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

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

### >> European Journal of ePractice: eParticipation

Will eParticipation in Europe remain something done largely outside the formal governance sphere? How can we in Europe use the new tools beneficially, whilst guarding against the undoubted threats posed by the hijacking of participation processes by the already politically and digitally enfranchised? These are some of the questions addressed in the eParticipation edition of the European Journal of ePractice. Read more [here](#)

### >> Call for Papers: eHealth and Beyond

The European Journal of ePractice invites contributions from both research and practice at the crossroads of public policy, patient management best practice and technology in the eHealth domain. Contributions may address current issues such as the interoperability of Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems or may look into medium and long term future hybrids of eHealth and other domains, and may include international case-studies. Also, we invite papers on technology trends and open standards, new service provision models as well as new business models for the deployment and sustainability of innovations. Papers that may have a positive impact on the European eHealth agenda and Action Plan, are especially encouraged. Read more [here](#)

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Editor's Choice of the week: [Personal Assistance Budget](#)

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## Green IT Governance and Process Framework

For many people, Green-IT equals to data centers optimisation; but even if greening the data centers is an urgent imperative, Green-IT is far broader than that. It also concerns areas like office automation infrastructure, end-user practices, IT procurement, CSR and the use of ICT as a way to reduce the CO2 footprint. On the other hand, More and more environmental regulations are into force and questions come from the Board, the CEO and the CFO, putting more pressure on the IT department. The Green-IT Governance framework permits to show, measure and control the

contribution of the IT department to the organisations' commitments to reduce ICT waste, energy consumption, CO2 footprint and last but not least to reduce costs.

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## Latest News

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## EU: New EDA Project on Space-Based Earth Surveillance System

30 March 2009

***The European Defence Agency (EDA) announced on 5 March 2009 that its Steering Board agreed to approve a project for the next generation European military earth observation satellites.***

This Multinational Space-based Imaging System (MUSIS) project has been launched by six European Union Member States: Belgium, Germany, Greece, France, Italy and Spain. The project has now become an EDA Category B project and will be open to participation of other EDA participating Member States, if their proposed contribution is acceptable to the existing contributing Members.

The Agency's Capability Development Plan (CDP) considers space-based imaging capacities essential for European Security and Defence Policy (ESPD) missions. The MUSIS project aims at establishing a multinational space-based imaging system for surveillance, reconnaissance and observation to ensure continuity of services from the current French Helios II, German SAR LUPE and Italian Cosmo-Skymed and Pléiades systems, from 2015-2017 onwards.

"Space-based related assets are critical to improve European military capabilities, including for information gathering. The approved project will be critical to ensure this capability in the longer-term and I welcome very much the initiative of the six EU Member States to bring it to EDA", Javier Solana, Head of the Agency, said.

One of the roles for EDA will be to seek synergies with earth observation programmes on the civilian side, in particular with the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) programme of the European Commission.

"This is another example of how EDA is proving its added value, not only in bringing together participating Member States' efforts, but connecting at the same time military to civil space agendas. We will liaise with the Commission and the European Space Agency to ensure complementarity of research and technology, and to seek other synergies", Alexander Weis, EDA's Chief Executive said.

### Further information:

- [Source - the European Defence Agency](#)
  - [Background information on the European Defence Agency](#)
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## HU: Online competition for grandparents and their grandchildren 27 March 2009

***Hungarian non-governmental organisation 'Inforum' invites grandparents and their grandchildren to take part together in an online competition focused on IT. The call opened on 24 March 2009 and will close on 1 May***

**2009. The 120 short listed pairs of competitors will be invited to the final championship which will be held in Budapest on 10 May 2009.**

The "Online Grandparent - Grandchild IT Competition" intends to draw the whole Hungarian society's and decision-maker's attention to the inclusion in the Information Society of the population aged above 50. Grandchildren can have a key role in the inclusion process by teaching their grandparents how to use a computer and the Internet.

In Hungary, out of 10 million inhabitants, 4 million people are over 50. The rate of Internet-users within the group of the above 50 barely reaches 16 % and it is only 6 % within the age group above 60. While this generation could really benefit from the help that the Internet provides, such as access to information, to networks (social life), to eBusiness and so on, they unfortunately do not use it.

