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>> Comparative Study of Public e-Service Centres in Europe

The just released *Comparative Study of Public e-Service Centres in Europe* is a contribution to the "eInclusion: be part of it!" campaign of the European Commission based on eight interviews with representatives of Public e-Service Centres in Europe (PESCE). The report, available at ePractice.eu, summarises some of the most noticeable characteristics of the PESCE encountered during the interviews, which put emphasis on demonstrable user benefits of eInclusion through services and activities conducted by centres involved in public eServices across Europe. You may download the document [here](#).

>> Article - The 'relative utility' approach for stimulating ICT acceptance: profiling the non-user

Peter Verdegem and Pascal Verhoest provide the results of a Belgian study about non-adopters. In Belgium, as well as in many other EU member states, internet use is already very high, so measures adopted a decade ago to stimulate take-up may not be appropriate for those who remain hard to convince on the utility of the technology. The full article is available in the [European Journal of ePractice](#).

>> IDABC EIF Info Day 2008

The European Commission, Directorate General for Informatics (IDABC), is organising a special event aiming to present and inform on the new version of the European Interoperability Framework. Promoting the concept of interoperable systems is at the heart of the IDABC strategy. Taking into account the progress made in this area, the rapid evolution of the technology and the wish to no longer be limited to the IDABC context, a second version of the EIF has been prepared. This second version has been written in close collaboration with the relevant Commission services and with the Member States. Other, indirect stakeholders also provided their input. This EIF Info Day is to take place on 25 June 2008 in Brussels. More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7649>

The next newsletter will be sent 25 June due to a public holiday

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PRADO: Do you have to check identity documents?

PRADO is an exemplary case that demonstrates how the initiative of public servants and collaboration on a European level results in effective means to combat fraud and ultimately increases the security and prosperity of European citizens and businesses. In 2006, it became a priority to make information on travel and identity documents available to those who need to check such documents. Several initiatives were emerging under the sponsorship of different parties, including the European Commission and some Member States.

The FADO project team in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union (GSC) became aware of these initiatives and recognised this as an opportunity to take advantage of the information contained in the FADO system. The FADO system contains high-quality information on authentic and false travel and identity documents. However, only a small group of document experts in the Member States have access to the classified, restricted system FADO.

The FADO project team met with representatives of the European Commission and Member States in the Working Party on Frontiers/False Documents - Mixed Committee as well as in informal meetings of volunteering participants from Member States and took leadership of the process. It emerged from discussions that the needs of different target groups can be covered by two systems with a different extent of information, taken from FADO.

The first system, called iFADO, targets national authorities such as border guards and police authorities and provides detailed information on all important security features of authentic documents as well on their typical falsifications, similar to FADO. The second system, PRADO, provides information on authentic documents to the public, taking into account that also employers, postal services, banks, credit institutions, security companies, vehicle hire agencies and notaries, etc. have a need to check identity documents. Both systems are operational since end 2007.

Un computer in famiglia

In February 2008, the Region of Valle d'Aosta launched the "Un computer in famiglia" initiative, which aims to increase the number of computers and the use of the Internet for families in the region.

The project targets families with young children in particular, and helps them develop digital literacy skills and to use their newly acquired skills in a productive manner. The project provides a grant of 700€ (partially financed by the European Social Fund) to any family legally resident in Valle d'Aosta with a child aged between 11 and 17 years old, for the purchase of a computer with Internet capability.

The 6,500 beneficiaries will also receive a free copy of the e-Citizen kit, distributed in partnership with AICA (Associazione italiana per l'informatica ed il calcolo automatico).

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EE: State invites suggestions for improving eServices

17 June 2008

The Estonian government is inviting ideas and proposals from citizens on the improvement of eServices. Ideas can be submitted through the state website www.osale.ee.

The Regional Minister, Siim-Valmar Kiisler, has also launched an 'idea competition', whereby anyone can make recommendations for improving public services. According to Kiisler, the website brings together two very important topics for the future of Estonia – the citizen initiative and development of the eState.

The website offers several possibilities for getting involved in state affairs. First, anyone can submit their ideas about any issue that needs fixing in Estonia. Comments on the contributions can be made on the site itself, following which the ministry will post an official position.

Secondly, it is possible to participate in the legislative procedure. The ministry publishes the draft legislation currently being discussed and invites public discussion. This gives all interested parties the opportunity to express their position. In the end, all opinions will be

analysed and feedback will be given by the relevant official.

