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>> New Platform Launch

The ePractice.eu portal has been transferred to a new platform which now offers improvements and enhanced functionalities. Currently we are correcting some small mistakes. We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause you. We are convinced that the enhancements in the new platform will benefit the ePractice community.

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Red 060

As an evolution from the previous web initiative (ciudadano.es), **Red 060** is a multichannel initiative consisting in a website (<http://www.060.es>), a network of offices (more than 1.600 in March 2009), and a telephone number.

The website www.060.es is the national portal for citizens and enterprises of Spain. A large number of online services is available regardless of the Public Administration responsible for it, so a citizen can apply for online services without having to know previously if it is from a local, regional or national Administration.

The **060 offices** provide local, regional or national Administration services from a catalogue reflecting the agreements signed between the different Administrations in each spanish region, and are normally located in Town Councils, who provide the service.

The phone number **060** offers a 24h voice portal about common procedures and personalized information from 9 to 21 h Monday to Friday and from 9 to 14 h on Saturdays.

Personal Assistance Budget

The Personal Assistance Budget is a budget granted by the Flemish Agency for Disabled Persons or VAPH (<http://www.vaph.be>)

The VAPH aims to promote participation, integration and equal opportunities for the disabled in all areas of social life. Its ultimate goal is to help these people lead a better and more independent life. This by subsidising facilities and services to people with disabilities:

- **Equipment and modifications:** To better organise his or her daily life a disabled person is entitled to an allocation in order to cover the cost of a piece of equipment or modification to his or her home or car.
- **Services and facilities:** The VAPH subsidises services and facilities which provide care for disabled persons through day care or guidance.
- **Personal assistance budget:** Disabled persons who prefer to live at home can apply for a personal assistance budget. This budget can enable them to employ a home-helper.

When a disabled person is assigned a budget to employ a home-helper, he becomes an employer. Thus, he has to follow all rules of being an employer, like paying social security, getting an insurance etc. Moreover, he also has the legal duty to prove that a minimum of 95% of the assigned budget is used for the wage of the employee or the home-helper. He also has to declare the name and profile of the employee. In brief, the disabled person has to submit the same information to various institutions. The aim of the PAB project is to forward all the information that the disabled person has already submitted to another institution to the VAPH so there's no longer the need to submit the same information twice.

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BG: Launch of National Health Portal and Electronic Personal Ambulatory Books 24 March 2009

On 4 March 2009, Bulgaria launched a [National Health Portal](#) integrated with electronic personal ambulatory books (eLAKs). 40 000 state employees will be the first users of the eLAKs.

The system was officially inaugurated by the Bulgarian Minister of State Administration and Administrative Reform, Nikolay Vassilev, and the Minister of Health, Dr. Evgenii Zhelev, in the presence of ambassadors of EU Member States in Sofia, governmental officials and the managers of the biggest hospitals in Bulgaria.

The two ministers handed in officially the first eLAKs, a modern online version of the well-known paper books that have been used for a long time already.

The national health portal is available at www.zdravenportal.bg for all Bulgarian citizens. It provides up-to-date and accurate health information, registers of all health professionals, hospitals, pharmacies, medical services, health forms and others. It integrates the healthcare sector through Internet and enables the citizens and health professionals to exchange information effectively regardless of their physical location. The portal has medical news section and links to different portals and health sites.

The health portal is integrated with the first electronic personal ambulatory books (eLAK) whose first users will be 40 000 state employees (representatives of different ministries, executive agencies, district administrations and municipalities); they receive their eLAK for free from their employer - the Bulgarian government. After evaluating the system's functionality (benefit/cost analysis, etc), it will be expanded to all health insured persons in Bulgaria.

eLAK is a patient's personal health memory, a personal web-based health database which is available at any time and place. It is a modern electronic version of the Bulgarian personal ambulatory book. In contrast to the traditional paper one, the electronic book also enables the storage of document copies such as prescriptions, immunizations, physician letters, X-rays, ECGs, NMRs and others.

eLAK has also an emergency record with information about one's blood group, allergies, chronic diseases, medications used and emergency contacts. The personal health record (PHR) is fully controlled by its user. Only the

owner has access to the information stored there and he is the one who decides to whom and what information should be accessible: MD's, family members, pharmacists, etc.

Through only one click on the send button in his local physician software, the authorized physician can copy information to the PHR even at the time of the examination. This is possible thanks to the integration of the eLAK with the GP's practice management software. At this stage the integration solution is implemented within Hippocrates system that covers most of the GPs' practices in Bulgaria. Within the next months, the integration is planned with other GP software providers.

The project started in the beginning of 2008 when the development and the implementation were assigned to the "Information Technology in Healthcare" consortium by the Ministry of State Administration and Administrative Reform and Ministry of Health following a Europe-wide tender at the end of October 2008.

