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## European ePractice Newsletter

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### >> Ageing well in the Knowledge Society workshop

On April 14th ePractice.eu will celebrate a workshop in Brussels where participants will have the opportunity to analyse how eLearning and e-skills programmes can have a beneficial impact on involving older people more actively in the knowledge society and in addressing the digital gap. The “Ageing well in the Knowledge Society” free workshop will cover three major themes, which will be explored with the presence of relevant international experts and the study of several real life best practice cases. Register at [epractice.eu/workshop/Ageingwell](http://epractice.eu/workshop/Ageingwell)

### >> Mid-Term ePractice.eu workshop

One year after its launch, the ePractice.eu portal will celebrate on May 19 a special Mid-Term workshop which aims to bring together representatives of public authorities, policy-makers, IT experts, academics and industry managers to discuss best practices in e-transformation from the European perspective. Designed as a hands-on learning and networking experience, key actors in the eGovernment, eInclusion and eHealth domains will be in charge of delivering the keynote speeches, where they will outline the challenges ahead and bring forward questions that will be discussed by the audience based on their expertise and involvement in real life projects in different countries. Register in advance for this unique event at [epractice.eu/workshop/ePracticeMidTerm](http://epractice.eu/workshop/ePracticeMidTerm)

### >> New eHealth Procurers community

The eHealth procurers Forum at ePractice.eu is an initiative sponsored by the European Commission to help practitioners in eHealth procurement to meet and share their experiences and knowledge, to ask for advice and provide support. The community is mainly focused on technical and organisational aspects of eHealth Procurement. To join the group, please visit [epractice.eu/community/ehealthprocurers](http://epractice.eu/community/ehealthprocurers)

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The European ePractice Editorial Team wishes you a Happy Easter Holiday! The next issue of this newsletter will be disseminated on Tuesday 1 April 2008.

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Please feel free to forward [epractice.eu/newsletter](http://epractice.eu/newsletter) to whom it may be of use. You are welcome to send suggestions that may help us to improve the portal and enrich its content. We invite you to [become a member](#) of ePractice.eu in order to use all our services.

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## GS1 Denmark's simple web edi solution

The GS1 Denmark web EDI portal is based on the principles of simple electronic business in the context of the GS1 system, i.e. GS1 GLN (formerly known as EAN location numbers) and GTINs (EAN product numbers) are mandatory and all products in the trading partner relationship are known to the buyer in advance. LE@N's simple web interface allows SME's to send and receive a variety of business messages such as invoices and orders to trading partners in the system. Specifically, LE@N enables the most basic user to send an invoice to the eGovernment public sector via EDI, which is a mandatory requirement in Denmark and can be a substantial barrier to smaller organisations that supply the public sector. LE@N has simplified the trading relationship with Denmark's public sector and is a simple, inexpensive comprehensive solution to doing eProcurement via EDI with governmental institutions in Denmark

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## Accessibility Monitor Belgium

Are Belgian websites accessible? While earlier studies show that a lot needs to be done to make governmental websites accessible in Belgium, no figures exist about the average accessibility of websites in Belgium. The Accessibility-Monitor-Belgium is an instrument developed by Anysurfer and K-point. The Accessibility monitor uses the QuickScan procedure to screen websites and determine the (in-) accessibility. The scan consists of 14 important and generally accepted criteria for accessibility. To pass the Quickscan, a website should meet 11 of the 14 criteria.

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## eProcurement and mini-tendering process in chartered bus services

Hansel Ltd has developed with its customers a eProcurement tool for vehicle and transportation service procurement. eProcurement tool "Valtion ajoneuvopalvelu" (State's vehicle service) includes instructions for state administration customers how to use Hansel's framework arrangements made for state administration through competitive tendering by Hansel Ltd. eProcurement tool have features for mini-tendering (chartered bus services, moving services) and ordering from supplier. It is also equipped with extensive on-line reporting.

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## Latest News

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## LT: Lithuanian Tax Inspectorate further improves on-line service

The [Lithuanian Tax Inspectorate](#) has made further improvements to its on-line service this year, with a new improved single form for tax submissions and an on-line calculator of tax-free income.

