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EU-China Information Society Project

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

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

Electronic Administrative Notifications

It is a service developed by the Spanish Government in co-operation with Correos (Post Office). Citizens and companies can receive the administrative notifications they currently receive on paper at a single access point.

Digital Social House Zwijndre

Digital Social House Zwijndrecht is an online product catalogue. It comprises all relevant social services and allowances for the citizens of Zwijndrecht. All products are linked to their respective service providers and are categorized according to themes. Thus the catalogue is adapted to the question-pattern of the end-user.

Digital Social House Zwijndrecht is linked to the catalogue of www.rechtenverkenner.be. This is an initiative of the Flemish regional government and provides information on all social allowances granted by governments of different levels. All relevant products of www.rechtenverkenner.be are synchronised with Digital Social House Zwijndrecht, enriched in its CMS and integrated into the thematic structure.

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SE/EU: Swedes announce Guldlänken finalists and local information day for the 4th European eGovernment Awards 20 April 2009

The four finalists of the "Guldlänken Awards", the Swedish National eGovernment Awards, have been announced. In order to promote the participation in the European eGovernment Awards 2009 of the cases submitted for the Guldlänken Awards, Vinnova (Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems) is hosting a Local Information Day on 6 May 2009 in Stockholm.

Guldlänken Awards Finalists

The jury for the 2009 "Guldlänken Awards", the Swedish National eGovernment Awards, have selected four finalists out of 35 submissions. The finalists are:

- [The Digital Space \(*Digitala rummet*\) of the Täby municipality](#): A one-stop-shop concept for eServices for citizens, business and civic associations. It includes the development of a new back-office process for the successful development, implementation and rollout of new eServices.
- [Fornsök - Swedish National Heritage Board, Maritime Administration and National Maritime Museums](#)): A map based eServices giving access to all known archaeological and heritage sites in Sweden. The services are accessible to the general public as well as professionals, public administrations and businesses.
- [My Pages \(*Mina sidor*\) - The Swedish Forest Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, National Heritage Board and County Administrative Boards](#): An eService illustrating how to develop one the oldest industries in Sweden - forestry - while simultaneously strengthening the forestry sector itself, the environment and heritage value.
- [UMO.se - "your new youth education: SVR Ltd." \(*din nya ungdomsmottagning SVR AB*\) - a joint project by the County Councils of Sweden](#): a national youth advisory portal with an innovative combination of quality controlled content. With functionalities and content adapted to the specific target/user group - on a sensitive topic.

The 2009 Guldlänken Awards winners will be announced at the *Offentliga Rummet* (Public Space) [conference](#) to be held on 25-27 May 2009 in Norrköping.

Local Information Day on the European eGovernment Awards 2009

In order to promote the participation in the European eGovernment Awards 2009 of those cases submitted for the Guldlänken Awards, Vinnova (Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems) is hosting a Local Information Day on 6 May 2009 in Stockholm.

Those wishing to register may contact anna.bjurstrom@vinnova.se.

The Vinnova initiative is in line with the European eGovernment Awards 2009 [Information Day hosted by the European Commission](#) on 21 April 2009 in Brussels. Vinnova got inspired by the successful coordination and encouragement of participation in Austria, Italy and the Netherlands for the 2007 Awards, and by the "local information day pack" available on www.epractice.eu/awardsmediakit.

The information days such as those in Brussels and Stockholm offer a unique opportunity to learn more about this year's European eGovernment Awards, the submission and selection process, and the European Ministerial eGovernment Conference, entitled "Teaming up for the eUnion" (www.egov2009.se), to be held 19-20 November 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 the chance to meet members of the European eGovernment Awards Consortium and European Commission representatives.

Submissions for the European eGovernment Awards 2009 must be received no later than **10 June 2009 at 16:00 CET**. Only online submissions via www.epractice.eu/awards are eligible.

Further information:

- [ePractice news article - EU: European eGovernment Awards 2009 - Submission form now online](#)
- [European eGovernment Awards website](#)
- [European eGovernment Awards helpdesk](#)
- [Website of the 2009 Ministerial eGovernment Conference "Teaming up for the eUnion"](#)

HR: Online database of commercial case law accessible to the public 20 April 2009

A database of selected court decisions and web applications provides an overview of the latest judicial practice of the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia, thus allowing the public to view online specific 1st instance and 2nd instance commercial rulings.

