctoral researchers and senior researchers has been launched by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS). The deadline for submissions is 14 June 2009, at midnight CET.**

Different research topics are proposed by the 5 Units of IPTS (Economics of Climate Change, Energy and Transport; Knowledge for Growth; Information Society; Agriculture and Life Sciences in the Economy; and Sustainable Production and Consumption).

In particular, the Information Society Unit is looking for a Researcher on ICT-enabled innovation in public services & governance (post-doc. researcher, cat. 30).

**Background information:**

The IPTS is located in Seville, Spain. It is one of the seven scientific institutes of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). Since 1994, IPTS has been promoting and enabling a better understanding of the links between technology, economy and society.

The JRC is a service of the European Commission whose mission is to provide customer-driven scientific and technical support for the conception, development, implementation and monitoring of EU policies.

**Further information:**

- [Complete information on the call for researchers on the IPTS website](#)
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## **LU: CTIE: the new State Information Technology Centre of Luxembourg - 11 June 2009**

**To meet the new challenges of the information society and in order to better support the electronic exchanges within the Public Administrations, the Government of Luxembourg established a State Information Technology Center (CTIE).**

The new administration merged the State Computer Center (CIE) - established in 1974 - and the eLuxembourg Service (SEL) - formed in 2004 - fully covering the past activities of both entities. Before grouping them, these two bodies had already developed a close collaboration working together on projects related to electronic government (eGovernment) and to the simplification of the Administration.

Apart from the technical support, the CTIE is a provider of services for the entire State. It provides coordination, planning and assistance to Government bodies and is responsible for implementing the provisions which follow directly from the Government program and the Master Plan of Electronic Governance. These comprise the preparation and updating of a normative framework for IT projects and the modernisation of the State. Among the duties of the Center, there are also the production and personalisation of secure administrative documents and the processing of biometric data (e-passport). It is furthermore responsible of specific tasks like managing an administrative portal ( "Counter"), the establishment of an electronic document management system (EDM) and the coordination of the State Internet websites (homogeneity of official websites).

The challenges facing the CTIE are:

- The establishment of structures for electronic exchanges with citizens and businesses;
- IT support of collaborative processes between governments and institutions;
- Interoperability at the regional and international levels.

**Further information:**

- [Official press release - website of e-Luxembourg](#) (in French)
  - [Official webpage of State Information Technology Centre \(CTIE\) - Portal of Public Service of Luxembourg](#) (in French)
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## **EU: eParticipation Call for Proposals – ICT PSP Call 3 bis - 11 June 2009**

The eParticipation Call for Proposals (**ICT PSP Call 3 bis**) has been launched on 5 June 2009. It will remain open until 23 September 2009, at 17:00 CET.

The call is based on the amended Work Programme 2009 of the ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP).

It focuses on a single objective addressing eParticipation - empowering and involving citizens in transparent decision-making in the EU.

It is intended to support several pilot actions for up to €7 million of EU contribution.

Proposal submissions must be made by via the European Commission's Electronic Proposal Submission Service (**EPSS**).

An Information Day for interested proposers will be held on 1 July 2009 in Brussels.

### **Background information:**

The ICT Policy Support Programme is one of the three multi-annual specific programmes of the Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (CIP) 2007-2013. ICT PSP aims to stimulate innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of ICT by citizens, governments and businesses, in particular SMEs.

### **Further information:**

- [eParticipation Call for Proposals - ICT PSP Call 3 bis - Europe's Information Society Thematic portal](#)
- [Call leaflet](#)

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## **HR: Internet and Mobile Phone Child Protection Project – 'BE SAFE!' - 10 June 2009**

**On 10 June 2009, the Central State Administrative Office for e-Croatia presented the Internet and Mobile Phone Child Protection Project -'BE SAFE!'.**

This project aims to raise awareness among children and the wider public of the dangers of the Internet and mobile phones and of the need to safely use all contemporary means of communication.

As the project's leader, the Central State Administrative Office for e-Croatia intends to encourage communication between children and their parents on the dangers of the Internet and mobile phones and, as a result, contribute to preventing electronic violence in the Republic of Croatia.