This year, Lithuanian residents may use the same improved form for reporting their income to the Tax Inspectorate on-line. Previously, there were many different forms depending on the type of income to be reported. The new improved form will be pre-filled using data from the State Tax Inspectorate (STI) and expenses reported to the STI by the third parties (banks, insurance companies, computer retailers, etc.).

Lithuanian taxpayers have shown a high level of support for the on-line declaration process. In 2006, 46 % of income declarations were submitted on-line. This increased to 75 % in 2007. "We seek continuous progress," said the head of the STI, Modestas Kaseliauskas. "Our aim is to improve the on-line services

we provide, to introduce innovations each year that facilitate the declaration process, and to encourage taxpayers to exchange the 'hard copy' declarations for on-line declarations, since it is faster, simpler and much more secure to do it on-line," he stressed.

New features offered this year include an on-line calculator of tax-free income. This helps to avoid errors in the tax submission as the amount of tax-free income will vary depending on different factors, such as the number of children, the existence of dependants, etc.

Another reason why many Lithuanian businesses are converting to on-line declarations is that surplus VAT payments are returned to them within ten days of their declaration. For hard copy declarations, the VAT refund will only be made in July. Private taxpayers were offered a similar incentive with a refund of 2 % of the income tax paid in July for on-line claimants and only in November for others.

**Further information:**

- [Lithuanian Tax Inspectorate](#)
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## **LV: New database of research papers on EU**

*A new database of reports and research papers on the European Union and on Latvia in the EU has been launched on the political web portal [www.politika.lv](http://www.politika.lv).*

Financially supported by the European Commission's Representation in Latvia, the scheme will enable readers to expand their knowledge of EU matters and, thereby, it is hoped, raise the quality of citizen participation in debates about the Union. As Iveta Šulca, head of the EC Representation in Latvia, explains, "Full public participation in discussions and decision-making requires sound and transparent information, and the new database will offer just that – and free of charge. The Lisbon Treaty provides instruments to make the EU more efficient and more democratic, but this cannot be achieved without an informed public discussion on current EU issues."

The Representation also anticipates that the database will serve as a useful source of information for the media and anyone interested in European Union matters, including state officials, students and academics.

At present, the database offers around 200 papers, mostly in English, covering EU foreign policy, migration, integration of immigrants, free movement of workers, Latvia's participation in the Union, energy, the future of the EU, human rights, EU enlargement, the environment, the Structural Funds and agriculture. It is intended that sources should include public, private and non-governmental studies, as well as papers and dissertations from Latvian universities. Universities and other higher education establishments are invited to use the new resource and to offer their own materials for the database.

**Further information:**

- [Eparvalde](#)
  - [Politika.lv](#)
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## **PL: Speeding up compensation concerning on-line claims**

*A new Computer Register System (SIR) to consider compensation claims for real estate left outside the Polish borders has been set up by the Polish Ministry for the Treasury.*

It is expected that the on-line system will greatly speed up the claims process and the paying out of compensation to citizens of Zabuz'e, which is split by the Polish/Belarus border. The SIR, which can be accessed via both the internet and intranet from a browser, will register claims submitted at the Voivodeship offices and transfer them to the central database at the Ministry for the Treasury. Successful claims will then be paid out by the Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), which has already been fitted with the appropriate systems.

Both the SIR and the Bank's systems are the creation of ABG SPIN S.A., an experienced systems provider which has concluded a contract with the Ministry for the Treasury for this project. The SIR, which cost around PLN 1 030 900 (€290 000), is expected to process approximately 100 000 documents, including files signed electronically.

**Further information:**

- [eGOv.pl](#)
  - [ABG SPIN S.A.](#)
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## **UK: Two centuries of Parliament proceedings to go on-line**

*The [UK Parliament](#) has launched a pilot project to make 200 years of Parliament proceedings available on-line.*

The UK Parliament is planning to make all the official [Hansard](#) Parliament reports, from 1804 to 2004, available on-line by the end of the year. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology will be used to turn some 3 million printed pages of the Hansard record of Parliamentary proceedings into digitised text.