The project "Selection of decisions of the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia" consists of this database and of various web applications. The project was carried out by the association "Sudačka mreža" (referred to as "Judges web" in English) with the financial support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The judges of the High Commercial Court also took part in the project's implementation.

Via this database, the public currently has online access to over 21 600 decisions of the High commercial Court and approximately 1 150 first instance judgments issued by the country's lower commercial courts. Searching the database has been made simple and accurate, based on more than 4 500 keywords and parameters.

The project was presented on 17 March 2009 in the premises of the High Commercial Court in the presence of the President of the Supreme Court of Croatia, the Minister of Justice, the Acting President of the High Commercial Court, the Ambassadors of Norway, the Netherlands and the United States, as well as other judicial officials.

The project has been implemented in accordance with the National Program to fight corruption 2006-2008, and it is expected to be a strong anti-corruption measure.

The public can access the database via the "Sudačka mreža" website at www.sudacka-mreza.hr. The use of the database is entirely free of charge.

Further information:

- [Full, original press release - Central State Administrative Office for e-Croatia \(in Croatian\)](#)
 - [Sudačka mreža website](#)
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IT: Small open source grants involve public bodies and schools 20 April 2009

Small grants can jump start open source development projects that are useful for public administrations, schools and universities, a grant program in Italy's Umbria region shows.

In 2008, the grant program of Umbria's Open Source Competence Centre (CCOS) approved 46 software development projects, out of 82 submitted. CCOS donated in total €235 000.

Of these 46 projects, 22 resulted in software to be used by schools in the region and 9 created applications for public administrations.

Sixteen projects were given up to €4 000, sixteen received between €4 000 and €6 000, and four projects were supported with a €8 000 grant. "This shows you do not need large sums of money to get public administrations and educational institutes started on the open source road", said Osvaldo Gervasi, president of CCOS.

To qualify for the CCOS grant program, projects need to publish their code using an open source licence, promote the use of this type of software and, upon completion of the project, make all code and documentation publicly available. The centre will fund between 40 and 70 percent of a software development project, to a maximum of €15 000.

2008 was the second year Umbria disbursed grants to open source projects. In 2007, the region spent €100 000 for grants for five projects to build the CCOS itself. For 2009, CCOS will have €200 000 available for grants. The list of projects that will be supported will be published in the coming weeks.

The grant program of the Umbria's open source centre was one of five cases presented during a conference on open source in public administrations organised in Rome on 1 April 2009. All presentations will be made available on the conference website shortly.

Further information:

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU website](#)
 - [Website of the Conference "Open Source in Public Administration 2009"](#)
 - [Website of Umbria's Open Source Competence Centre \(OSCC\)](#)
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HU: Digital register of title deeds being established 20 April 2009

With a HUF 2 billion (€6.6 million) investment, the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has set the target of digitalizing the entire title deeds data and making it accessible on the Internet in the next 18 months - the responsible Secretary of State announced at a conference.

With the help of the project entitled "TakarNet24", the Public Administration can significantly accelerate its processes. Likewise, this development is expected to give a good base to the fully electronic title deeds service system which has been introduced as the long-term target.

Nowadays, the real property registration system contains all of the necessary legal and administrative data, as well as the physical description and situation of real estate in proprietorship registers and cadastral maps. The system manages 3.3 million requests a year at the national level.

As a result of the planned development, through the "Client Gate" of the Hungarian eGovernment portal, the users will be provided 24-hour access to authoritative information on registered real estate and on any change to this data. The search for data will be supported by a map function to orientate users.

This development will be implemented as the priority project of the Electronic Public Administration Operative Programme of the New Hungary Rural Development Plan.

In the course of the implementation, the data service provision function of the regional title deeds databases will be overtaken by a centrally established and synchronously refreshed database, but the affairs will continue to be managed with the help of the regional title deeds databases.