The project for National Health Portal and the implementation of electronic personal ambulatory books for 40 000 employees of the State Administration is part of the National strategy for implementation of eHealth in Bulgaria approved in 2006 and is in accordance with the eHealth initiative of the European Union for implementation of eHealth portals in the EU Member States.

Further information:

- [Full, official press release - Bulgarian Ministry of Health \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
 - [Bulgarian National Health Portal \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
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EU: European Commission focuses on disaster prevention 23 March 2009

On 23 February 2009, the European Commission adopted the Communication "[A Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters](#)".

The Communication identifies areas where action at the EU level could provide added value. These include: establishing a Community-level inventory of existing information and best practices; developing guidelines on hazard and risk mapping; linking actors and policies throughout the disaster management cycle with more training and awareness-raising; improved access to early warning systems; and more efficient targeting of community funds.

Another key element of this Community approach consists in encouraging research activities. In this light, the Communication states that through the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (2007-2013) the Commission will, among others:

- Invest in research on the development of early warning systems and on the interoperability of information and monitoring systems;
- Continue the research activities of the Joint Research Centre linked to the disaster management cycle;
- Make research results easily and systematically available to actors in the field of prevention and develop a database for experts with specialist knowledge.

European Commissioner for Environment Stavros Dimas said: "Natural disasters are a growing threat for EU Member States, and they are predicted to increase in frequency and magnitude over the coming years. We must do all we can in order to reduce their impact by being prepared as best as we can. This Communication is an important first step launching a long term process for Community action in this field."

It is to be noted that on the same day, the European Commission also adopted a strategy for supporting disaster risk reduction in developing countries. More information may be found at http://ec.europa.eu/development/policies/9interventionareas/environment_en.cfm.

Further information:

- [Original, full press release - RAPID](#)
- [European Commission's Communication "A Community approach on the prevention of natural and man-made disasters"](#)

EU: ENISA assesses remote health monitoring and treatment scenario 23 March 2009

On 20 March 2009, the EU Agency ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency) released its [report](#) presenting major potential Emerging and Future Risks (EFR) in a possible remote health monitoring and treatment scenario.

The report is the result of an Emerging and Future Risk assessment based on scenario building and analysis. eHealth is the first scenario that has been developed and analysed by an international group of interdisciplinary experts.

In ENISA's scenario Ralph is a diabetic, enrolled in a remote health monitoring and treatment programme. He goes about his daily business wearing a special vest with biosensors, keeping track of his vital signs, ensuring rapid response from doctors, while his personal data may be literally flowing around, in order to enable this kind of service.

This scenario shows that remote health schemes undoubtedly offer a great potential. Many benefits can be identified for citizens' wellbeing and quality of life, but what are the risks entailed? It seems that eHealth solutions are very important and beneficial. At the same time, they may generate serious considerations, regarding security, privacy, data protection and legal, as well as in the social, political and ethical area.

In the course of the study, the major assets that are to be protected, e.g. health, life, human rights, etc, have been identified. Based on this, the most important risks generated regarding these assets are subsequently identified and further analysed. This is following a comprehensive risk assessment approach, as developed by ENISA in the context of the Emerging and Future Risks Framework.

In a nutshell, the report draws the attention to 14 major risks in total, among them breaches of data protection legislation, mission creep meaning secondary use of data, intrusive data surveillance and profiling by insurance companies, employers, credit-checking companies, etc, data loss or theft, system failures and service disruption.

The Executive Director of ENISA, Mr Andrea Pirotti comments:

"With the development of the EFR capacity, the agency aims at early identification of risks for new application areas and/or technologies. This will help developers and policy makers understand the impacts of new application and manage the resulting risks. At the example of the analyzed e-Health scenario ENISA underlines the risks of an overly optimistic approach to e-health, driven by the industry. While such initiatives and services are undoubtedly beneficial and worth deploying for the general good, we must at least identify and understand the various challenges posed and need to be overcome, in particular in respect to security and privacy."

Further information:

- [Official press release - ENISA](#)
- [ENISA Report in the ePractice library - "Being diabetic in 2011" - Identifying Emerging and Future Risks in remote health monitoring and treatment](#)

EU: Call for European eGovernment Awards 2009 announced 20 March 2009

The European Commission invites local and regional public sector organisations to submit their Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) cases to the European eGovernment Awards 2009. Your good practice case and experience will highlight how ICT improve service delivery to citizens and businesses across Europe. Good practice cases will be selected for the European eGovernment Awards by a panel of independent experts.

The European eGovernment Awards 2009 are the fourth bi-annual awards to be organised by the European Commission to identify and select good practices on the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in public services.

The European eGovernment Awards identify the benefits of ICT to society: improving the quality of life of citizens, increasing public trust in government and enhancing the competitiveness of European enterprises. The awards stimulate innovation and shared learning by identifying and promoting good practices.