Some of this text is already accessible on-line at <http://hansard.millbanksystems.com>, although the project has not yet been officially approved as a version of Hansard. The test site has been developed using information provided by the Hansard Digitisation Project, directed by the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

This site has been sponsored by Parliament in order to test and demonstrate user interfaces for historic data, certain functionality and for other exploratory work. Feedback is being requested on the functionality of the site and, where possible, improvements will be made in light of the comments received. The Parliament sees the site as a public experiment and its future development will depend to a great extent on the feedback received during the trial phase.

**Further information:**

- [Kable News](#)
  - [United Kingdom Parliament](#)
  - [Hansard](#)
  - [Hansard – Sittings by decade](#)
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## **UK: Launch of 'Procurement Scotland' creates savings for public sector**

*A new Procurement system for the Scottish public sector has already saved Scottish taxpayers over £1 million (€1.3 million) before even being launched.*

Although 'Procurement Scotland' was only officially unveiled on 6 March 2008, an on-line auction of IT hardware held for the public sector in December, run by the body, saved over £1.2 million in comparison to a similar auction in early 2007. The Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Finance, John Swinney, welcomed the savings that the initiative facilitates, saying, "We must deliver benefits to the people of Scotland through value for money for taxpayers, improved goods and services for all our citizens; and economic opportunities for our businesses. That is what Procurement Scotland, and other procurement centres of expertise, will do."

Procurement Scotland is tasked with implementing national strategies for buying the common goods and services used by the public sector. These include a wide range of commodities, ranging from services and utilities, through to office equipment and IT hard- and software. It is hoped that this collaboration and coordination will prevent the duplication of effort and therefore cut costs. Suppliers are attracted by opportunities to win further business across the public sector in Scotland.

A central part of this is the [eProcurement Scotland](#) (ePS) system – a fully hosted and managed eProcurement service which supports the full purchase-to-pay cycle providing a range of services including eSourcing (electronic tendering and auctions) and transactional purchase-to-pay solutions. The aim of ePS is to be the system of choice for the public sector in Scotland and therefore the only system which suppliers need to join in order to do business with any public-sector organisation in Scotland.

**Further information:**

- [The Scottish Government](#)

- [eProcurement Scotland](#)
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## **HU: On-line company registration becomes obligatory**

*As of 1 June 2008, it will become compulsory to register companies on-line in Hungary.*

This move will be preceded by the adoption of a Decree on the 'intelligent' eForm (automating the process and making it more secure) and a new Act on the eAcknowledgement form (which confirms the authenticity of correspondence between courts and customers).

Although initially introduced in September 2005, the on-line system for the registration of companies has only really met with real success since the process was further streamlined and made cheaper in September last year. Since then, the number of on-line registrations has soared and a company can now be officially registered in just one hour.

The on-line system is deemed necessary given the high number of companies registered each year in Hungary. The move towards making the scheme compulsory will, however, require a significant investment in the upgrading of IT equipment for lawyers and courts. The Ministry of Justice is planning to invest HUF 1 billion (+ €3.88 million) in upgrading and modernising the national court system.

Lawyers will also need to ensure that they have all the necessary equipment to carry out on-line registrations (PC, scanner, internet, eSignature, electronic time stamp and various specialised applications). At present, only 400 of the 10 000 lawyers registered in Hungary use the eRegistration process regularly, so there is considerable work still to be done.

### **Further information:**

- [Origo News](#)
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## **SI: Giving new impetus to the development of eContent and eServices**

*The Slovenian [Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology](#) has issued a call for proposals for research projects on the development of eContent and eServices.*

This is the first call to be published under the new Structural Funds financial perspective and one of the first concrete steps towards implementing the Slovenian SI 2010 Strategy, closely modelled on the European i2010 Initiative and the goals of an 'inclusive information society'.

The call will co-finance research and development projects addressing the development of eContent and eServices in the following topical areas:

- Culture;
- Science and education;
- Consumers;
- Health care;
- eBusiness for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);
- Local administration.

The call falls under the national state aid scheme known as the 'Technological Development and Information Society Promotion Programme'. It is open to both companies and research institutions which may either bid individually or as part of a consortium. One primary aim of the call is to bring together knowledge and expertise in the economic and research areas.