The competition is a call not to deal with the elderly issue as a merely socio-political issue, but as a question of quality of life. Inforum calls for the children's help, asking them to take grandparents through the gate of the Information Society.

Inforum has been successfully organising the "Grandparent - Grandchild IT Competition" since 2003. This awareness raising program was awarded with the "Aging Well Award" by the European Commission in 2008.

The test of the competition has been made available (in Hungarian) at [www.50plusz.net](http://www.50plusz.net) between 24 March and 1 May 2009. The 120 short listed pairs of competitors will be invited to the final championship which will take place in Budapest on 10 May 2009. The winners will be awarded with presents provided by supporters from the ICT field.

**Further information:**

- [www.50plusz.net](http://www.50plusz.net) (in Hungarian)
- [Website of Inforum](#) (in Hungarian)

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## **DE: Federal government to increase its open source expertise 27 March 2009**

***Germany's federal government will increase its knowledge on open source and will make open source software available to public authorities.***

The project is one of 27 that were approved earlier in March 2009 as part of an IT investment package aimed to help the country's IT sector battle the economic crisis.

Other projects include boosting IT security by funding the development of phones that use encryption, increasing the IT security of laptops and that of handheld and mobile computing devices. The government will also fund the development of applications that can use the country's digital ID card and digital health information card.

To help make the government's IT systems more environmentally friendly, funds will be used to build two new data centres. These should also be able to help public bodies increase the energy efficiency of their IT systems.

The federal government in late February 2009 announced it would invest €500 million in IT infrastructure, focusing on open source, green IT and IT security. Of this amount, the government is making €300 million available immediately for projects on innovation and sustainable technology, and for useful ideas for public administration. The remaining €200 million will be spent once there are concrete measures or plans.

"The funds are meant to support Germany's economy and to ensure that we leave the crisis in a stronger position than we entered it", said the IT Officer of the federal government, state secretary Hans-Bernard Beus, in a statement released in February 2009.

The funds are part of the €50 billion euro package to boost the country's economy that was approved by the federal council in late February 2009.

**Further information:**

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU website](#)

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## **IT: Preliminary approval of draft specs “Digital orthophotos at a nominal scale of 1:10000” 27 March 2009**

*At its meeting of 12 February 2009, the Italian Committee for the Technical Rules pertaining to the Spatial Data of Public Administrations preliminarily approved the draft technical specifications "Digital Orthophotos at a nominal scale 1:10000 - reference standard - second emission - January 2009".*

These draft specifications were prepared by the working group "advanced remote sensing" which was specifically established in the framework of the activities of the Committee for the Technical Rules pertaining to the Spatial Data of Public Administrations (here-after "the Committee").

To take part in the "advanced remote sensing" working group were: the Agency for Grants in Agriculture (AGEA); the Carabinieri Corps (the national gendarmerie); the Italian National Agency for Digital Administration (CNIPA); the Civil Protection Department (CPD); the Military Geographical Institute (IGM); the Italian Hydrographic Institute (IIM); the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA); the Ministry of Environment; and the Italian Regions.

The aim of those specifications is to outline the elements which are necessary for the creation of the reference standard that characterises the typology "Digital orthophotos at a nominal scale of 1:10000". The area of applicability of this product being wide, the document goes into more depth on the themes pertaining to a standard product.

As in previous occasions, the Committee expressed the intention to publish the specifications, thus making them available to all those interested, so as to collect ulterior suggestions. Those wishing to do so can send their proposals by emailing the dedicated [template](#) completed to [SCDT@cnipa.it](mailto:SCDT@cnipa.it) by the deadline of 31 March 2009. Anonymous contributions will not be considered.