Further information:

- [Full, official press release - Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development \(in Hungarian\)](#)
 - [Hungarian eGovernment portal \(in Hungarian\)](#)
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FR: Environmental information portal to be launched in June 2009 17 April 2009

On 2 April 2009, the Maltese Minister for Information, Transport and Communications (MITC), Austin Gatt, officially announced the launch of three new eGovernment services and an eGovernment Services Directory.

The three services are the [eHealth portal](#), the [online certificates website](#) and the [scholarships service](#).

In the foreword to the [eGovernment Services Directory](#), Minister Gatt writes "We have compiled this e-Government Services Directory to help users look for the e-services they require. The user may consider this directory as a manual and a complete list of the e-government services launched to date. We will continue to update it with every service launched and an updated version will always be available at www.mygov.mt."

Funded by the MITC through the eGovernment Alliance Framework and managed by the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA), these initiatives are aimed at improving the service delivery channels available between the Government and citizens.

Currently, the Maltese Government offers 70 online services to citizens and businesses. Once the ongoing projects initialised during 2008 are finalised, MITA is planning a new eGovernment framework which will be simpler to use as it will streamline the user interfaces to these services.

The eGovernment 2.0 is also planned to be richer in content, more sophisticated in services and faster to set up. The priority of this new framework will be citizen-centricity, the concept of presenting services and processes focused on the needs of the citizen. According to MITA's press release, the investment on this project will start during 2009 and will span up to 2012.

The ongoing transformation on the Maltese Government's IT resources is merely part of a much larger restructuring programme in the Government's approach to offering public services. MITA continues to fulfil all operations of Malta Information Technology and Training Services Ltd (MITTS Ltd, which was a Government-owned company supplying IT systems and services to Government departments), and took over the functions of the former Information Society Secretariat, ICT in Government Unit and the Core ICT Advisory Committee. The transition from MITTS to MITA is in its final stages following the recent approval of its strategic plan.

Following a recent attempted cyber attack on an embassy's server, Minister Austin Gatt furthermore praised the professional way in which MITA staff managed to neutralise the situation before any damage was done and for the preventive measures taken to ensure minimum impact on services provided to the public.

Further information:

- [Full, original press release - Malta Information Technology Agency \(MITA\)](#)
- [Malta eHealth portal](#)
- [Online Certificates website](#)
- [Scholarships service](#)
- [Maltese eGovernment Services Directory](#)
- ['mygov.mt' portal](http://mygov.mt)

LV: Public eServices fees payable online through three Internet banking services

17 April 2009

Since 6 March 2009, the number of Latvian banks whose customers can use eBanking to pay online any charges for public eServices, has risen from two to three.

The Secretariat of the Special Assignments Minister for Electronic Government Affairs announced that it has expanded the opportunities enabling citizens to pay State and local services fees online.

The State and local public eServices are displayed in the eGovernment portal "Latvija.lv". The fees payable through eBanking are those required for the issuance of various certificates, licences and other documentation from public authorities.

So far, the Latvian residents could only pay these fees via the Internet banking systems of Swedbank and SEB banka. The third bank which now provides epayment for public eServices is Latvijas Krājbanka.

Further information:

- [Full, original press release - Secretariat of the Special Assignments Minister for Electronic Government Affairs \(in Latvian\)](#)
- [eGovernment portal of Latvia](#)

ES: Additional Government support for eID 17 April 2009

The Spanish Government supports the National Electronic Identity Card with an additional €14 million investment that adds to the approx. €43 million already dedicated to the promotion of the National Electronic Identity Card.

On 13 March 2009, the Cabinet approved an agreement authorising the extension, adjustment of annuities and the change in the actions provided for in the agreement, signed on 4 June 2007, between the State Secretariat for Telecommunications and for the Information Society and the business public entity Red.es in order to support the deployment of the National Electronic Identity Card (*DNI Electrónico* in Spanish).

Measures of great importance are adopted through this agreement as a National Electronic Identity Card will allow citizens to interact online with businesses, Public Administrations and individuals using a secure electronic identification and signatures. That hence contributes to creating new opportunities, rendering more competitive the Spanish economy and favouring innovation in products and services related to digital identity and signature.

Those actions intend to highly increase the use of eID and encourage the development of services, applications and studies to identify obstacles and incentives for the broader use of the National Electronic Identity Card (eID).