The European eGovernment Awards 2009 will be held on 19 and 20 November 2009 in Malmö, Sweden, hosted by the European Commission and the Swedish Presidency of the European Union. The event is connected to the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference "Teaming up for the eUnion", with themes related to ICT and public services.

The focus of the European eGovernment Awards is in line with the strategic goals of the i2010 initiative "A European Information Society for Growth and Employment" and other European Commission initiatives for the development of an Information Society for all. The awards also support the www.epractice.eu good practice exchange initiative.

The awards categories in 2009 are:

- **Category 1 - eGovernment supporting the Single Market:** The most outstanding practices in cross-border eServices and information sharing which have an impact on mobility for citizens and businesses across the EU will be identified.
- **Category 2a - eGovernment empowering citizens:** The focus here is on improved and easier access to public services for citizens as the major beneficiaries of eGovernment, ICT solutions for participation and/or engagement and/or involvement of all groups in society.
- **Category 2b - eGovernment empowering businesses:** The focus here is on improved and easier access to public services for companies, creating business opportunities across Europe and thereby enhancing competition and generating savings for businesses and SMEs.
- **Category 3 - eGovernment enabling administrative efficiency and effectiveness:** Innovation or re-organisation in services and processes making administrations more efficient and effective and reducing administrative burden will be considered.

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

All public administrations (national, regional, local, etc.) from EU Member States, EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) and Candidate Countries (Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey) that deliver eGovernment services and solutions can apply. Applications must be for cases currently in operation and supported by a public sector actor.

Cases are to be submitted using the online submission form available on the awards website. Relevant deadlines, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria and the guidelines for submission will be made available on the awards website in due course. The submission language is English.

Further information:

- [Website of the European eGovernment Awards 2009](#)
- [Call for applications - European eGovernment Awards 2009](#)
- [Contact the Awards Helpdesk](#)

PT: An E-portfolios repository offered by the Superior School of Education of Santarém 19 March 2009

The Superior School of Education of Santarém in Portugal has developed RePe ([Repositório de ePortefólios educativos](#)), a new repository of e-portfolios enabling the creation and management of electronic records for Second and Third Cycle of Basic Education (Ensino Básico) students.

This initiative is the result of the collaboration of the Center for ICT Skills ([Centro de Competências TIC -CCTIC](#)) of the Superior School of Education of Santarém with the Team of Educational Resources and Technologies ([ERTE-Equipa de Recursos e Tecnologias Educativas/Plano Tecnológico de Educação](#)) of the Directorate-General of Innovation and Curriculum Development ([Direcção-Geral de Inovação e Desenvolvimento Curricular -DGDIC](#)) of the Portuguese Ministry of Education.

This software tool aims to facilitate interaction between teachers and students and also between students and their peers. It furthermore aims to induce collaborative learning through assessments, constructive criticism and suggestions on the work realised by teachers, colleagues and all those responsible for education.

Moreover, it promotes the involvement of the people in charge of education in the students' school life while facilitating the certification by the teachers of the work included in the e-portfolios, thus indicating the importance of learning and of skills demonstrated by the students.

Organised into six sections (Identification, Homepage, Personal Goals, Journal of Learning, Work and Self-assessment), this repository is a multilingual software tool that works as a Moodle activity. Students can upgrade versions, create and modify sections, categories and category items according to the needs of the school, allocate special privileges to teachers, add file extensions for submission of work and finally manage the e-portfolios (import, export and delete). The rep is developed in Flash and PHP and supports the MySQL, PostgreSQL and Oracle databases.

It is estimated that during the last year the RePe was used in more than 250 schools in Portugal. Thanks to its success, the English version of the system is being prepared in order to be distributed as Open Source for universal use.

Further information:

- [Original iGOV article \(in Portuguese\)](#)
- [Website of the E-portfolios repository of the Superior School of Education of Santarém \(in Portuguese\)](#)
- [Official website of Directorate-General of Innovation and Curriculum Development \(in Portuguese\)](#)

EU: CollectER III available through ETC/ACC website 19 March 2009

CollectER III (Collect Emission Register), a new version of the National Emission Inventory and Reporting tool was released on 23 February 2009. This new tool integrates both previous separate versions of CollectER II and ReportER II and will also be made available on the website of the [European Topic Centre on Air and Climate Change \(ETC/ACC\)](#).

[CollectER III](#) is a software tool for national air emissions experts who aim to create and update a national emissions inventory and furthermore prepare appropriate emissions data and reports for international reporting obligations.

CollectER III offers the following improvements:

- a fully integrated inventory compilation and inventory reporting tool, based on the combined source categorisations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) and compatible with those used in the EU Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Monitoring Mechanism and the National Emission Ceilings Directive;
- multi-annual capability, allowing the compilation of many annual emission inventories in one database structure;
- continuous support of the Selected Nomenclature of Air Pollution (SNAP) source categorisation, allowing for country specific additions to SNAP;
- an improved user interface, enabling source selections by location, by Nomenclature For Reporting (NFR) / Common Result Format (CRF) source category, SNAP and by fuel;
- a more rigorous input data screening providing better safeguarding against typos and other errors;
- additional user defined summary and overview tables to support Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures during data input.