Because of the high level of international interest in the Estonian eGovernment experience, a freeware platform has been created which could also be used outside of Estonia. The development of the freeware product was funded by the European Union.

The first part of the website was opened in July 2007. Within the first ten months there have already been 18 public consultations on several drafts. On average, every consultation is read 3 000 times.

Further information:

- [News article – Delfi.ee \(in Estonian\)](#)
- [Osalusveeb \(in Estonian\)](#)

INT: OOXML's approval as an ISO/IEC Standard appealed against
17 June 2008

The International Organization for Standardisation (ISO) officially announced on 6 June that four complaints have been filed against the standardisation of Office Open XML (OOXML) document format.

Brazil, India, South Africa and Venezuela's national standards body members of the ISO and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) lodged appeals against the recent approval of OOXML as the international standard ISO/IEC DIS 29500.

As a result, and in line with the procedure in force, the General Secretaries of both the ISO and the IEC have 30 days – until the end of June – to consider the appeals and hand them over with comments to two management boards, for those to make a final decision on whether to further process the protests. Should this decision be positive, a conciliation panel will be formed in order to solve the appeals.

The outcome of the appeals, which may require several months to occur, will condition the official publication of ISO/IEC DIS 29500.

Further information:

- [Official statement from the ISO](#)
- [ePractice news \(April 2008\) - OOXML approved as an ISO/IEC standard](#)

EU: MeAC – First eAccessibility Country Profiles available
16 June 2008

The EC-funded MeAC project ("Measuring Progress of eAccessibility in Europe") has published a first series of eAccessibility Country Profiles. They provide an overview of relevant policies and levels of eAccessibility actually achieved in nine EU Member States, as well as the United States.

The MeAC project recently published an eAccessibility benchmarking report covering 25 EU Member States, Australia, Canada and the USA. Further to this report, individual eAccessibility Country Profiles are now available for Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and the USA.

These Country Profiles provide a concise overview of relevant policies and levels of eAccessibility actually achieved in a country. They offer an opportunity to learn more about the current state of affairs, covering a wide range of topics such as accessibility of national websites and telecoms products and services, accessibility in public procurement, etc.

Moreover, they allow eAccessibility experts from the EU, Australia, Canada and the USA to share knowledge on recent developments. MeAC invites people active in the eAccessibility field to “Learn, Share, and Contribute” at the projects blog <http://www.eaccessibility-progress.eu/>.

Additional Country Profiles are planned to be published on the project’s website in the coming weeks, covering further EU Member States, Canada and Australia.

Further information:

- [MeAC project website](#)
- [eAccessibility Country Profiles](#)
- [MeAC Assessment of the Status of eAccessibility in Europe – Full report](#)

RO: New boost for electronic public services

16 June 2008

On 4 June 2008, the Romanian Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies (MCIT) published a call for proposals for projects aimed at increasing the efficiency of electronic public services in the areas of administration, health and education.

Some €83.6 million will be made available for projects in three main areas: eGovernment and broadband internet coverage; eHealth; and eLearning. The funds are being provided from Priority 3 of the Structural Funds: ‘ITC for public and private sectors’. The minimum amount to be awarded for a project is €100 000.

The implementation of eGovernment solutions and broadband Internet connections aims at delivering at least one public service to citizens, public administration, companies and NGOs. The beneficiaries of a project may be public administration institutions, intercommunity development associations or partnerships between public institutions.

Projects aimed at implementing eLearning applications should lead to the provision of electronic learning solutions to citizens, public administration institutions and companies. Applicants may be local and central public administration institutions, intercommunity development associations, or partnerships between public institutions and certified public universities. As for the Implementation of eHealth solutions, the guide targets central and local public administration, the national healthcare system and intercommunity development associations.

In order to facilitate access to information, MCIT has developed a dedicated website, <http://fonduri.mcti.ro>, providing all the relevant documentation and information on how to obtain grants, including a series of application guides for each main area. The site also allows applicants to submit their proposals on-line.

Further information:

- [Press release – Romanian Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies \(in Romanian\)](#)

- [Intermediate Organism for the Promotion of the Information Society \(in Romanian\)](#)

EU: eParticipation Preparatory Action – Call for proposals 2008 open

16 June 2008

The eParticipation Preparatory Action aims to demonstrate how using modern ICT tools and applications can make it easier for people to participate in decision-making while contributing to better legislation. The 2008 call for proposals is open until the 29 August 2008 with a total budget of €4.7 million.