A total amount of €4 639 673 will be made available in 2008. Of this, 15 % will come from the Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology and the rest from the European Regional Development Fund.

### **Further information:**

- [Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology](#)
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## EU: Call for applications in the field of Health

The European Commission has issued a [call for applications](#) within the framework of the Second Programme of Community Action in the field of Health (2008-2013). The deadline for submissions of proposals is 23 May 2008.

The programme's objectives are:

- to improve citizens' health security and safety;
- to promote health to improve prosperity and solidarity;
- to generate and disseminate health knowledge.

The programme has a budget of €321.5 million for the period 2008 to 2013. This call for applications consists of the following parts:

- a call for proposals for the award of a financial contribution to specific actions in the form of projects;
- a call for proposals for the award of a financial contribution to specific actions in the form of conferences;
- a call for proposals for the award of a financial contribution to the functioning of non governmental bodies and specialised networks (operating grants);
- an invitation to Member States and participating countries for submission of joint actions.

### Further information:

- [CORDIS database](#)
  - [Official Journal of the EU – Call for applications](#)
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## RO: Progressing towards the Manchester eProcurement goals

*Last February 27, the Romanian Government approved the Decision for the amendment and completion of the norms to enforce provisions pertaining to public procurement contracts assigned through electronic means. Following the adoption of this legislative act, starting in 2008, contracting authorities are compelled to use electronic means for at least 20 % of public procurement.*

The adoption of this Decision represents an important step towards the fulfillment of the commitments laid down in the Manchester Declaration. By signing this declaration, the Ministers responsible for eGovernment policies within the EU set out the objective of at least 50 % of public procurement above the European thresholds to be carried out electronically by 2010.

The Romanian Electronic System for Public Procurement – [www.e-licitatie.ro](http://www.e-licitatie.ro) - was launched on 4 March 2002 as an initiative of the Romanian Government, in the aim to manage public procurements in an efficient and transparent manner while simplifying tendering procedures for both suppliers and contracting authorities.

The platform does allow for the publication at national level of all procurement notices, but also for the automatic conveyance, whenever it is the case, of the respective notices to the Official Journal of the European Union.

As of 1 January 2007, 9 500 registered contracting authorities had already published 63 000 notices and 119 000 requests for quotation via [www.e-licitatie.ro](http://www.e-licitatie.ro). 9800 suppliers are conducting business through the system. For 2008, the National Prognosis Commission targets a GDP value of €120 billion Euro. Estimates for the Romanian public procurement market range from €16 to 19 billion.

Mr. Marius Gogescu, president of the National Authority for Regulating and Monitoring Public Procurement stated that "The 20 % threshold for this year is only the first step we envisaged in order to reach the goal set up by the Manchester Declaration. Given the fact that due to this measure the prerequisites for improving the access of SMEs to the public procurement market are met, we expect that

the number of IT users of the Electronic System for Public Procurement will be increasing, especially with regard to the SMEs that will be more interested to conduct their businesses by electronic means”.

**Further information:**

- [Romanian Electronic System for Public Procurement](#)
  - [e-licitatie – Case at ePractice](#)
  - [ePractice blog post](#)
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## New Factsheets

The 9th Edition of the eGovernment factsheet for Sweden is now available online. We invite you to visit the [relevant section](#) at the portal for regular and/or ad hoc updates related to the factsheets.

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## Latest Publications

- [BE/EU: BeVoting study of electronic voting systems – Part 1 and 2](#) 14 January 2008 | Belgium, Pan European
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## BE/EU: BeVoting study of electronic voting systems – Part 1 and 2

**Complete title:**

**BeVoting study of electronic voting systems – Part 1 and 2**

BeVoting étude des systèmes de vote électronique – Parties 1 et 2

Bevoting studie van de elektronische stembestanden – Deel 1 en 2

**Description (short summary):** The Belgian Federal and Regional Administrations have requested an independent comparative study of the election systems used abroad, and to determine the requirements for the voting systems that will be used in Belgium for the elections of 2009 and later.