The objectives of 'BE SAFE!' are to inform, communicate, educate, protect and finally prevent electronic violence. It is an overall goal of the Central State Administrative Office for e-Croatia to guarantee the children's safe and carefree use of new technologies for fun, games, socialising, education and discovering new things.

To this end, the main communications means used under the project are milk cartons featuring a label including a comic and a message pointing to the need to safely use the Internet and mobile phones. Since a milk carton is usually on the kitchen table during breakfast, parents and children will have an opportunity to read the content placed on it while having breakfast and start a conversation on the dangers of Internet and mobile phone use.

The mascot of the project is "Apprentice Hlapić" (in Croatian: Šegrt Hlapić), a cartoon character well known among Croatian children.

The project's key messages for children as follows:

- Never reveal information about yourself - name, surname, address, name of your school, home or mobile phone number - to the new friends you make on the Internet.
- Never send pictures of yourself, your family and friends to friends you make on the Internet.
- Don't meet the friends you have made on the Internet alone: bring your parents, other adults or more than one of your friends.
- When you are not sure of how to act in certain situations on the Internet, share your doubts with your parents, teachers or other adults you trust.
- Never believe everything your new friends make on the Internet write, because it is common to lie to others online.
- Don't answer to persons that make you feel uncomfortable or afraid, but tell your parents, teachers or other adult you trust right away.
- It is not impolite not to answer to impolite messages!
- If you read information on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable, you should tell your parents or teachers, or other adults you trust right away.
- Some people lie about who they are on the Internet! Your new friends you have made on the Internet may not be who they say they are, but people with bad intentions.
- Sometimes you may meet people with bad intentions or see bad things on the Internet but that is NOT YOUR FAULT! If you meet such people or see such things, tell your parents or teacher, or other adults you trust right away. They will help you to be safe.

**Further information:**

- [Official press release - Central State Administrative Office for e-Croatia \(in Croatian\)](#)

## **INT: OECD conference: ICTs, the Environment & Climate Change - 10 June 2009**

**On 27-28 May 2009, the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation hosted, in Helsingør, Denmark, the high-level OECD Conference: "ICTs, the Environment & Climate change". This conference focused on how Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) can improve environmental performance and mitigate climate change in all sectors of the economy.**

The OECD Secretary-General, *Angel Gurría*, and the Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, *Helge Sander*, opened the conference. More than 230 participants attended the conference; high-level policy-makers, representatives from business and civil society, and academic experts who contributed to advancing the policy agenda on ICTs to improve environmental performance and combat climate change.

The purpose of this conference was to discuss ICT and climate change, share good practices and experiences, develop a better understanding of the connection between ICT, environment and climate changes and to attain targets for a coordinated international political agenda.

The conference developed themes from the OECD [Workshop on ICTs and Environmental Challenges](#) in Copenhagen, in May 2008, and the OECD [Ministerial Meeting on The Future of the Internet Economy](#) in Seoul, in June 2008.

It aimed to:

- develop a better understanding of the relationship between ICTs, the environment and climate change;
- analyse environmental impacts of ICTs, the Internet and their applications;
- promote R&D, innovation and long-term investments to foster sustainability and restore economic growth in the current crisis;
- compare national "Green ICT" policies and good practice approaches;
- develop a co-ordinated international policy research agenda.

Director General, Jørgen Abild Andersen, National IT and Telecom Agency, closed the conference by presenting a series of conclusions. Mr Andersen pointed out that: "Intelligent use of ICT can contribute to reducing energy consumption in almost all sectors of the economy, such as transportation and buildings. One strategy to achieve a healthier climate is to reduce the carbon footprint from the use of ICT. Another strategy is to use ICT to reduce the carbon footprint in other sectors".

#### Further information:

- [Official press release - Website of Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation - National IT & Telecom Agency](#)
  - [Official website of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development \(OECD\) - Workshop on ICTs and Environmental Challenges](#)
  - [Official website of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development \(OECD\) - Ministerial Meeting on The Future of the Internet Economy](#)
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## FR: “Geomatics portal for Spatial Planning, Housing and Nature” goes live - 10 June 2009

The French [geomatics portal](#) for housing, urban planning, landscapes, water and biodiversity gathers resources on the use of geographic information in these domains.