This Preparatory Action was initiated by the European Parliament and launched in 2006 for a three-year duration. Through a set of trials in real environments, the action promotes the use of ICTs in the legislative and decision-making processes at local, regional, national and EU level.

The EU-supported trial projects are using new digital technologies to improve the drafting of legislative texts and to help citizens have easier access to information about proposals for legislation and to give them the tools to express their opinions.

So far, 14 projects have been funded. In the first year six trial projects were selected and in 2007 a further seven trial projects as well as a support action to coordinate and promote the eParticipation projects were chosen. The European Parliament, national parliaments and local and regional authorities are actively involved.

Following the adoption of the eParticipation Work Programme for 2008 on 11 June 2008, a new call for proposals has been launched until 29 August 2008. The minimum number of participants in a proposal is three independent legal entities, from three different Member States.

Further information:

- [About the eParticipation Preparatory Action](#)
- [eParticipation Work Programme 2008](#)
- [eParticipation Call for proposals 2008](#)
- [ePractice blog post](#)

HU: Hungary to introduce electronic public procurement by 2010

16 June 2008

The Hungarian government has announced its intention to amend the current Act on Public Procurement in order to pave the way for the introduction of an electronic public procurement (EPP) system by 2010.

The ultimate objective is make public procurement simpler, faster and more transparent. In addition to setting new, higher limits for the value of tenders requiring public procurement procedures and shorter deadlines for the publication of winner/s, it is also the intention of the government to make the procedure much more electronic.

According to government plans, eProcurement would be introduced in two steps, between July 2009 and July 2010. The new system would cover the electronic publication of calls for tenders, but also other aspects of the public procurement procedures, including the

announcement of winner and appeal procedures.

A feasibility study is being carried out to review similar services in other countries (UK, Denmark, Italy, Romania) and in the private sector in Hungary. The result of the study will be used to define the parameters of the new service more exactly. At present, the Hungarian government favours a liberal approach in which market players can compete with one another to support the new governmental EPP processes. Once specifications for the system requirements of the new EPP system have been finalised, a call will be launched.

Further information:

- [News article – IT pages – 21 May 2008 \(in Hungarian\)](#)
- [News article – IT pages – 26 May 2008 \(in Hungarian\)](#)
- [News article – IT pages – 27 May 2008 \(in Hungarian\)](#)
- [News article – Index \(in Hungarian\)](#)

BG: eSender brings Bulgarian eProcurement to Europe

13 June 2008

From 1 June 2008, the Bulgarian Public Procurement Agency (PPA) is providing a new service for contracting authorities which will allow automatic forwarding of relevant tenders to the Official Journal of the European Union.

Contracting authorities in Bulgaria are obliged to publish their tender notices in the Bulgarian State Gazette, as well as in the Public Procurement Register kept by the Public Procurement Agency (PPA). In addition, tendering procedures above a certain value must be published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ).

The new service introduced by the PPA, called 'eSender', will make it easier for Bulgarian contracting authorities to comply with their obligations. The eSender service provides a centralised electronic service through which tenders may be submitted for all publications, thus eliminating the need to submit the same notice several times. It is expected to result in considerable savings of both time and money. Contracting authorities that wish to take advantage of the eSender service can do so by using the specialised forms editor software provided by the PPA.

The information contained in the Public Procurement Register (<http://www.aop.bg/case.php>) covers the entire lifecycle of a public procurement procedure – from the preliminary notice to the announcement of the contract award. The PPA is constantly upgrading the register with the most advanced information and communication technologies.

Further information:

- [About eSender \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
- [News article \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
- [Bulgarian Public Procurement Agency](#)
- [Bulgarian Public Procurement Register \(in Bulgarian\)](#)

LT: Speaking up for the blind

13 June 2008

Funding from the EU Structural Funds has supported the development of a new Lithuanian language synthesizer developed especially for the blind.

The Lithuanian language synthesizer has been developed to assist the growing number of blind people who are finding a degree of independence through computers. It consists of a special programme that reads the information on the computer screen aloud. The programme was developed by the social enterprise, ETALINKAS, which employs a high number of blind or sight-impaired staff.