Background Information:

The European Topic Centre on Air and Climate Change (ETC/ACC) assists the European Environment Agency (EEA) in its support to EU policy in the field of air pollution and climate change. The ETC/ACC is a consortium of European institutes with the Netherlands Environmental assessment agency (PBL) as its lead organisation.

CollectER II was also a tool dedicated to national air emission experts in order to update a national emission inventory. It was part of a set of software tools developed by ETC/ACC to assist national experts in compiling an air emissions inventory. The ReportER II tool used the inventory built by CollectER II to prepare emission reports for international obligations.

The program CollectER II therefore included the following main functions:

- support of collecting air emissions data of area and point sources;
- storage of these data in an emission inventory in a spatial resolved database, using EUROSTAT's Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) territorial definition.

Further information:

- [Press release - CollectER III air emission software tool available through ETC/ACC web site \(in English\)](#)
 - [ETC/ACC \(EIONET\) official web site \(in English\)](#)
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Latest Publications

- [EU: "Being diabetic in 2011" – Identifying Emerging and Future Risks in remote health monitoring and treatment](#) 20 March 2009 | EU Institutions
 - [EU: Young People and Emerging Digital Services](#) 16 March 2009 | EU Institutions
 - [TR: An Actor-Network Theory \(ANT\) Approach: Analysis of Turkish E-Government Gateway Initiative](#) 12 March 2009 | Turkey
 - [TR: Mobile Phone and E-Government in Turkey: Practices and Technological Choices at the Cross-Road](#) 15 September 2008 | Turkey
 - [TR: Categorizing 'Intention to Use' E-Government Services Through Mobile Phone: Importance of Front Loading Activities](#) 17 May 2008 | Turkey
 - [TR: Using Mobile Phones for e-Government Services in Turkey: Analysis of Conceptual Models](#) 26 December 2007 | Turkey
 - [US: Getting Started with the Central Data Exchange \(CDX\)](#) 24 July 2007 | North America
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EU: "Being diabetic in 2011" – Identifying Emerging and Future Risks in remote health monitoring and treatment 20 March 2009 | EU Institutions

Description (short summary):

The report presents the results of a pilot that was undertaken in order to test and provide a proof-of-concept of the recently developed ENISA Framework on Emerging and Future Risks (EFR Framework). It is based on a scenario in the area of remote health monitoring and treatment, an area which was selected after discussions with the EFR Stakeholder Forum. This report presents the results of the pilot exercise, such as major potential emerging and future risks in a possible remote health monitoring and treatment scenario.

Original URL: http://enisa.europa.eu/pages/02_01_press_2009_03_20_being_diabetic_2011.html

Number of pages: 29

EU: Young People and Emerging Digital Services 16 March 2009 | EU Institutions

Description (short summary):

One key aspect that could influence the digital identity policy landscape has not been studied: the views of the European citizens, particularly the views of the generation that has grown up with digital devices. This survey seeks to find out more about future user needs and requirements in the area of digital identity, with a view to informing EU policy making.

This survey has a twofold objective: identifying a) young people's perception of the risks that the new eID technologies may pose and b) young people's acceptance levels of these risks, and their general motivation and intent regarding the use of these new technologies. In summary, the survey should identify the key factors that should encourage or support the development of actual and potential eID-based services, in the views of young European consumers.

The study aims to remedy the lack of EU evidence on eID services perceptions:

- It focuses on young people [15-25], rather than children or adults;
- It targets multiple EU countries [France, Germany, Spain, UK];

- It works with four large national samples [total number of respondents = 5 265];
- It examines eID service scenarios [4 scenarios];
- It retrieves data relevant to policy making.

Based on the opinions of more than five thousand young Europeans, the study demonstrates what aspects of eID and eID services can be measured via a large-scale survey – among them take up, trust, privacy, responsibility, and data control.

Original URL: <http://ipts.jrc.ec.europa.eu/publications/pub.cfm?id=2119>

Number of pages: 86

TR: An Actor-Network Theory (ANT) Approach: Analysis of Turkish E-Government Gateway Initiative 12 March 2009 | Turkey

Description (short summary):

There are various models proposed in the literature to analyze trajectories of e-Government projects in terms of success and failure. Yet, only the Actor-Network Theory (ANT) perspective (Heeks and Stanforth, 2007) considers the interaction factors among network actors and actants. This paper proposes the ANT for approaching to the Turkish e-Government Gateway initiative as a case study. In doing so, it provides valuable insight in terms of both local and global actor networks which surround the initiative.