The present document is the requested independent study. It has been executed by a Study Consortium that consists of the following universities: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universiteit Antwerpen, Universiteit Gent, Université Catholique de Louvain, Université de Liège, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

The Study consists of two parts. The goal of the first part is to derive the current state of the art of electronic and Internet voting systems in all their aspects. The state of the art is summarised in a table enumerating the system used per country, the number of eligible voters, the electoral system, their pros and cons, and the system costs. This part also evaluates all aspects of the Belgian electoral system, including optical reading of voting ballots, partial electronic voting, and the traditional voting system.

The goal of the second part of the Study is to propose the technical and specific requirements; the level of detail needs to be such that the report can serve as a technical appendix to the technical requirements (cahier des charges) for the voting system of both the 2009 elections and future ones. The system specified in the second part of the Study needs to be compatible with the Belgian and Regional electoral systems.

**Original URL:** <http://www.ibz.rnm.fgov.be/index.php?id=1062>

**Number of pages:**

Part 1 in FR language: 264

Part 2 in FR language: 161

Part 1 in NL language: 270

Part 2 in NL language: 161

Part 1 in EN language: 246

Part 2 in EN language: 149

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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. Registration, agenda and participant bios are available online before each workshop.

- [ePractice.eu Communities workshop](#) 3 April 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [eInclusion: Ageing well in the Knowledge Society](#) 14 April 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [ePractice Mid-Term workshop](#) 19 May 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [eHealth Management](#) 9 June 2008 | Barcelona (Spain)
- [eInclusion: Digital literacy](#) 16 June 2008 | Barcelona (Spain)
- [eInclusion: Special needs groups](#) 25 September 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [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)
- [ePractice.eu Final Workshop](#) 26 February 2009 | Brussels (Belgium)

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## Upcoming Events

- [UK: ICT in Building Schools for the Future](#) 18 March 2008 | United Kingdom
  - [IE: eInclusion Workshop Part 1](#) 19 March 2008 | Ireland
  - [NL: Zinformatie Congress](#) 20 March 2008 | Netherlands
  - [DE: 4th International Conference I-ESA'08](#) 25 - 28 March 2008 | Germany
  - [DK: 1st public conference on 'Interoperability - One electronic procurement in Europe'](#) 31 March 2008 | Denmark
  - [BE: European e-ID Card Conference](#) 3 - 4 April 2008 | Belgium
  - [ES: 3rd International Public eProcurement Seminar](#) 23 - 24 April 2008 | Spain
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## UK: ICT in Building Schools for the Future

18 March 2008 | United Kingdom

*ICT in Building Schools for the Future*

'Building Schools for the Future' is one of the most ambitious investment and transformation programmes in the UK public sector. This conference is intended to offer authoritative information and a central meeting point for key project team members from local authorities, schools and private sector partners. It will be focusing exclusively on the role of ICT within the Building Schools for the Future programme in order to respond directly to the demands for improved knowledge-sharing and education.

The conference programme will offer highly practical advice, information and experience from figures at the heart of the programme and from those people who have already been through the process. It will feature panel discussions, question and answer sessions and in-depth workshops.

This event is open to public and private sector attendees. Private sector delegates are charged at £795 + VAT (€1064 + VAT) and local authority delegates are charged at £350 + VAT (approx. €469 + VAT). There is also supported public sector rate for headteachers, ICT specialists from schools, not-for-profit and charity attendees of £250 + VAT (approx. €335 + VAT). Some free places are available for local authorities; enquiries about availability should be sent by email to: [emma.whitehead@kable.co.uk](mailto:emma.whitehead@kable.co.uk).

The conference is sponsored by [Becta](#), UK's Government's lead agency for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in education, covering the United Kingdom.

**Event website:**

<http://www.kablenet.com/ke.nsf/EventsSummaryView/06F926B7E846692C802573C9003A491F?OpenDocument>

**Venue:** The Royal College of Surgeons of England  
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
London WC2A 3PE

**Contact:** [emma.whitehead@kable.co.uk](mailto:emma.whitehead@kable.co.uk)

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## **IE: eInclusion Workshop Part 1**

19 March 2008 | Ireland

*eInclusion Workshop on 'eAging' and 'Hard to Reach Groups'*

This open workshop is organised by MWRA as part of the EU INTERREG IIIB NWE Initiative, CitizenFirst. The Workshop themes are 'eAging' & 'Hard To Reach Groups' and is part one of two workshop sessions that the partners are organising.