According to users, the new synthesizer – which uses the voice of the former Lithuanian sports commentator, Vasilijus Kuzminskas – is a big improvement on earlier programmes which were less user-friendly. The development of the program was made possible thanks to funding of LTL 600 000 (+/- €174 000) from the EU Structural Funds. Compatible with both Windows and Linux, the synthesizer will be distributed free of charge. It can be downloaded directly from the ETALINKAS website, together with the installation manual.

According to statistics, around 500 people lose their eyesight every year in Lithuania and the Lithuanian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired has over 7 000 members. This new tool should provide significant support to this specific group of computer users and facilitate their integration into working life.

Further information:

- [DELFI – News article \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
- [UNRIIS – News article \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
- [GERADIENA.It – News article \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
- [ETALINKAS website \(in Lithuanian\)](#)

EU: Building Bridges between ICT Researchers and Business

12 June 2008

Excellent research is not automatically leading to economic and social prosperity. Crucial is the implementation of ideas into marketable products and services. But the commercialisation of ideas and inventions by sales, licensing or start-ups is challenging and lot of promising ideas fail. The project “FITT”, funded by the EU, is closing the gap between ICT research and market.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are – as stated by the Lisbon agenda – a central driving force for knowledge based economies. This is not only the case for the rapidly evolving, research-driven sector itself, but also in many other technological fields that benefit from the innovative potential of ICT applications.

In research, Europe is strong, but regarding its transfer to the market, it is facing even stronger challenges: So far, there is a lack of a common language between regional practitioners, a strong need for interregional exchange between technology transfer offices and a necessity of a professional training program for coaching and consulting institutions.

The EU project “FITT” – Fostering interregional Exchange in ICT Technology Transfer – is tackling these challenges. Within the project six technology transfer offices and research institutions from France, Belgium and Germany dedicated to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are starting an interregional exchange in Technology Transfer.

The project partners will jointly design a transnational “tool-box” supporting the different steps and objectives within the valorisation chain of ICT innovations, such as the evaluation of the market potential of an invention, the IPR management and the matchmaking with

investors and industry.

The different tools will be used as the modular basis of individual training programmes for technology transfer officers, flexible and adoptable for the needs of different types of innovations and regions. In this way, FITT will also initiate a community of practice in technology transfer in order to foster the exchange of technology transfer practitioners in Europe.

The FITT project starts in June 2008 for a 3 years duration and is co-financed by the European Union (Interreg IVB NWE). The project consortium consists of renowned technology transfer practitioners from Luxembourg, Germany, France and Belgium.

Further information:

- [Factsheet of the FITT project](#)
- [MFG Baden-Württemberg – Innovation Agency for ICT and Media](#)
- Contact email: jehle@mfg.de

HU: Spring of Digital Hungary

11 June 2008

The 8th Grandparents-Grandchildren Informatics Competition in Budapest – organised by Inforum – successfully closed with an award ceremony. The Competition was the final in a series of events entitled “Spring of Digital Hungary”, which is linked with the “e-Inclusion: Be Part of It!” campaign initiated by the European Commission.

Inforum initiated the “Spring of Digital Hungary” in May, 2008. The aim of the chain of events was to draw Internet users’ attention to support those on the other side of the digital gap. The chain of events included: the 50+ Internet User’s Party; the Internet Ship (Professional Conference on the River Danube); the meeting of the Global Telecentre Alliance; and the Grandparents-Grandchildren Informatics Competition. In addition to those, the Hungarian Parliament began to discuss the issue of setting up the eInclusion Parliamentary Committee.

The Grandparents-Grandchildren Informatics Competition is an intergenerational solution for involving people over 50 in the Information Society. The second aim of this Competition is to popularise the cooperation between grandparents and grandchildren while the latter, as “digital natives”, show the advantages of Internet to their grandparents.

Children under 14 and their grandparents above 50 could apply for the competition. Altogether, 120 pairs of competitors registered and solved the test which included common knowledge-based questions. The competitors were allowed to search on the Internet while choosing the right answers. The first 3 winners have received awards offered by the 17 supporters. It is worth noting that the oldest competitor is an 86 years old lady.

Inforum is an umbrella NGO in the field of Information Society that coordinates all civilian “e-Inclusion movements” and activities in Hungary. Inforum initiated and prepared the parliamentary decision on eInclusion in Hungary. The aim of the parliamentary decision is to set up a temporary committee on eInclusion in order to help

the civil and company activities to involve at least one million persons in the Internet-users' society and bridge the digital gap in Hungary.