Original URL: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1362598

Number of pages: 15

TR: Mobile Phone and E-Government in Turkey: Practices and Technological Choices at the Cross-Road 15 September 2008 | Turkey

Enhanced data services through mobile phones are expected to be soon fully transactional and embedded within future mobile consumption practices. While private services will surely continue to take the lead, others such as government and NGOs will become more prominent m-players. It is not yet sure which form of technological standards will take the lead including enhance SMS based operations or Internet based specifically developed mobile phone applications. With the introduction of interactive transactions via mobile phones, currently untapped segment of the populations (without computers) have the potential to be accessed. Our research, as a reflection of the current market situation in an emerging country context, in the case of mobile phones analyzes the current needs or emergence of dependencies regarding the use of m/e-government services from the perspective of municipality officers. We contend that more research is needed to understand current preparatory bottlenecks and front loading activities to be able to encourage future intention to use e-government services through mobile phone technologies. This study highlights and interprets the current emerging practices and praxis for consuming m-government services within government.

Original URL: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1362568

Number of pages: 10

TR: Categorizing 'Intention to Use' E-Government Services Through Mobile Phone: Importance of Front Loading Activities 17 May 2008 | Turkey

Description (short summary):

E-government has often been heralded as the new way forward for emerging countries. While many such countries are already offering e-government services and are gearing up for further growth, little is actually known of the forming stages that are necessary to ensure a greater rate of success and avoid the traditional failure traps linked to new technology and information system adoption and diffusion.

We situate our research in the case of mobile phone as a reflection of the current market situation in emerging countries. We contend, in this paper, that more research is needed to understand future intention to use e-government services through mobile phone technology. Front loading activities both from a government and technology perspective are required to facilitate the decision making process by users.

Original URL: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1362527

Number of pages: 9

TR: Using Mobile Phones for e-Government Services in Turkey: Analysis of Conceptual Models 26 December 2007| Turkey

Description (short summary):

Turkey's e-Transformation had gained acceleration as of April 2006. The broadest section of the 2005 Action Plan consisted of e-government initiatives. VEDOP, MERNIS e-identification, e-signature, SECSIS computer based voter database, Turkish Investment Portal, DMO e-procurement, and Turkish National GIS are some of these initiatives.

According to the Turkish Statistical Institute 2005 data, households and businesses with Internet access are at levels of 9 % and 80 %, respectively. Though businesses Internet access is parallel with the EU figures, households depict very low levels. For instance, 52 % of the businesses have broadband connection compared to 2 % of the households. On another note, the Turkish Statistical Institute 2006 data indicates that 72.62 % of the Turkish population has a cellular phone. The potential that mobile technologies inherit for e-government services is tremendous.

Our research reviewed the literature to analyze the contemporary use of mobile technology for Turkish e-government services and the possible opportunities. It provides suggestions towards better implementation. Moreover, our work sheds light on how to integrate mobile technologies in the process of building the e-Information Society.

Original URL: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1362521

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US: Getting Started with the Central Data Exchange (CDX) 24 July 2007 | North America

Description (short summary):

The Central Data Exchange (CDX) is the portal for entry for environmental data into the United States' Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as well as the EPA's node on the Environmental Information Exchange Network (Exchange Network), which links EPA, the states, and other stakeholders over the Internet. Most of the development to date has focused on submitting information electronically, but the CDX can support paper, magnetic media and optical media submissions as well. In brief, CDX provides the following services:

- Receives data, either in paper or electronic form
- Performs security and archiving functions
- Edits data and converts formats
- Distributes the data to EPA's and other agencies' appropriate systems
- Supports external users.

This document provides an overview of the steps necessary to successfully implement a new data flow through CDX.

The Central Data Exchange offers industry, states, tribes, and other stakeholders a faster, easier, and secure reporting option. CDX provides built-in quality checks, standard file formats, and a common, user-friendly approach to exchanging data. As part of EPA's e-government initiative, CDX will help ensure that both the public and regulators can access the information needed to document environmental performance, understand environmental conditions, and make sound decisions to protect the environment.

There are benefits for all stakeholders of CDX.

For the EPA and Program Offices, CDX:

- Eliminates redundant infrastructure and its associated cost;
- Enables faster, lower-cost implementation of new or modified data flows;
- Integrates data to Agency data repositories;
- Establishes consistent procedures for electronic signatures;
- Decreases time to make information publicly accessible;
- Improves data quality;
- Reduces record management costs by eliminating redundant record keeping;
- Establishes EPA's presence on the Environmental Information Exchange Network;
- Assists in achieving CROMERR Compliance.