### **Further information:**

- [Official press release - Italian National Agency for Digital Administration \(CNIPA\) - in Italian](#)
- [Text of the draft specifications - in Italian](#)

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## **DK: Online self-servicing opportunities rising steadily 26 March 2009**

*A large majority of Danish public authorities allow citizens and businesses to download forms and to directly submit information online from their respective websites. Municipalities have in this regard made remarkable progress in 2008.*

All municipal websites have made it possible for citizens and businesses to download forms, while only 84 % of the central authorities provide this facility on their websites in 2008 (a slight increase in comparison with 2007 for the latter). Likewise, the possibility for citizens to submit information online directly from their municipal website has risen from 83 % in 2007 to 97 % in 2008.

Similarly, the option for a municipality resident to view his/her personal data through his/her municipality's site has considerably spread, with an increase from 20 % of the municipal websites in 2007 to 32 % of these in 2008.

As for the development of new solutions providing citizens and business with an automatic, instantaneous decision, it has not been quite as fast. 31 % of municipal websites proposed this type of solutions in 2008, against 29 % in 2007. Comparable limited increase rates apply to the websites of central authorities (21 % in 2008 against 18 % in 2007).

These are the findings of an analysis of the public sector's use of IT conducted in 2008 by Statistics Denmark for the National IT and Telecom Agency.

"It is gratifying that the possibilities of serving oneself online are growing steadily. We must note that municipalities show particular leadership in the development of digital solutions. The Government virtually remains at the same level as last year. So there is certainly room for improvement on this front, just as we must maintain the focus on the quality and usability of solutions" said Helge Sander, the Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation.

"We must put all efforts to develop solutions that can save labour resources, knowing that we are about five to ten years of lacking resources to handle the cases. It is also important that we develop joint solutions to minimize costs and to meet the needs of citizens and businesses" he added.

**Further information:**

- [Full, original press release - Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation \(in Danish\)](#)
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## **EU: Major extension of the SEMIC.EU portal 26 March 2009**

*The [Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe's portal and repository](#) are about to be extended with new community features and enhanced functionalities.*

### **Personalised User Profiles**

Due in the week before Easter, the extension will introduce public user profiles on the platform. All registered users will get a profile indicating their names and usernames. Every user can then decide which information he or she wants to upload to the platform and share publicly with the SEMIC.EU community.

Registered users will receive a notification mail when the new portal is online so they can visit and edit their personal profiles straight away and explore the new possibilities after the extension.

### **An on-line assistant for asset development**

The development of new assets of interoperability will now be supported by an interactive guideline feature: The "Asset Development Assistant" will provide thorough advice and an interactive checklist for assets in development – from the prevention of semantic conflicts in data exchange to adequate documentation.

For any project, "Asset Development Sheets" indicating the status of development can be saved and used for collaboration.

A direct enquiry function embedded in the sheets allows the user to contact the SEMIC.EU support team for advice on a specific issue.

### **New design of the Clearing Process**

A new asset state is introduced in the clearing process. With the state of "under development", users can share information and data of projects they are currently working on – even if there are no complete assets available yet. The new feature allows users to get in contact with other people working on similar projects and to get feedback on their work at an earlier stage than before.

### **Asset Release Preview**

Interoperability assets (and their releases) contain multiple elements that vary from one asset to another. A new preview feature will let users get a first glance of a specific asset without having to download the whole asset zip-file on a local computer drive. It gives users an idea of the content so they can study and discuss various assets in a faster and easier way.

### **Simplified Asset Administration**

The administration and adding process of interoperability assets on the SEMIC.EU platform will become simplified and more straightforward.

### **Enhanced Search Functions**

Access to most of the content will now revolve around a new search function. It supports integrated searches for assets, national or domain experts, projects and partner initiatives.

The Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe is one of the "horizontal measures" of the European Commission's programme "Interoperable Delivery of European eGovernment Services to public Administrations, Businesses and Citizens" ([IDABC](#)).

**Further information:**

- [SEMIC.EU website](#)
  - [Website of the IDABC programme](#)
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## Latest Publications

- [EU: Final version of the Study on User Satisfaction and Impact in the EU27](#) 27 March 2009 | EU Institutions
  - [EU: Report on Advanced Regional Spatial Data Infrastructures in Europe](#) 10 February 2009 | EU Institutions
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## EU: Final version of the Study on User Satisfaction and Impact in the EU27 27 March 2009 | EU Institutions

**Description (short summary):**

The European Commission Directorate-General Information Society and Media study on the measurement of user satisfaction and impact has developed a multilayer user-satisfaction and impact measurement toolkit aimed at providing both policy makers and public agencies with the necessary information and tools for the analysis of public sector service provision. This standardised survey framework provides a hands-on approach to a set of customizable survey tools. Its methodology offers a rich and solid foundation for analysis based on state-of-the-art experiences accumulated both on the EU and international levels.