Further information:

- [Website of Inforum](#)
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Latest Publications

- [EU: Comparative Study of Public e-Service Centres in Europe](#) 17 June 2008 | EU Institutions
- [EU: General fact sheet 66 – The Internet Protocol version 6 – IPv6](#) 27 May 2008 | EU Institutions
- [EU: The Future of the Internet](#) 26 May 2008 | EU Institutions
- [EU/US: Impact of Technology Trends on e-Inclusion Policy and Practice](#) 26 February 2008 | North America, Pan European

EU: Comparative Study of Public e-Service Centres in Europe - 17 June 2008

Complete title:

Comparative Study of Public e-Service Centres in Europe – A contribution to the "e-Inclusion: be part of it!" campaign of the European Commission

Description (short summary):

The findings in this report are based on eight interviews with representatives of Public E-Service Centres in Europe (PESCE). The interviews put emphasis on demonstrable user benefits of eInclusion through services and activities conducted by centres involved in public eServices across Europe. These centres are organised in different models. Some can be defined as NGOs, others as nonprofit government organisations that manage large networks of ground level organisations, some are run within a public-private partnership, or have the form of a civil society community project without being a legal entity.

The common denominator of the selected projects is that they have a physical location with ICT infrastructure where technologies are accessed for training, information sharing and where eInclusion services for citizens with a lack of e-skills are offered freely or for a low monetary contribution. Often the projects adopt specific approaches, methodologies and tools towards specific disadvantaged target groups like the disabled, long-term unemployed or economically vulnerable people, seniors, women, minority groups or children at risk.

The present report summarises some of the most noticeable characteristics of the PESCE encountered during the interviews.

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<http://www.epractice.eu>

Number of pages:

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EU: General fact sheet 66 – The Internet Protocol version 6 – IPv6 - 27 May 2008

Complete title:

Internet Protocol version 6 - IPv6 - Unleashing more Internet addresses to support growth in Europe

Description (short summary):

This factsheet provides an introduction to both the features and advantages of the Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) while describing the European Commission's efforts to encourage the switch to IPv6.

The number and range of networked devices that use Internet addresses are still increasing quickly: from PCs and mobile phones to RFID readers and in-car devices. As demand for addresses continues to grow, it is time to start using the next generation Internet Protocol: IPv6 will remedy that situation.

Everyone will be able to participate in the future of the Internet on an equal footing, allowing more kinds of networks and a whole range of new innovative services and applications, including home energy management, medical surveillance and new styles of media delivery.

Original URL:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=4131

Related article:

[EU: European Commission sets target to encourage switch to IPv6](#)

Number of pages:

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EU: The Future of the Internet - 26 May 2008

Complete title:

The Future of the Internet – A Compendium of European Projects on ICT Research Supported by the EU 7th Framework Programme for RTD

Description (short summary):

This publication highlights new cutting edge research in the field of the Future Internet, with a compendium of projects supported under the first round of EU funding from the Seventh Framework Programme for Research. The 70 projects, worth nearly €300 million of EU research investment, with an additional €200 million from the academia and industry involved in them, represent international public-private partnerships addressing the key challenges for the development of the Future Internet.

Original URL:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/news.cfm?item_type=library

Number of pages:

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EU/US: Impact of Technology Trends on e-Inclusion Policy and Practice - 26 February 2008

Complete title:
Impact of Technology Trends on e-Inclusion Policy and Practice

Description (short summary):

An adaptation of a report written for the US National Council on Disability, this document is aimed at reconsidering the e-Inclusion effort. It presents emerging technology trends that affect the technologies used by people with disabilities.

Several of the technology trends presented in this paper show opportunities for universally designed products and for improved availability, usability, and affordability of assistive technology that can have significant impact on the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

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http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=3936

Number of pages:

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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.