For Industry, States, Local Agencies and Tribes, CDX:

- Reduces overall reporting burden;
- Improves access to data;
- Provides electronic confirmation that information was received and that the electronic form was filled out correctly;
- Reduces time and costs associated with environmental data submission requirements;
- Simplifies reporting to a single point in the Agency instead of many separate Programs;
- Allows faster securing of submission through built-in edit and data quality checks;
- Improves security and transmission of confidential business information (CBI) through registration and authentication;
- Reduces burden of complying with new or changing requirements;
- Streamlines reporting through the Exchange Network and Web Services.

Original URL: <http://www.epa.gov/cdx/getstart/index.htm>

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ePractice Workshops

ePractice.eu combines online and offline activities. Workshops are held on a monthly basis, giving participants the opportunity to discuss the latest issues and cases face-to-face.

- [eGovernment Impact Measurement](#) | 26 March 2009 | Hungary
- [European eGovernment Awards 2009 Information Day](#) | 21 April 2009 | Belgium

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Upcoming Events

- [DE: Challenges for FTTB/H in Europe](#) 23-24 March 2009 | Germany
- [SK: Demonstrating the benefits of European Territorial Cooperation](#) 23-24 March 2009 | Slovakia
- [BE: 2009 EURO-AFRICA cooperation forum on ICT Research](#) 25-26 March 2009 | Belgium
- [ES: e-STAS 2009](#) 25-27 March 2009 | Spain
- [CZ: European Conference 'Towards eEnvironment 2009'](#) 25-27 March 2009 | Czech Republic
- [DE: European Accessibility Forum Frankfurt](#) 27 March 2009 | Germany
- [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
- [LU: Med-e-Tel 2009](#) 1-3 April 2009 | Luxembourg
- [CZ: ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009](#) 29-30 April 2009 | Czech Republic
- [UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care](#) 1-3 June 2009 | United Kingdom

DE: Challenges for FTTB/H in Europe 23-24 March 2009 | Germany

International WIK (Wissenschaftliches Institut für Infrastruktur und Kommunikationsdienste) conference: Challenges for FTTB/H in Europe

This international conference constitutes an open event that will focus on critical issues related to the creation of a high-speed Internet access infrastructure for Europe (FTTB/H - Fiber to the Building / Fiber to the Home). It addresses issues such as technology, deployment & operation, regulation, investment & financing, national fibre broadband strategies and business cases.

The conference aims to provide insights into the experiences, expectations and perspectives of leading international network operators, national regulatory authorities, and representatives of the European Commission, government officials, investors, equipment manufacturers and independent experts.

Participation in this conference is fixed at € 590 per person + VAT. Registration is to be performed by completing the dedicated [form](#) which is to be submitted prior to 10 March 2009 by fax to the following number: +49 2224 922 563. The expected number of participants to attend this event will vary from 120 to 150 persons.

The draft agenda of the event may also be viewed [here](#).

Event email: fttbh-conference-2009@wik.org

Event website: http://www.wik.org/content_e/challenge_of_fttb.htm

Country: Germany

City/Location: Berlin

Organiser: WIK (Wissenschaftliches Institut für Infrastruktur und Kommunikationsdienste)

SK: Demonstrating the benefits of European Territorial Cooperation 23-24 March 2009 | Slovakia

Demonstrating the benefits of European Territorial Cooperation

Territorial Cooperation has become more important than ever, as the European Commission's recent Green Paper on territorial cohesion outlined, yet many of its results and success stories remain uncovered and unknown, even within the European Territorial Cooperation community. This means that making a case for continued funding is more difficult than it should be, and many great opportunities for dissemination of best practice and efficient synergies are lost.

INTERACT addresses the problems with the introduction of KEEP - Knowledge and Expertise in European Programmes - a comprehensive database-backed web tool with interactive maps and tables and detailed information on over 13 000 projects - all those funded under INTERREG and European Territorial Cooperation. INTERACT supports and promotes good governance in European Territorial Cooperation. Its Secretariat which is based in Bratislava has four INTERACT points in Turku, Valencia, Viborg and Vienna.

The Bratislava conference will mark the launch of the consultation period to give programmes a chance to air their views. Representatives of the European Commission Directorate General for Regional Policy as well as the President of the Bratislava Self Governing Region will be speaking.

The event will build towards an agreement on how programmes, the Commission and INTERACT can work together to ensure that we have the best possible evidence of what the projects are achieving. The separate workshop sessions will give participants the chance to reflect on the successes and lessons learnt from INTERREG as well as to focus on the current and future programming periods.

Specifically, the event aims to bring together representatives from all European Territorial Cooperation Programmes and the European Commission in order to create a common understanding for the months ahead. It is also aimed at a range of programme staff working with monitoring, evaluation, project support and communication. It is important that participation have sufficient expertise to reflect and comment on existing monitoring and evaluation within the programme and how these might be harmonised with wider initiatives.

The event is free and open. The draft agenda can be found [here](#). Expected participants will be around 150. Registration for the event closes on 15 March and can be performed [online](#).