The website is jointly managed by the DGALN (General Planning, Housing and Nature Directorate of the French Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning) and by the Certu - the Studies Centre on Networks, Transport, Spatial Planning and Public Constructions.

Both managing entities share a common goal; promoting the use of geographic information in the frameworks of spatial planning, housing and the environment respectively.

The portal breaks into the following sections:

- Data description
- Data access
- Thematic uses of geographic information: Analyse and knowledge of geographical areas; Spatial and urban planning; Housing, city policy and construction; Environment and risks prevention; Seashores
- Applications and tools
- Events
- Documentation

#### Further information:

- [Original press release - French Association for Geographical Information - AFIGéO \(in French\)](#)
  - [Website of the Geomatics portal for Spatial Planning, Housing and Nature](#)
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## PL: Next step towards the implementation of “Digital Poland” - 10 June 2009

On 26 May 2009, the Government adopted a bill amending the "Act on the Informatization of Activities Undertaken by Entities Fulfilling Public Tasks" of 2005, thus taking the next step towards the implementation of the "Digital Poland" Programme ("Polska Cyfrowa" in Polish).

The draft law was prepared by the Ministry of Interior and Administration. It also seeks to amend the Code of Administrative Procedure, the Ordinance on taxation and several other laws.

The proposed amendments aim to make it easier for citizens and businesses to enter in contact with the Public Administration by electronic means. They first grant the same legal status to electronic documents as that of paper documents in administrative cases. Secondly, if the bill becomes law, the Public Administration will no longer be able to request citizens and businesses to provide data that it already holds.

The amending rules establish the conditions for the cooperation between the public information systems that are supporting the eServices used by citizens and businesses (interoperability issues) and for the facilitation of communication through identification and authentication systems.

In order to meet the expectations of simpler contacts with the Public Administration, the bill proposes a new authentication method for client administration; the "trusted profile", a free tool to be provided by the eGovernment portal "ePUAP" (Electronic Platform of Public Administration Services). The trusted profile will enable the submission of letters to the Public Administration without the need for additional electronic signatures.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the establishment of the correct basis for eGovernment services: the eGovernment platform ePUAP, the central repository of electronic document models and the implementation of tasks deriving from the Strategy for the Development of the Information Society in Poland until 2013.

Moreover, the draft law extends the category of persons required to apply the provisions of the Act to: research and development authorities, public education institutions and administrative courts.

#### **Background information:**

On 23 December 2008, a special inter-ministerial group was established by the Council of Ministers to prepare the "Digital Poland" Programme, and to coordinate and monitor its implementation. The main objective of the Programme is to popularise broadband services in Poland by 2012.

#### **Further information:**

- [Official press release - Ministry of Interior and Administration \(in Polish\)](#)
- [ePUAP portal \(in Polish\)](#)

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## **FI: Online application has increased the number of University applicants - 10 June 2009**

**Online joint application was introduced this year; through this process one could apply to several universities by submitting one electronic admission form.**

This joint application system covers all the main application rounds; a total of 600 degree programmes. This system seems to have contributed to the increase of the number of applications throughout the country; a mere 16% increase since last year.

Admission to higher education studies is not an easy task in Finland; only 40% of high school graduates are admitted to pursue their studies at University. Due to the prolonged studies, the average age of polytechnic graduates is 25 and of university graduates is 27.

#### **Further information:**

- [Official press release - Website of the Ministry of Finance](#)

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## **RO: Electronic points of single contact to become operational by 28 November 2009 - 9 June 2009**

**Pursuant to the "Emergency Ordinance on the service providers' freedom to establish and provide services in Romania", the points of single contact called for by the EU "Services Directive" will be operational by 28 November 2009 in Romania.**

Through the points of single contact (here-after "ePCU"), service providers from the EU Member States will be able to easily complete, from a distance and by electronic means, the necessary procedures and formalities for accessing and exercising service activities in Romania. The ePCU will form part of the National Electronic System (SEN), the infrastructure of the national eGovernment portal [www.e-guvernare.ro](http://www.e-guvernare.ro).