[Innovative Cities for the Next Generation - ICING final event](#) 26 June 2008 | Barcelona (Spain)

[Briefing session for the European eInclusion Awards Competition](#) 27 June 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)

[eInclusion: Special needs groups](#) 25 September 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)

[FASTeTEN secure infrastructure workshop](#) 15 October 2008 | Issy-les-Moulineaux (France)

[Administrative burden](#) 23 October 2008 | Bremen (Germany)

[European eInclusion initiative: results and future steps](#) 13 November 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)

[eGov services to business: the state of the play](#) 17 November 2008 | Cork (Ireland)

[Service Deployment](#) 9 February 2009 | Brussels (Belgium)

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Upcoming Events

- [BE: SEMIC.EU Launch Conference](#) 17 June 2008 | Belgium
- [BE: Global RFID Interoperability Forum for Standards – 1st Open meeting](#) 18 June 2008 | Belgium
- [BE: Info Day on the new European Interoperability Framework](#) 25 June 2008 | Belgium
- [BE: 1st R4eGov Master Class in cross-border interoperability](#) 26 June 2008 | Belgium
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008](#) 16 - 19 September 2008 | France

- [FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition](#) 4 - 6 November 2008 | Denmark

BE: SEMIC.EU Launch Conference - 17 June 2008

Launch conference of the Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe

The European Commission, Directorate General for Informatics (IDABC), is organising a conference on the occasion **of the launch of SEMIC.EU, the Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe, on 17 June 2008, in Brussels.**

The conference will be a meeting point and networking opportunity for professionals of all sectors. Participants will introduce their projects to their peers in poster sessions, and in a panel discussion on Visions of the Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe.

Keynotes:

Karel de Vriendt, Head of IDABC unit, European Commission

Jan Timmerman, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Netherlands

Steven Capell, Technical Director, Red Wahoo, Australia

Dr. Wilfried Bernhardt, Federal Ministry of Justice of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Conference programme is available online .

SEMIC.EU establishes an open repository for interoperability assets. The project offers coaching services and opportunities for exchange of ideas and best practices. It creates a central resource of interoperability solutions produced by and provided to European eGovernment projects.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the call for expression of interest by 31 May.

The privacy statement can be downloaded online.

Further information on the SEMIC program is available at the following link:

[Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe \(SEMIC.EU\)](#)

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Event website: http://www.semic.eu/events_conferences.html

Contact Email: conference@semic.eu

BE: Global RFID Interoperability Forum for Standards – 1st Open meeting - 18 June 2008

Global RFID Interoperability Forum for Standards (GRIFS) – 1st Open meeting

GRIFS (Global RFID Interoperability Forum for Standards) is a two year project which started in January 2008 to improve collaboration and thereby to maximise the global consistency of RFID standards. The aim of the GRIFS project is to put in place and initiate a Forum that will continue to work constructively thereafter. The activities of the Forum will

be defined during the project.

This Open meeting is the first of a series of workshops that will be organized by GRIFS in Europe, Asia and USA during the next year.

At this Open meeting, the first report of the GRIFS project will be presented and discussed. The draft report will contain an inventory/state of the art on the development and implementation of RFID standards, on a global scale, identifying the standards bodies the geographical and technical scope of the work, opportunities and risk of collaboration, including gap/overlap analysis.

Discussion and comments on the draft report from any interested stakeholder are welcome. These comments will be taken into account in the final report, which will be available in October 2008.

The draft agenda has been made available. Its updated version will be available at the event website together with the draft report at the beginning of June 2008.

Attendance to the GRIFS Open Meeting is free of charge prior registration. Registration can be performed online.

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Event website: <http://www.grifs-project.eu/index.php/events/en/>

Contact Email: info@grifs-project.eu

BE: Info Day on the new European Interoperability Framework - 25 June 2008

Info Day on the new European Interoperability Framework (EIF)

The European Interoperability Framework (EIF) supports the European Union's strategy of providing user-centred eGovernment services by facilitating, at a pan-European level, the interoperability of services and systems between public administrations, as well as between administrations and the public (citizens, businesses).

The EIF document defines the general rules and principles for collaboration on interoperability between Member States and European Institutions.

The IDABC unit of the European Commission is currently preparing a revised version of the EIF.

In this context, the EIF Info Day will focus on the novelties of the upcoming revised version, aiming to inform on the developments implemented since the original version.

The draft of the new version of the EIF will be available on the IDABC website July 2008, for external stakeholders to comment on it.

The new EIF will represent an official Commission position with the publication of a Communication from the Commission to the Council and to the Parliament.

Those interested in attending the Info Day must fill in the dedicated form online by 13 June 2008.

Further details, as well as the draft agenda of the event, will be made available shortly at the event website.