The aim of the event is bring together key people working in these two specific areas and are tackling social inclusion issues through ICT.

Participation is free-of-charge.

The 2nd Workshop will take place in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in May 2008.

**Event website:** <http://www.citizen-first.net>

**Venue:** Ennis, Co. Clare (exact place to be confirmed)

**Contact:** [mcollins@mwra.ie](mailto:mcollins@mwra.ie)

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## **NL: Zinformatie Congress**

20 March 2008 | Netherlands

*Zinformatie - eGovernment Congress*

With over 30 speakers, this event will focus on different aspects of eGovernment such as:

- Government Publications (about a new law on electronic announcements);
- Standards and cooperation between municipalities (about Gov United and other non-profit communities);
- Documentmanagement and workflow (about the way governments focus on their process and applications);
- How to apply information in businesses' daily work (smart solutions and best practices about webshops).

This open event is targeted at all governmental specialists. Participation requires the payment of a €295 fee. The event is closely related to the independant Dutch Magazine on e-Governemental solutions "Proces&Document", wich is distributed for free and read by more then 10 000 professionals.

More facts and info about this congress and its speakers are to be found at the event website.

**Event website:** <http://www.zinformatie.sdu.nl>

**Venue:** Galgenwaard stadium  
Herculesplein 241  
3584 AA Utrecht

**Contact:** N/A

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## **DE: 4th International Conference I-ESA'08**

25 - 28 March 2008 | Germany

*4th Conference on Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications – Science meets Industry*

I-ESA'08, the fourth in a series of conferences on Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications, will take place in Berlin, Germany, from 25 to 28 March 2008. Under the motto "Science meets Industry", this I-ESA edition is organised by Fraunhofer IPK and jointly promoted by the European Virtual Laboratory for Enterprise Interoperability ([INTEROP\\_VLAB](#)) and the Enterprise Interoperability Centre – [EIC](#).

I-ESA will bring together international researchers and practitioners in the area of enterprise interoperability. Participants will be provided with a forum for the exchange of visions, ideas, research results and experiences, dealing with a wealth of interoperability research subjects for business, enterprise applications and software.

The call for submissions is now open in the following areas (non restrictive list): Business Aspects of Interoperability; Interoperability Scenarios; Systems engineering in the context of interoperability; Specification and Implementation; Architectures and Frameworks; Enterprise Modeling for Enterprise Interoperability; SW – Platforms; Semantics for Enterprise Interoperability.

Interested parties are also invited to submit proposals for workshops to be held in conjunction with the main conference. Workshops proposals should explore new interoperability issues that are not covered by the main conference; problems and solutions in areas coming from not only enterprise software and applications, but also from eHealth, mobile services, as well as end-user software and applications to social and financial issues related to the introduction of interoperability.

Full paper submission deadline is 30 September 2007. Author notification is due for 31 October 2007.

**Event website:** <http://www.i-esa.org>

**Venue:** Production Technology Centre  
Technical University  
Global Production Engineering  
Pascalstrasse 8-9  
D-10587 Berlin  
Germany

**Contact:** [I-ESA@ipk.fraunhofer.de](mailto:I-ESA@ipk.fraunhofer.de)

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## **DK: 1st public conference on 'Interoperability - One electronic procurement in Europe'**

31 March 2008 | Denmark

*1st public conference organised within the framework of the CEN/ISSS Workshop 'Business Interoperability Interfaces (BII) of public procurement in Europe' under the theme 'One Procurement Standard for Europe'*

The purpose of this public conference is to demonstrate the achievements of the CEN/ISSS BII workshop so far and introduce a vision for the new way of doing procurement in Europe. The public meeting is hosted by Danish Standards, and it will be held next to a private CEN/ISSS Business Interoperability Interfaces (BII) Workshop.