Moreover, via the ePCU, the providers and recipients of services alike will have direct online access to:

- the requirements applicable to providers established in Romania, in particular those requirements concerning the procedures and formalities to be completed in order to access and to exercise service activities;
- the contact details of the competent authorities;
- the conditions for accessing public registers and databases on providers and services;
- the means of redress generally available in the event of disputes;
- the contact information of organizations and associations from which both service providers or recipients may obtain practical assistance.

Under the Ordinance, the Agency for Information Society Services (ASSI) will be the authority responsible for the ePCU's development, operation and administration.

The competent authorities will be responsible for the information and documents collected, transmitted and processed electronically through the PCU. They have an obligation to register in the ePCU within 30 days from the date the system becomes functional.

#### **Background information:**

The Emergency Ordinance no. 49/2009 was published in the Official Gazette of Romania on 1 June 2009. It sets out the framework for the transposition into Romanian law of the EU Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market (the so-called "Services Directive") whose aim is to achieve a genuine Internal Market in services by removing legal and administrative barriers to the development of service activities between Member States.

The EU Member States have 28 December 2009 as a deadline for transposing this Directive into national law.

#### **Further information:**

- [Original press release - Agency for the Information Society Services \(in Romanian\)](#)
- [Press release on the adoption of Emergency Ordinance no. 49/2009 - Government of Romania](#)
- [Text of the EU Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market](#)

## **New Factsheets**

The 11th Edition of the eGovernment factsheet for Estonia is now available online. We invite you to visit the [relevant section](#) for regular and/or ad hoc updates related to the factsheets.

## **Latest Publications**

- [EU: The European Files – eHealth in Europe](#) | 9 June 2009 | EU Institutions
- [EU: eHealth Monthly Focus on the Living Human Digital Library \(LHDL\) project](#) | 20 May 2009 | EU Institutions

## **EU: The European Files – eHealth in Europe - 9 June 2009**

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

This special issue of the "European Files" reflects the diversity of people involved in developing eHealth and integrating it to healthcare policies. Mobilising all these people and coordinating their actions, at a regional, national and European level, is essential in order for eHealth to realise its potential. The introduction of ICTs in the healthcare field is giving rise to many expectations and questions which are discussed in this issue.

- Expectations: facing the demographic challenge, the possibility to ensure better follow-up for elderly people, generally suffering from chronic diseases, and reducing costs (costs for chronic diseases represent some

60% of total healthcare expenses); to reinforce patient safety, to guarantee healthcare professionals access to patient information, anywhere in Europe; to offer preventive and proactive medical devices; to facilitate personalized treatment and therefore improve its impact; to give patients an active part in managing their healthcare.

- Questions: Will ICTs help protect medical data or on the contrary, by increasing information and service mobility, make it more vulnerable? Do any eHealth evaluation methods exist so we can first focus on the eHealth services with biggest added value? What legislations are further needed for developing eHealth? What new responsibilities are healthcare professionals faced with? Can eHealth be one of the 'locomotives' taking us out of the financial crises?

The issue's editorial, by Mr. Gérard Comyn, head of the ICT for Health unit of the European Commission is entitled "eHealth: a solution for European healthcare systems?".

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## **EU: eHealth Monthly Focus on the Living Human Digital Library (LHDL) project - 20 May 2009**

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

Thanks to the LHDL project, it is now possible to share biomedical data in an easy, controlled, safe, and financially viable way. With the PhysiomeSpace© service it takes three clicks from the upload of the data to their sharing.

LHDL developed and deployed the resource-sharing infrastructure required by the Living Human Project (LHP) community and by many other groups involved with biomedical research and practice.