Country: Belgium
City/Location: Brussels
Event website: <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7649>
Contact Email: Serge.novaretti@ec.europa.eu

BE: 1st R4eGov Master Class in cross-border interoperability - 26 June 2008

1st R4eGov Master Class in cross-border interoperability – Interopera Master Class

R4eGov is a project supported by the European Commission in the aim to help to tackle one of the major challenges facing eGovernment in Europe today - the ever increasing mobility of people and transactions across and within national boundaries (www.r4egov.eu).

The Interopera Master Class provides an opportunity to discuss common concerns with European specialists from the following policy sectors: Justice, Procurement, Consular collaboration, Education and inter-Parliamentary collaboration.

Joining the R4eGov User Group and participating in Interopera gives the opportunity to network, share expertise and knowledge, participate in events, provide feedback on R4eGov research results and solutions while enabling to meet senior officials from, among others, Europol, Eurojust, the Belgian Federal Public Service of Information Technology and Communication (Fedict), and the Federal Chancellery of Austria.

Participants to the Interopera Master Class will:

- Have access to project results, which will be distributed through newsletters to the User Group members electronically;
- Be able to evaluate project results, offering their feedback and sharing their experiences from the point of view of their area of expertise in eGovernment;
- Take advantage of peer-to peer learning opportunities, discuss issues with peers from other Member States sharing the same concerns, thus contributing significantly to knowledge and experience-sharing in the area of pan-European eGovernment.

Those willing to participate in this free-of-charge MasterClass are invited to confirm their interest by email to usergroup@r4egov.eu or through http://www.r4egov.eu/events/event_details.php?Id_event=38. The registration deadline is Monday, 16 June.

Country: Belgium
City/Location: Brussels
Event website: http://www.r4egov.eu/news/newsdetail.php?Id_news=62
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FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008 - 16 - 19 September 2008

Smart University 2008 Advanced educational programme – ‘Sharpening Skills in Smart Card, eID, Mobile Telecoms and Aml Technologies’.

'Smart University Advanced educational programme 2008' is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of 'Smart University', takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 16-19 September.

The event program addresses young engineers, researchers as well as executives willing to widen and deepen the scope of their knowledge on new technological and strategic issues of Smart Cards, e-ID, and Mobile Telecoms.

The program consists of 6 tracks of 2 days according to a workshop format which enables time for Q&A and for discussions, and a large interactivity between participants, teachers and lecturers. The schedule of these modules allows participants to attend successively 2 modules of their choice.

For each track participants will receive at the end a diploma signed by the teachers and certifying of their active participation to the course.

The 6 educational modules are as follows:

- The art of Java Card 3.0 Programming (Sept. 16-17);
- Identity Management (Sept. 16-17);
- Smart Card & Mobile Telecoms (Sept. 16-17);
- Secure devices: Smart Cards, RFID Tags and Pufs (Sept. 16-17);
- Security Certifications of Software Systems (Sept. 18-19);
- NFC - Near Field Communication (Sept. 18-19).

Registration can be performed online. The participation fees range from €250 to €1320 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

'Smart Event' encompasses 3 other co-located events:

- e-Smart Conference & demos 2008 – The future of digital security technologies (17-19 September 2008) – 9th edition
- World e-ID Conference & demos 2008 – The next e-ID management technologies and services (17-19 September 2008) – 5th edition
- Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008 –The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smartuniv/08/index.htm>

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FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008 - 17 - 19 September 2008

World e-ID Conference & demos 2008 – 'The next e-ID Management Technologies & Services'

'World eID Conference & demos' is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of World e-ID takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

The 2008 edition of 'World e-ID', aims to be an opportunity to share vision, see new perspectives and opportunities in the field of eID based on new application standards such

as ISO 18013, CEN TC 224, ISO 24727 and new technologies, identify new programs on national and international level and show lessons learned from implementations and projects running. The conference extends the network into the high security community, with all relevant stakeholders, like governments, industries and consultancies.

Again this year, the event features eGovernment representatives and cases from all over the EU. On the opening session, Research and Industry Leaders will address their vision and perspectives.

The event programme includes the following parallel tracks:

- Regional Strategies & Developments;
- eID Standardisation;
- eID Applications;
- Architectural Models & Solutions;
- Border Management Solutions;
- Biometrics.

Moreover, a panel discussion will focus on 'New prospects on European eID interoperability'. EU funded projects (PrimeLife, STORK) will furthermore be presented by EU Institutions officials.