The actions provided for in the agreement for the promotion of the National Electronic Identity Card are divided into three categories:

- maximising the use of the electronic identity card as a tool for information security in society, comprising actions for information dissemination, training and support to encourage citizens to use it.
- offering reliable services and applications thus also encouraging the use of electronic identity card.
- aiming at the project's management and the production of studies to identify barriers and incentives for the adoption of the eID card.

The official press release of the State Secretariat for Telecommunications and for the Information Society concludes that: "The National Electronic Identity Card is proving to be an opportunity to accelerate the implementation of the Information Society in Spain and to place it among the world's most advanced in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for the benefit of all citizens." Presently, 9 million eID cards have already been distributed in Spain.

Further information:

- [Full official press release - Website of Avanza2 \(in Spanish\)](#)
 - [Website of the Spanish National Electronic Identity Card \(in Spanish\)](#)
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EU: Political compromise on future ISA programme reached among Member States**16 April 2009**

On 7 April 2009, the representatives of the Member States of the European Union (EU) approved a compromise negotiated by the Czech Presidency of the EU and the members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on the future decision "Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations" (ISA).

The compromise was reached on the wording of the future ISA decision whose aim is to make it easier for public administrations to provide public eServices to citizens throughout the entire EU.

The ISA decision, not yet adopted, establishes the [ISA programme](#) for the period 2010-2015 to succeed to the IDABC programme ("Interoperable Delivery of pan-European e-government services to Administrations, Businesses and Citizens") which will come to an end in December 2009. The budget earmarked for the ISA programme is €164.1 million for the next five-year period. The draft ISA decision was approved by the European Commission on 29 September 2008.

The compromise was approved on 7 April 2009 by the Permanent Representatives Committee ("Coreper"), a committee consisting of the Member States' ambassadors to the European Union ("Permanent Representatives"). Chaired by the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council the EU, the Coreper is tasked with preparing the work of the Council of the EU.

For the ISA programme to be adopted, the compromise text approved by the Coreper still needs to be confirmed by the plenary vote of the European Parliament and to be formally agreed by the Council of the EU, i.e. the competent ministers of the EU Member States.

In an official [press release](#), the Czech Presidency indicates that the Czech diplomats brokered "an agreement that will help public authorities in different countries and sectors communicate seamlessly across borders." Furthermore, "The deal will help prevent the building of e-barriers which would otherwise hamper the functioning of the EU internal market and the freedom of movement alike." the press release states.

Jana Reinišová, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU, the head of the team who reached the agreement between the Member States and the MEPs, said "The use of information technologies in public administration is an important tool to stimulate economic growth, cut red tape and develop the internal EU market." "By helping to harmonise the introduction of new technologies throughout the EU, this agreement will prevent the creation of unnecessary barriers," Reinišová added.

Further information:

- [Full, official press release - Website of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union](#)
- [ISA, an IDABC follow-on programme - IDABC website](#)
- [ePractice news article - EU: Press release - "Commission approves new programme to break down e-barriers" \(3 October 2008\)](#)

CZ: Czech Presidency contributes to the creation of a Europe without eGovernment barriers 14 April 2009

On 7 April 2009, the 'eID and Public Registers' international conference was held in Hradec Králové as part of the 12th annual ISSS Conference (Internet in the Public Administration and Self-government). In the framework of this event, the Czech Republic removed barriers in eGovernment and set an example to other Member States by joining the STORK project (Secure Identity Across Borders Linked).

The Czech Interior Minister, Ivan Langer, the Czech Deputy Interior Minister for European Affairs, Lenka Ptáčková, and the Director General for Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) of the European Commission, Fabio Colasanti attended the event. Its main objective was to strengthen the interoperability of national systems in order for the services provided by eGovernment to be accessed from anywhere in Europe, regardless of state borders. The conference highlighted the fact that in order to achieve mutual recognition of electronic identification documents many steps need to be taken both at a national and European level.

During the conference, Fabio Colasanti stated that 'finding efficient systems is important not only for the Information Society, but also for the development of the whole society in general'. The STORK project aims to set up a compatible system for mutual identity verification among the EU Member States. Joining the project the Czech Republic 'overcomes further barriers; electronic identification in a Europe without barriers can become more than just a dream', Lenka Ptáčková Melicharová said.