Event email: interact@interact-eu.net

Event website: <http://www.interact-eu.net/bratislavaevent/206>

Country: Slovakia

City/Location: Bratislava

Organiser: European Commission & Interact

BE: 2009 EURO-AFRICA cooperation forum on ICT Research 25-26 March 2009 | Belgium

2009 EURO-AFRICA cooperation forum on ICT Research

For the first time in Europe, sub-Saharan African and European policy-makers are being brought together with ICT research organisations to address the development of research collaborative projects.

Conference Day 1 will focus on roundtable discussions around the following subjects:

- Africa-EURO Cooperation on ICT
- Implementation of the EU-AU Partnership on Science
- European Commission and African Union Commission Programmes
- Private, Public Partnerships (PPP)

Conference Day 2 will offer a limited number of speaking slots for researchers and scientists excelling in their respective (ICT) activity field. A selection committee will evaluate the received proposals and invite the selected candidates to present their work at the event. Abstracts focusing on the ICT themes outlined in FP7 will be given priority, namely:

- Pervasive and trusted network and service infrastructures
- Cognitive systems, interaction and robotics
- Components, systems and engineering
- Digital libraries and content
- Sustainable and personalised healthcare
- Mobility, environmental sustainability and energy efficiency
- Independent living and inclusion
- Future and emerging technologies

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 January 2009.

Registrations to the event are free of charge but subject to pre-registrations and acceptations. Online registrations are available [here](#). Early registration is recommended due to room capacity constraints.

Event email: info@euroafrica-ict.org

Event website: <http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/forum.php>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission (EC DG INFSO) and the African Union Commission (AUC) with the support of EuroAfrica-ICT initiative

ES: e-STAS 2009 25-27 March 2009 | Spain

e-STAS, Symposium on Technologies for Social Action and Human Development

The e-STAS Symposium focuses on Technologies for Social Action from an international and multi-stakeholder perspective. By providing the necessary grounds for all actors involved in the development and implementation of ICTs exchanging good practices, innovations, experiences and know-how, it is intended to contribute to putting an end to the digital divide through a cluster of innovative strategies relating to ICTs and social action.

The Symposium's main aim is to promote, foster and adapt the use of ICTs for the benefit of social action and human development. Both the population with the lesser chances of access to the Information Society and volunteers indirectly benefit from e-STAS, so that the promotion of the use of the New Technologies reaches NGOs and those groups with the higher risk of digital exclusion.

The 4th edition of the e-STAS will focus on the "Innovation for the Empowerment of Citizens".

The main activities during the event will be:

Round tables

Formed by 4 leaders in the thematic topics addressed, each round table will be coordinated by a journalist in order to foment the debate. The main objective will be to generate an inclusive and interactive debate that engages the public.

Workshops

Workshops will be raised for each sub-theme. The operational work tables will be composed of 8-10 persons that may move from one table to another every 20 minutes so that everyone actively participates in different talks exposing different views and perspectives.

Communications

The main objective is to introduce the speakers and participants, and their projects. The communications will last approximately 7-8 minutes. They will be made without any technological support and will be a source of interactivity among the participants.

Closing Conference

During the event, journalists will list, analyse, and summarise all discussions that will take place and furthermore draw well defined conclusions. Those conclusions will be presented at the closing of the conference.

Networking

That will be an opportunity for all participants to make a social networking whose effectiveness will be enhanced by the dynamic of a presentation to be held on the first day.

Live connection with universities

In order to expand the scope of e-STAS, multisectoral meetings were at the same time organised in 10 universities all around the world (at least one per continent) thanks to which a very close contact was established via broadcasts, web streaming, and the use of communication tools such as Twitter.

Targeted attendees range from entities to individuals, including local authorities, companies, NGOs and universities, and all those involved in the development and implementation of the ICT through various social projects.

Participation to this event is open and free-of-charge. Registration is to be performed [online](#) at the event website. The number of seats is limited to 200.

Event email: e-stas@cibervoluntarios.org

Event website: <http://www.e-stas.org/>

Country: Spain

City/Location: Málaga

Organiser: Fundacion Cibervoluntarios

CZ: European Conference 'Towards eEnvironment 2009' 25-27 March 2009 | Czech Republic

European Conference of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union – 'Towards eEnvironment – Opportunities of SEIS and SISE: Integrating Environmental Knowledge in Europe'

The European conference 'Towards eEnvironment 2009' is dedicated to information exchange among public administrations, EU institutions, environmental agencies, scientists and businesses involved in developing and using environmental informatics for the delivery of modern eEnvironment services in Europe.

The event is intended to offer a meeting place for experts on leading edge ICT technologies. It aims to foster the standardization and integration of environmental data and information flows in Europe and beyond, which are essential pre-requirements for managing natural resources in a sustainable development framework.