Registration can be performed online. The participation fees range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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- Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008 – The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition
- Smart University 2008 – Advanced educational program on smart card, mobile telecoms, e-ID, designed by high level academics (16-19 September 2008) – 4th edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/we-id/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008 - 17 - 19 September 2008

e-Smart Conference & demos 2008 – 'The future of Digital Security Technologies'

'e-Smart Conference & demos', is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 9th edition of 'e-Smart Conference' takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

In the recent years, 'e-Smart' has been enlarged in such a way to embrace the changing landscape of the Smart Card market to cover the entire Smart Security domain. This ensures that the 'e-Smart Conference' platform will be dedicated to reflecting Industry trends.

In particular, the event is open to the participation of world-class security and technology experts from the wireless and contact-less industry leaders, research laboratories and universities, industry associations, international standardisation organisations, and governmental bodies.

The event agenda reflects the enlarging scope of the Smart Security Industry. It features a wide range of parallel sessions focused on the following aspects:

- Trusted Personal Devices;
- Smart Security Software Platforms;
- NFC & RFIDs;
- Evaluation Tools, Methodologies & Penetration Testing;
- Beyond Smart Security;
- Java Card
- Smart Security Breakthrough Innovations.

Moreover, a Common Panel Debate e-Smart & Smart Mobility will be held on the topic 'Towards trusted convergence?'

Registration can be performed online. The [participation fees](#) range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/esmart/08/index.htm>

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FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008 - 17 - 19 September 2008

Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008 – 'The Emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications'

'Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008' is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 1st edition of 'Smart Mobility' takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

'Smart Mobility' has been established to focus on the emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications. since by 2010 and beyond, mobile and wireless communications, services and appliances will play a major role in all aspect of citizens and consumers existence, with the scope to improve their personal and professional quality of life. Smart Mobility platform will be dedicated to reflecting Markets and Industry trends at the cutting edge of this new application domain.

In particular, the event is now open to the participation of world-class trustworthy mobility and e-mobility applications, R&D, business & marketing experts from the mobile telecommunication, finance, entertainment, health and transport industry leaders.

During 2 and a half days, over 30 researchers and experts from the whole mobility and security value chain will present the latest technology innovations, share the lessons from trials and live roll-outs, and address their vision for consumers-centric transactions and services that combine:

- Security: Trust+Risks Management+Privacy;
- Mobility: Infrastructure+Protocols+Appliances;
- Convenience: Anything+Anytime+Anywhere.

The Smart Mobility program adopts a dual approach, technologies AND applications issues, thanks to 2 complementary parallel streams, namely 'Smart Mobility Ecosystem' and 'Smart Mobility Applications'.

Registration can be performed online. The participation fees range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

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Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smart-mobility/08/index.htm>

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DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition - 4 - 6 November 2008

Connecting Leaders in Technology and Healthcare

Because the adoption of IT in healthcare is a global initiative, this conference will focus on the role and impact of Health IT on the health sector in Europe and other parts of the world, including the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

The event is being designed by and for clinicians and other health professionals; health IT users and buyers; directors and administrators; informatics professionals; academicians; relevant standardisation and competent authorities on an international level and national level, and vendors such as software and hardware development companies and professional services firms.

Topics to be addressed in the conference include:

- eHealth as a Key Enabler in Integrated Healthcare and Citizen Empowerment;
- Organisational Readiness for Transformation in Healthcare;
- Investing for eHealth Deployment;

- Innovation and eHealth.

The conference will offer the following:

- Keynote addresses by leading healthcare experts, practitioners, and officials from EU and national governments;
- Education sessions about timely healthcare IT trends and issues;
- Best practices and real-world case studies from throughout the EMEA region;
- A trade exhibition where companies can showcase their products/services.

The educational sessions will primarily address experiences from deployed services, and focus on proven benefits in quality and efficiency. The demonstration activities and exhibition will give insight into the practical aspects of IT systems and their connectivity.

All proposals for the call for papers must be submitted online by Monday, 11 February at 17:00 CET.

Organisers: European Commission's General-Directorate for Information Society and Media together with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the European Institute for Health records (EuroRec), the European Health Telematics Association (EHTEL), the European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) and the Health Information Network Europe (HINE).

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Copenhagen

Event website: <http://www.worldofhealthit.org/>

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