Following preparatory talks rounded off at a previous meeting in Prague on 6 April 2009, six other countries took a preliminary decision to also join the STORK project.

Further information:

- [Official eu2009.cz Press Release](#)
- [Official website of the STORK Project](#)

New Factsheets

The 11th Editions of the eGovernment factsheets for Cyprus, Hungary and Portugal are 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: SEIS and SISE for the Environment: Antipodes or Associates?](#) 31 March 2009 | EU Institutions
- [EU: Results of the Member States Consultation on the review of the application of the PSI Directive](#) 31 December 2008 | EU Institutions
- [US: Using Exchange Network and CDX Services: Key Steps for Exchanging Emissions Inventory Data](#) 15 May 2008 | North America

EU: SEIS and SISE for the Environment: Antipodes or Associates? 31 March 2009 | EU Institutions

Description (short summary):

The White paper of eEnvironment (Electronic access to environmental information) was elaborated by the Ad hoc Committee on eDemocracy of the Council of Europe (CAHDE) in 2007. Now, eEnvironment is a member in the eFamily like eParticipation and eGovernment and is one of the fundamentals of eDemocracy.

In 2008 the Commission proposed a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) which provides the basis for eEnvironment. The objective is that any citizen can be informed about environmental matters and can use this information for active participation in decision making and environmental protection.

During the preparation of European Union's 7th Framework Programme, the Directorate-General Information Society & Media of the European Commission proposed the development of a Single Information Space in Europe for the Environment (SISE). The development of SISE would be essential for the support of the development of implementation tools for the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS).

Both proposals, SEIS and SISE are aiming at a single integrated information space and a shared environmental information system in which environmental data and information will be combined with knowledge for decision support to foster environmental protection and sustainable development.

In this paper, an outline of SEIS and SISE is given and problems and challenges of these two development directions are analyzed. Today the development intensity of SEIS dominates compared to SISE developments. This paper outlines the background of SEIS and SISE, and identifies similarities and disparities in their objectives. The paper stresses clearly that collaboration between SEIS and SISE in the sense of a partnership would be ecologically worthwhile. However, any parallel development, divergence or antagonism would mean a dissipation of valuable resources and a drawback for sustainable development.

Original URL: <http://www.e-envi2009.org/?proceedings>

Number of pages: 12

EU: Results of the Member States Consultation on the review of the application of the PSI Directive 31 December 2008 | EU Institutions

Description (short summary):

The Directive 2003/98/EEC on the re-use of public sector information (PSI) establishes that the European Commission had to submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council in 2008 on the results of the review of the application of the Directive.

In this context a questionnaire was submitted to the Member States (MS) to provide the Commission with their views on the above mentioned topic. The questionnaires were sent to the MS through their representatives in the Public Sector Information (PSI) Group1 on 19th May 2008, the deadline for reception of responses was extended until the 15th of September 2008.

Fourteen Member States have responded to the questionnaire. The reports available are those cases for which the Commission has been given authorisation to make them public. The consultation is divided into 3 specific sections: i) implementation and impact of the Directive, ii) scope of the Directive and, iii) looking ahead.

Original URL: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/psi/online_consultation/member_states/index_en.htm

US: Using Exchange Network and CDX Services: Key Steps for Exchanging Emissions Inventory Data 15 May 2009 | North America

Description (short summary):

In the United States, approximately 18 agencies are currently submitting emissions inventory data to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Emissions Inventory Analysis Group (EIAG) for the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) using the Exchange Network (EN). All fifty States have full EN nodes in place and are exchanging data for at least one environmental program. The remaining, State, Local and Tribal (SLT) agencies can use the services provided by the EN and EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) to submit and exchange emissions inventory data. Some of these agencies are receiving EN grants to include the NEI dataflow for network exchanges through their existing nodes.

Use of the EN and Extensible Markup Language (XML) is considered the main data transfer process and format for submissions to the new emissions inventory system (referred to as the Emissions Inventory System (EISys)). In addition, future benefits may include the use of a universal XML schema and the EN for exchanges between industry and States.