The main topics of the conference will include: ICT research towards the development of a Single Information Space in Europe for the Environment (SISE); best practices of European Member States in the implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS); cooperation and integration of Kopernikus and INSPIRE activities.

The conference will feature the state-of-the-art in environmental informatics while presenting the opportunities towards the development and implementation of two related initiatives; SEIS and SISE. Special focus will be placed on:

- Building SEIS, Europe's backbone for eGovernment environment services. Does Europe champion challenge and seize the opportunities in the provision of eEnvironment/eParticipation services?
- ICT research towards enabling a Single Information Space in Europe for the Environment (SISE). How can ICT contribute to strengthening a collaborative information space on the web that will maximise the use of distributed environmental information for multiple purposes and actors?
- ICT for monitoring and controlling energy efficiency and security, environmental modelling of air pollution, climate change to support decision making in environment protection.

Participation is open to governmental institutions, international and intergovernmental organisations, environmental agencies and networks, scientists, academicians, politicians, businesses, managers of corporate social responsibility, public administration and decision makers in the field of environmental information, experts from the ICT industry, specialists of theoretical and applied informatics, consultants, students and the concerned public.

More information (including the preliminary programme) can be found on the conference's [official announcement](#).

Registration is to be performed by completing the dedicated [PDF form](#). The participation fees are as follows:

- Early rate (before 15 December 2008): €300 for delegates, €100 for students;
- Late rate (from 15 December 2008 to 20 March 2009): €330 for delegates, €130 for students.
- On site rate (after 20 March 2009): €360 for delegates, €160 for students.

Event email: e-envi2009@guarant.cz

Event website: <http://www.e-envi2009.org/>

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Prague

Organiser: Masaryk University in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic, the European Commission and European Environment Agency

DE: European Accessibility Forum Frankfurt 27 March 2009 | Germany

European Accessibility Forum Frankfurt - "Accessible Internet. For All!"

This International eAccessibility conference aims to explore accessibility from the perspectives of technology, profitability, politics, and higher education.

Demographic developments have rendered accessibility an economic and ethical imperative as well as a sign of professionalism. During the event, several industry innovators will share their knowledge and discuss social and political developments on the Internet.

Early bird tickets (from 28 January to 15 February) will cost €150 while registration from 16 February and on will cost €220. Those who cannot afford to pay the participation fee and wish to attend the conference may [contact](#) the conference organisers.

Details on registration can be viewed [here](#). Places are limited to 200 attendees.

The agenda of the event is displayed [here](#).

Event email: eafra@namics.com

Event website: <http://eafra.eu>

Country: Germany

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 22-23 April 2009 | Czech Republic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Event email: zalisova@epma.cz, 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

LU: Med-e-Tel 2009 1-3 April 2009 | Luxembourg

Med-e-Tel – The International Educational and Networking Forum for eHealth, Telemedicine & Health ICT – 7th edition

Med-e-Tel focuses on the convergence of ICTs with healthcare and medical applications, which lead to higher quality of care, patient safety, cost reductions, workflow efficiency, widespread availability of health care services, while contributing to a better public health.

In its 7th edition, Med-e-Tel is set to attract once again in 2009 a qualified audience of care providers, buyers, specialists, users, researchers, industry representatives, association executives, and health insurance providers from 50 countries in Europe and around the world. Over 600 participants are expected.

Med-e-Tel features an extensive conference program with more than 150 presentations and sessions on a wide variety of Telemedicine and eHealth topics. The event offers opportunities to discover Telemedicine and eHealth systems, services and innovative technologies care providers and industry representatives, with the participation of many international organisations. It also allows sharing experiences and knowledge, networking with contacts from around Europe and the world, and establishing new partnerships.

Med-e-Tel is also endorsed by the Luxembourg Ministry of Health and the CRP-Santé (Luxembourg Public Institution for Research in Healthcare, Public Health and Biotechnology) and is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide a maximum of 18 hours of CME credits for medical specialists.

More information (detailed programme, registration, deadlines) will be made available in future at the event website.

Event email: info@medetel.lu

Event website: <http://www.medetel.lu>

Country: Luxembourg

City/Location: Luxembourg

Organiser: Luxembourg

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 for 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

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

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

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

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

The main themes of the conference are as follows:

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

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

Event email: event@icmcc.org

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

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

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

E-Health and Bioengineering Conference (EHB) 2009

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

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

Last but not least, EHB 2009 represents a new "official" occasion to show that telemedicine in Romania and particularly in Iași exceeds the level of other more or less theoretical approaches and demonstrative issues. Its maturity was already proven by real time transmission and analysis of some vital biosignals of patients, performed by

using the facilities offered by the first Romanian Telemedical Regional Centre located at the Faculty of Medical Bioengineering of the „Gr.T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași, which was developed by a local team within two research pilot projects - TELMES and TELEMON - financed by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research.

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

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

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

Event email: ehb2009@bioinginerie.ro

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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