**Number of pages:** 2

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## **Upcoming Events**

- [DE: Access to Environmental Information - Freedom of Information in Favour of Environmental Protection?](#) | 18 - 19 June 2009 | Germany
  - [IT: Cybertherapy 14 and Cyberpsychology 2009](#) | 21 - 23 June 2009 | Italy
  - [UK: Learning Forum London](#) | 22 - 24 June 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [FR: ICGIS 2009](#) | 24 - 26 June 2009 | France
  - [SI: Urban Data Management Symposium](#) | 24 - 26 June 2009 | Slovenia
  - [UK: European e-Identity Management Conference](#) | 25 - 26 June 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [SE: Conference on solutions for eSignature Interoperability](#) | 26 June 2009 | Sweden
  - [UK: ECEG 2009](#) | 29 - 30 June 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [IT: European Telematic Administrative Procedure](#) | 10 - 11 July 2009 | Italy
  - [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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## **DE: Access to Environmental Information - Freedom of Information in Favour of Environmental Protection? - 18 - 19 June 2009**

The Symposium will be hosted by the Brandenburg State Commissioner for Data Protection and Access Information. Public bodies are obliged to release information useful for engagement to the environment under the Environmental

Information Act in order to support the citizens' commitment to environmental protection. In practice, the act's implementation gives rise to several questions: What exactly does "information about the environment" mean? To what extent are private bodies subject to the act? How far does the Environmental Information Act overlap with the general Freedom of Information legislation?

The International Symposium analyzes the basis of the Environmental Information Act in European law and focuses on the practice in separate states. The use of the right to environmental information by Non-Governmental Organizations, the significance of judicial decisions as well as different legal and institutional models will be portrayed. The conference also will deal with the obligatory publication of environmental information and its realization by means of environmental information systems. Experts from Brandenburg, the federal level, the European Union and its member states will give insights into current projects and discuss the role of transparency in the field of environmental protection.

The programme of the conference can be downloaded from [here](#). There is no registration fee. Early registration though is recommended as seating is limited; further information on the registration procedure can be found at the event's [website](#).

Event email: [Poststelle@LDA.brandenburg.de](mailto:Poststelle@LDA.brandenburg.de)

Event website: [http://www.lda.brandenburg.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=bb2.c.550422.de%20&template=allgemein\\_Ida](http://www.lda.brandenburg.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=bb2.c.550422.de%20&template=allgemein_Ida)

Country: Germany

City/Location: Potsdam

Organiser: Alcatel-Lucent Stiftung, the German Association for Law and Information Technology, the Independent Institute for Environmental Concerns

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## IT: Cybertherapy 14 and Cyberpsychology 2009 - 21 - 23 June 2009

The CT14 brings together researchers, clinicians, policy makers and funding agencies to share and discuss advancements in the growing disciplines of CyberTherapy & CyberPsychology. The deadline for the call for abstracts is 15 January 2009.

The conference will seek input from a wider segment of the scientific community, and is interested in attracting experts in clinical therapy and rehabilitation, cognitive sciences, social sciences, and computer sciences interested in the meeting's core topics: emerging applications, design and effects of New Media.

There is also an interest in continuing to design, evaluate and apply cutting edge technologies such as: Ambient Intelligence, Augmented and Mixed Reality, Avatars, Shared Virtual Worlds, Video Game Virtual Reality (VGVR), Web 2.0 and 3.0, 3G and 4G mobile phones.

Oral presentations, posters and symposiums are sought in the following areas: Adaptive Displays; Addictions; Advanced user interfaces; Ambient Intelligence; Anxiety disorders; Augmented reality; Autism; Avatars and autonomous agents; Brain Computer Interfaces; Cognitive assessment; Cyberaddiction; Cyberbullying; Cybersickness; Distance Learning and learning communities; Eating disorders, obesity and body image disturbances; Education; Haptics; Internet; Internet Addiction; Mobile Computing; Mobile Phones; Motor Rehabilitation ; Multiplayer on-line game; Neuropsychological assessment; Pain reduction; Physiological measurement and imaging during immersion in VR; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder; Presence; Psychotherapy; Rehabilitation; Robotics; Schizophrenia; Science 2.0; Serious Gaming; Social Networking; Telehealth and videoconferencing; Training; Videogame applications; Virtual reality applications; Web 2.0.