The paper focuses on:

- available EN and CDX services,
- how those services are used in exchanging and publishing emissions data between SLT agencies and EPA - as well as among SLTs,
- steps for state air programs to use these services through their existing state nodes,
- steps for Local and Tribal agencies not working with a state to use a Node Client for exchanges, and
- communicating between program and IT staff.

The paper includes examples of how the EN is being used to share data among States for multimedia as well as for emissions data exchanges.

Original URL: <http://www.e-envi2009.org/?proceedings>

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Upcoming Events

- [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
 - [IT: ICEST 2009](#) 28-30 April 2009 | Italy
 - [CZ: ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009](#) 29-30 April 2009 | Czech Republic
 - [UG: IST- Africa 2009](#) 6-8 May 2009 | Africa
 - [NL: Invoice Conference 2009](#) 11 May 2009 | Netherlands
 - [BE: Workshop "ICT for efficient government: the role of research"](#) 12 May 2009 | Belgium
 - [NO: PEPOL Conference – Public Procurement for the Future 2009](#) 18-20 May 2009 | Norway
 - [RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009](#) 17-18 September 2009 | Romania
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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). 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

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

Country: Asia

City/Location: Beijing

Organiser: Interop V-Lab

CZ: 7th Eastern European eGov Days 22-24 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 EEGOV 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 parallell 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, pekarek@epma.cz

Event website: http://www.epma.cz/7th_eeegovdays.html

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Prague

Organiser: European Projects and Management, EPMA (CZ) & Forum eGovernment/OCG (AT)

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. 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

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Aviemore

Organiser: Scottish Procurement Directorate, Scottish Government

IT: ICEST 2009 28-30 April 2009 | Italy

International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (ICEST 2009)

The International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology 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 Environmental Science and Technology, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

Topics of interest for submission included, but were not limited to:

Environmental dynamics; Meteorology; Hydrology; Geophysics; Atmospheric physics; Physical oceanography; Global environmental change and ecosystems management; Climate and climatic changes; Global warming; Integrated ecosystems management; Satellite applications in the environment; Eco-technology; Bio-engineering; Environmental sustainability; Resource management; Environmental systems approach; Hazardous substances and detection

techniques; Toxicity assessment and epidemiological studies; Quality guidelines, environmental regulation and monitoring; Regulatory practice, water quality objectives standard setting, water quality classification; Public participation; Modelling and decision support tools; Transboundary cooperation; Management and regulation of point and diffuse pollution; Monitoring and analysis of environmental contaminant; Advances in biological, physical and chemical processes; On site and small scale systems; Control technologies; Air emission trading; Optimization of collection systems; Legal, economic and managerial aspects of solid waste management.

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

Event website: <http://www.waset.org/wcset09/rome/icest/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Rome

Organiser: World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology

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, Centre 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

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.

UG: IST- Africa 2009 6-8 May 2009 | Africa

IST-Africa 2009 Conferences & Exhibition

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

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

A call for papers has been launched. It focuses on the following thematic priorities: eHealth - Health Information Systems; eInfrastructures; Technology Enhanced Learning and ICT Skills; Digital Libraries and Intelligent Content; Open Source Software – Applications; ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility; ICT for Environmental Sustainability; RFID and Networked Enterprise; eGovernment - Services to Citizens & Business.

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

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

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

Event email: secretariat@IST-Africa.org

Event website: <http://www.IST-Africa.eu/Conference2009>

Country: Africa

City/Location: Kampala (Republic of Uganda)

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

NL: Invoice Conference 2009 11 May 2009 | Netherlands

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: Netherlands

City/Location: Eindhoven

Event Website: <http://www.factuurcongres.nl>

Event email: info@factuurcongres.nl

Organiser: Factuurwijzer

BE: Workshop "ICT for efficient government: the role of research" 12 May 2009 | Belgium

Workshop "ICT for efficient government: the role of research"

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

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

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

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

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

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

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

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

Event email: eGovR@eurodyn.com

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

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

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Country: Norway

City/Location: Oslo

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

Event email: anita.hessen@tsforum.no

Organiser: PEPPOL project and BUSINESSEUROPE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Event email: ehb2009@bioinginerie.ro

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

Country: Romania

City/Location: Constanta

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

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