The measurement toolkit was piloted in September 2008 in ten different Member States and the results were used to fine-tune the measurement instrument and to develop a first policy recommendation aimed at fostering inclusive eGovernment.

The survey results clearly indicate a number of crucial issues that have been brought to light with this study. Among these are a number of notions that relate to trust-building. Others relate to the kinds of benefits that governments aim to achieve through eGovernment and, indeed, do appear to be achieving. Yet others relate to what government service providers need to know better about their clients and customers while consciously needing to enhance the privacy of those citizens.

From this analysis, the authors can conclude that Europe has adopted the appropriate eGovernment strategy by stimulating the supply of highly interactive transactional public eServices in domains of high demand and high interest. There seems to be evidence that eGovernment take-up follows supply. Nevertheless an imbalance between supply and take-up remains an important challenge for different public sector services.

It is clear from the results of this study that balanced efforts concerning the development of more highly sophisticated public eServices as well as trust- and awareness-creating actions are necessary. The road towards actual user-centric public services requires a more extensive form of user profiling that provides measurements of the essential dimensions of use, satisfaction and impact. Using the standardised framework developed under this study makes available the tools and methodology to do so. It enables policy makers and public agencies to develop and monitor trusted, innovative eGovernment services in an inclusive and continuous manner.

Based on the results of the pilot survey, the survey instrument was evaluated, re-adapted and further developed into a set of re-usable tools. For the two target groups of citizens and businesses, two survey tools are presented. They are:

- a "User Satisfaction Benchmark" designed for a general level demand-side monitoring of user satisfaction and impact across European countries;
- an "eService Evaluation tool" that public agencies may use to measure user satisfaction and impact of the specific services they provide electronically.

**Original URL:** [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/egovernment/studies/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/egovernment/studies/index_en.htm)

**Number of pages:** 366

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## **EU: Report on Advanced Regional Spatial Data Infrastructures in Europe 10 February 2009 | EU Institutions**

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

This report presents the findings of the workshop on Advanced Regional Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs) organised by the European Commission Joint Research Centre in May 2008. The objectives of the workshop were to review the state of progress, analyse the different organisational models established with local and national stakeholders, and assess the social and economic impacts of the regional SDIs.

Eleven regional/sub-national SDIs in Europe are presented in the report: Lombardy and Piedmont (Italy), Catalonia and Navarra (Spain), Wallonia and Flanders (Belgium), North-Rhine Westfalia and Bavaria (Germany), Northern Ireland (UK), Brittany (France), and Vysočina (Czech Republic). These experiences are set in the context of the broader European framework provided by the INSPIRE Directive, the national State of Play studies, and international experiences in the USA and Australia.

A key finding of the report is that these regions are indeed leading actors in the development of SDIs in Europe by adopting state-of-the art technologies as well as standards and models, while often setting the pace through examples for others to follow. Crucially important is their role in coordinating and organising developments at the local level through a large array of partnerships and organisational models. This organisational work is challenging because it involves a very large number of stakeholders operating at the local level, and requires long-term political, organisational and personal commitment.

However, the evidence available at the present time indicates that it is at the local level that the largest social and economic benefits of an SDI can be found, supporting operational day-to-day applications affecting millions of citizens and local businesses. To achieve these benefits there is no alternative but to engage locally, and invest in building and maintaining relationships and trust.

From this perspective, the main lesson of the European experiences, supported by those in the USA and Australia, is that Spatial Data Infrastructures are foremost social networks of people and organisations, in which technology and data play a supportive role. The technology is cheap, data is expensive, but social relations are invaluable.