The accepted abstracts will be published in a regular issue of the journal Cyberpsychology and Behavior (indexed in Medline and PsychInfo) and presentations will be available in PDF on the CT14 web site shortly after the conference. The Proceedings, an important record of the each year's conference, are published by IOS Press in Amsterdam (<http://www.iospress.nl>) as part of its Studies in Health Technology and Informatics (SHTI) series, in hard copy and online (<http://www.booksonline.iospress.nl>). The complete series has been accepted in Medline.

This year's conference will feature three awards delivered in a luncheon ceremony on 23 June 2009:

- the Annual 'CRC-Clinical Cyberpsychology New Investigator Award' for a presentation of outstanding research quality. The aim of the new Award is to reward the presentation of strong methodological studies at the CyberTherapy conference. It includes a certificate and a check of \$1 000 (approx. €540);

- the 5th Annual 'CyberTherapy Excellence in Research Award', honoring a person who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in the fields of virtual reality and behavioral healthcare;
- three 'Student Poster Awards – Today's students are tomorrow's leaders'. Accompanying this honor will be three \$250 (approx.€185) - National Institute of Education (Singapore) <http://www.nie.edu.sg>

Registration and abstracts submission are to be performed [online](#) by 15 January 2009. The registration fees range from €290 to €600. Participation is open to all those interested. Approximately 150 attendees are expected.

Event email: N/A

Event website: [www.e-therapy.info](http://www.e-therapy.info)

Country: Italy

City/Location: Verbania-Intra

Organiser: Interactive Media Institute and Istituto Auxologico Italiano

## UK: Learning Forum London - 22 - 24 June 2009

This year's event main theme is "Innovation, Creativity and Accountability". 2009 has been declared the European Year of Creativity and Innovation. The European Year of Innovation and Creativity is proposed as a cross-cutting initiative covering not only education and culture, but also other policy domains such as enterprise, media, research, social and regional policy and rural development.

The event will be addressed over three days and three conferences which are as follows:

- **ePortfolio 2009**, the 7th International ePortfolio Conference
- **Key Competencies - Skills 2009**, the 3rd international conference dedicated to the development, recognition and accreditation of the competencies required to operate in the 21st Century, which will address the following issues:
  - Policies for the acquisition and improvement of key competencies.
  - Key competencies and active citizenship.
  - Raising the level of key competencies to contribute to individual employability, organisational development and regional prosperity.
  - Key skills in education, at work and the community.
  - Authentic formal, non-formal and informal recognition and assessment.
- **Learning Networks and Communities 2009**, the 4th international conference on learning networks and communities, a renewed version of Learning Regions & Cities (2003, 2004, 2005).

Each conference has its own call for contributions and the final tracks will be organised according to the nature of the contributions received.

The Learning London Forum is expected to bring together from 400 to 500 delegates from 35 countries. Delegates will be decision makers from the human resource, employment and industry sectors, the education and training sector, as well as public authorities. As a thematic event it allows an in-depth and broad exploration of the issues - and results in real outcomes.

Past events have resulted in the creation of national and international networks, contribution to policies, contribution to standardisation bodies, establishing partnerships with other communities in the field of digital identity and human resource standards, transnational projects and numerous publications.

The registration is now open; there is a registration fee further information on which can be found [here](#).

Event email: <http://www.eife-l.org/contact-info>

Event website: <http://www.epforum.eu>

Country: United Kingdom

## **FR: ICGIS 2009 - 24 - 26 June 2009**

The International Conference on Geographic Information Systems aims to bring together researchers, scientists, engineers, and scholar students to exchange and share their experiences, new ideas, and research results about all aspects of Geographic Information Systems, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

Address Geocoding; Automated cartography; Automotive navigation system; Cartographic modelling; Cartography; Computer Sciences; Crime Mapping Digital raster graphic; Data capture; Data creation; Data modelling; Data output and cartography; Data representation; Geomarketing; Geodatabases; Geodesy; Geographic Data Files; Geographic Encoding and Referencing; Geographic information science; Geoinformatics; Geoinformation; Geomatics; Geosciences; Geostatistics; GIS software; Graphic display techniques; Information Science and Systems Science; Location mapping; Management and analysis; Map database management; Map overlay; Mobile GIS; GIS Networks; Non-spatial data; Projections, coordinate systems and registration; Remote sensing; Reverse geocoding; Semantics and GIS; Spatial analysis with GIS; Spatial ETL; Surveying and Mapping Technology; Statistical GIS; Topological modelling; Vehicle navigation; Virtual globe; Web API; Web mapping.