The benefits of the conference will include many presentations and achievements in electronic procurement, among which:

- The countdown for the i2010 goals;
- Standardisation in EU perspective;
- Public sectors influence on the private market;

- eTendering based on open standards, vision and reality;
- Standard-based eProcurement in practice;
- Live presentation of the CEN/ISSS BII workshop achievements;
- 'Showcases' of the good practice:
- The opportunity to learn from others that are facing similar issues and to obtain the input of a range of 'critical friends' to help your own institutional development;
- The opportunity to join the workshop and make a contribution.

The provisional agenda is [available](#). Participation in the conference is by invitation only. Those interested in participating are invited to return the [registration form](#) completed by email to [ihu@ds.dk](mailto:ihu@ds.dk). Deadline for submitting the registration form **has been extended to 22 March 2008** at 1:00 p.m. **28 additional participants** can be accepted.

**Event website:** <http://www.en.ds.dk/3782..3>

**Venue:** Hilton Copenhagen  
Ellehammersvej 20  
2770 Kastrup

**Contact:** [ihu@ds.dk](mailto:ihu@ds.dk)

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## **BE: European e-ID Card Conference**

**3 - 4 April 2008 | Belgium**

*Current Perspective and Initiatives from around Europe in Government and Business*

The European e-ID Card Conference is intended to act as a neutral forum where the industry can address specific areas of importance in the digital identity arena. It is also aimed at facilitating the exchange of ideas amongst delegates who want to learn and build upon their knowledge in a relaxed, constructive environment.

The conference will explore how the various European electronic identity (eID) card schemes are developing and the implications for governments, businesses and the citizen alike. It will focus on key subject areas, including, among others:

- Examples of how countries and businesses are rolling-out their e-ID card schemes;
- Discovering the key legal, data protection and privacy implications;
- The technical issues and solutions (additionally the future use of RFID & NFC applications);
- The latest strategies for maximising the security of e-ID (including two-factor authentication);
- The cross border interoperability challenges and their possible solutions;
- The multi-channel approach – is e-ID only for the internet?
- Applications and solutions driven by national e-ID card implementations;
- Mobile applications;
- Future directions with the e-ID card (including smart IP devices).

The event is targeted at those individuals or businesses involved in the implementation of eID projects, as well as those that will be impacted by such schemes for all these to exchange experiences as well as discover how the strategic issues – as well as the underlying technologies – have evolved over the past year. The conference typically attracts 120 attendees from business, public sector and government from countries throughout Europe and also further a field.

Registration is to be performed [online](#). Participation requires the payment of a €450 +VAT fee (€250 + VAT for eema members).

**Event website:** <http://www.eema.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=focus.content&cmid=360>

**Venue:** Catholic University of Leuven (K.U Leuven)

**Contact:** N/A

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## **ES: 3rd International Public eProcurement Seminar**

23 - 24 April 2008 | Spain

*Third International Public eProcurement Seminar, financed by the Basque Government*

This 3rd International Public eProcurement Seminar will focus on the innovation taking place worldwide in the field of electronic procurement. A selection of relevant eProcurement cases from European countries will be presented.

The two-day course will bring together various national experts who play a key role in the eProcurement process within their countries as well as EU representatives in order to provide examples of good practice covering the most relevant practical aspects for other government bodies undertaking this experimentation process.

Topics regarding the legal issues of eProcurement as well as the use of bid-e-bonds will be addressed. The course will discuss projects and difficulties encountered in computerising supplier's offers, adopting measures to promote the use of eProcurement by suppliers, using shared eProcurement platforms by different government bodies, and related legal provisions. The provisional programme of the event is [available](#).

The seminar is aimed at procurement experts, solicitors, public and private firms, as well as individuals from the technical and academic communities interested in the innovations taking place worldwide in the field of electronic procurement.

The participation fee is €350 and includes documentation, coffee breaks, two lunches and a certificate of attendance. Registration to the seminar is open. Registration requests can be submitted [online](#) before 14 April 2008. Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants by email upon receipt of the completed registration form.

More information on this event will soon be made available at the Basque Government's eProcurement website: [www.contratacion.info](http://www.contratacion.info).

**Event website:** <http://www.eipa.eu/en/activities/show/&tid=2737>

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