**Original URL:** <http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/whatsnew.cfm#3140>

**Number of pages:** 133

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## **ePractice Workshops**

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

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

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## **Upcoming Events**

- [LU: Med-e-Tel 2009](#) 1-3 April 2009 | Luxembourg
- [IT: "E-democracy 2.0 - Institutions, citizens and new networks: a potential lexicon"](#) 8 April 2009 | Italy
- [CN: Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications- China '09](#) 21-22 April 2009 | Asia
- [CZ: 7th Eastern European eGov Days](#) 22-24 April 2009 | Czech Republic

- [UK: ePS Annual Conference 2009](#) 23-24 April 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [CZ: ICT Information Day & Brokerage Event 2009](#) 29-30 April 2009 | Czech Republic
  - [UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care](#) 1-3 June 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [RO: E-Health and Bioengineering Conference 2009](#) 17-18 September 2009 | Romania
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## **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.

Registration conditions are provided [online](#).

Event email: [info@medetel.lu](mailto:info@medetel.lu)

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

Country: Luxembourg

City/Location: Luxembourg

Organiser: Luxexpo

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## **IT: "E-democracy 2.0 - Institutions, citizens and new networks: a potential lexicon" 8 April 2009 | Italy**

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

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

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

This event focuses on one basic issue: the relationship between institutional initiatives, i.e. the institutional sphere, and citizens' initiatives, i.e. the public sphere, with regard to new media and the diffusion of Web 2.0 technology. These issues will be examined from the perspectives of scientific research and the point of view of some of the leading players involved in institutional and non institutional experimentations, Using these two perspectives the limits of promoting and sustaining e-democracy projects and initiatives will be analysed, as well as non-institutional

participation experiences produced by means of the digital networks. At the same time, some of the most interesting experiences that have taken place in recent years will also be presented and discussed.

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

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

The workshop aims to:

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

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

Event email: N/A

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

Country: Italy

City/Location: Bologna

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The conference encourages submissions in (but not restricted to) the following topics: Business Interoperability; Enterprise Interoperability Roadmaps; Cross-organizational collaboration and cross-sectoral processes; Systems engineering in the context of Interoperability; Specification and Implementation; Architectures and Frameworks for Interoperability; Service Oriented Architectures for Interoperability; Enterprise Modelling for Enterprise Interoperability;

Approaches and solutions for Model Driven Architectures and Interoperability; Design and Execution of Interoperable Services; Platforms for Enterprise Interoperability; Semantics for Enterprise Interoperability; Interoperability Scenarios and Case Study; Education on Enterprise Interoperability.

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

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

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

Country: Asia

City/Location: Beijing

Organiser: Interop V-Lab

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

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

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

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

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

Expert and project communities will meet on April 22, the day before the official opening, on the occasion of side workshops supported by the organisers. High level Government Officials from 6 EU countries will speak in a plenary session together with 5 lead ICT visionarists and 3 representatives from the European Commission. 60 experts will speak in the 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](mailto:zalisova@epma.cz), [pekarek@epma.cz](mailto:pekarek@epma.cz)

Event website: [http://www.epma.cz/7th\\_eeegovdays.html](http://www.epma.cz/7th_eeegovdays.html)

Country: Czech Republic

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

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

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

The programme will cover:

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

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

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

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Aviemore

Organiser: Scottish Procurement Directorate, Scottish Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Brno

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

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

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

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

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

The main themes of the conference are as follows:

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

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

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

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

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

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

### ***E-Health and Bioengineering Conference (EHB) 2009***

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

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

Last but not least, EHB 2009 represents a new "official" occasion to show that telemedicine in Romania and particularly in Iași exceeds the level of other more or less theoretical approaches and demonstrative issues. Its

maturity was already proven by real time transmission and analysis of some vital biosignals of patients, performed by using the facilities offered by the first Romanian Telemedical Regional Centre located at the Faculty of Medical Bioengineering of the „Gr.T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași, which was developed by a local team within two research pilot projects - TELMES and TELEMON - financed by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research.

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

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

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

Event email: [ehb2009@bioinginerie.ro](mailto:ehb2009@bioinginerie.ro)

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

Country: Romania

City/Location: Constanta

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

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