Authors and Listeners should completely fill out the online conference registration form: [Online Author Registration Form](#); [Online Listener Registration Form](#).

Event email: [info@waset.org](mailto:info@waset.org)

Event website: <http://www.waset.org/wcset09/paris/icgis/index.html>

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology

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## **SI: Urban Data Management Symposium - 24 - 26 June 2009**

The Urban Data Management Society (UDMS) organizes this international symposium aiming at promoting the development of information systems in local governments. An important aim of UDMS throughout these years of organizing international symposia has been to provide a forum for people to discuss new approaches, to consider new technologies and to share practical experiences in the field of urban data management.

The symposium consists of 3 workshops on the 23 June and a main conference from 24-26 June.

A few of the main topics that will be presented in the conference are as follows:

- EURADIN - The harmonization of European Addresses: a strategy for building u access services to national or regional addresses infrastructures (Workshop 3, 23 June).
- Complying with the INSPIRE Implementation Rules - A Case Study (Conference, 24 June).
- Quantifying Transaction Costs of Geoinformation: Experiments in National Information Structures in Sweden and Germany (Conference, 24 June).
- Collecting, producing and maintaining core 3D geo-information in an integrated workflow (Conference, 24 June).
- Supporting the development of shared situational awareness for civilian crisis management with Geographic Information Science - research plan (Conference, 25 June).
- Collaborative E-Governance: Describing and Pre-Calibrating the Digital Milieu in Urban and Regional Planning (Conference, 26 June).

More information regarding the conference programme can be found [here](#).

The number of participants is expected to be around 150. Registration can be performed [online](#) with the payment of a fee.

Event email: [e.m.fendel@geo.tudelft.nl](mailto:e.m.fendel@geo.tudelft.nl)

Event website: <http://www.udms.net/cms/>

Country: Slovenia

City/Location: Ljubljana

Organiser: The Urban Data Management Society (UDMS)

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## **UK: European e-Identity Management Conference - 25 - 26 June 2009**

The conference aims to tackle head-on the issues surrounding e-identity as a core enabler of today's personal, business and government processes. eema and OASIS have joined forces to produce this two-day event which will comprise a variety of presentations, panel discussions, round table sessions and accompanying workshops covering the key challenges faced and strategies available to effectively manage employee, citizen and corporate identities.

The conference is an essential date for those in business, public sector and government who are involved in the policy, security, systems and processes surrounding identity management. In conjunction with the main conference there will be an exhibition of some of the leading identity management and security vendors, who will be on hand to demonstrate the industry's latest technological advances.

The eema stream will focus on:

- Managing Identity - Exploring the management of network and physical access/ID management and the supporting technological, data and personnel issues.
- Securing Identity - Looking at how we can help protect identities and make our systems more robust.
- Federated Identity - Exploring effective strategies and practical case studies to deploy and manage federated identity systems.
- e-ID Cards - Covering Member State e-ID card interoperability issues, latest technological solutions, standards and cultural challenges.
- Mobile e-ID - exploring identity issues for those on the move.

The OASIS stream will focus on:

- Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) – Helping administrators and organisations with citizens, customers and employees unlock the door to shared services and the deployment of foundation systems.

**Registration is now open and can be performed [online](#).** The event is open to all. Participation can be performed with the payment of a [fee](#).

Event email: [f.hawkins@eema.org](mailto:f.hawkins@eema.org)

Event website: <http://www.revolutionevents.plus.com/eema/index.htm>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: eema

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## **SE: Conference on solutions for eSignature Interoperability - 26 June 2009**

Chambers of Commerce in 13 European countries developed eSignature related services. With the Wesign project supported financially by the European Commission, Chambers teamed to promote the development of eBusiness and eGovernment applications relying on digital certificates. Project partners succeeded among others to demonstrate the potential of some interoperable tools such as the Trust service Status List.

The conference will report on Wesign results and look at identifying the next challenges for reaching interoperability of eSignature In Europe:

- Identification of key drivers such as the Services Directive implementation or eProcurement;
- Standardisation challenges ahead;
- The role for Supervisory Authorities or other bodies such as the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA), the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and the industry;
- The implementation of Trust service Status Lists and its exploitation by certification service providers.

The primary target audience for this conference is public authorities, representatives from EU institutions, business associations but also researchers and other specialists in the field of eSignatures.

The event is open and free. Registration can be performed by sending an email to Ms. Habla Mihoub, Assistant European Affairs at [mihoub@eurochambres.eu](mailto:mihoub@eurochambres.eu). Name and organisation should be provided.

Event email: [mihoub@eurochambres.eu](mailto:mihoub@eurochambres.eu)

Event website: <http://www.eurochambres.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=1833>

Country: Sweden

City/Location: Stockholm

Organiser: Eurochambres together with ChamberSign and the Swedish Chambers

## UK: ECEG 2009 - 29 - 30 June 2009

Over the years, the European Conference on e-Government (ECEG) has become a major arena for critical discussion of the latest research in the rapidly evolving field of eGovernment and eGovernance.

As governments seek to remodel and restyle their services, eGovernment continues to arouse interest and attention. New dynamic issues such as eDemocracy, eCitizenship, eIdentity and eVoting have become core elements in the development of public sector delivery. The multi-tier nature of eGovernment, relevant at local government, central government but also at the supranational level such as the European Union, makes it of importance to academics and practitioners alike. Vital questions are posed which link technological development and a streamlining of government services to more social based values of inclusion, accessibility and power relationship ratios.

The advisory group for the conference invites submissions of papers on both the theory and advanced practice in respect of the conference themes outlined below, from academics, government departments and practitioners in the public and private sector. The conference is also seeking case studies and reports of work-in-progress.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Applications of eGovernment;
- Challenges to eGovernment;
- The eVoting issue;
- eDemocracy;
- Measuring eGovernment/Economics of e-Government;
- Legal, agency, trust and governance issues in e-Government.

In addition to the main conference, submissions are welcomed to two mini tracks; one is the dedicated to 'eTax & eRevenue Administration', the other to 'e-Justice'. The specific call for papers for this track can be found at <http://www.academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2009/eceg09-minitrack.htm#eJustice>.

Submissions are to be performed [online](#) by 8 December 2008.

Over 120 persons are expected to attend the conference. Registration is also to be performed online via <http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2009/eceg09-registration.htm>. The registration fees range from £199 (approx. €251) to £599 (approx. €755). Earlybird rates end on 20 April 2009.

Event email: [info@academic-conferences.org](mailto:info@academic-conferences.org)

Event website: <http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2009/eceg09-home.htm>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Westminster Business School, University of Westminster

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## IT: European Telematic Administrative Procedure - 10 - 11 July 2009

Following the International Congress in [Telematic Administrative Procedures in Europe](#), 14-15 November 2009, the project continues on with the "comparison of ideas and proposals", and the drafting of a possible text of law.

The final conference will start from a basis for further discussion of the above mentioned text. Its aim is to discuss the draft, modify it, if necessary, and declare it as a shared document among the community of academics who confront the issue of administrative telematic procedure within the European domain.

The text will be presented to the European Commission as the result of scientific studies, so that its content be examined, reviewed and presented to the Parliament and Council.

Contributions can be sent to the following email address: [jurispo@unica.it](mailto:jurispo@unica.it). The relevant form to write the documents is available [online](#).

The conference is open and free and registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [jurispo@unica.it](mailto:jurispo@unica.it)

Event website: <http://spol.unica.it/teleamm/2008/luglio2009-en.html>

Country: Italy

City/Location: Sardinia

Organiser: University of Cagliari, Italian Court of Cassation, National Center for ICT in Public Administration (CNIPA)

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## 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](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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## 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](mailto: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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