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HERMES - Cognitive care and guidance for active aging

HERMES aims to develop assistive technology for older people to reduce age-related decline of cognitive capabilities and assist the user where necessary in retrospective and prospective memory. Based on intelligent audio and visual processing and reasoning, the project results in a combination of a home-based and mobile device to support the user's cognitive state and prevent cognitive decline. HERMES aims specifically at supporting the decline in capabilities by using other functional cognitive skills and training these, thereby reducing the need for active care and support and substantially increasing the ability to cope with everyday life and to live independently.

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BG: Adoption of the programme for the development of broadband Internet access - 26 January 2009

On 11 December 2008, the Bulgarian Coordination Council for Information Society adopted a "National Programme for the development of broadband Internet access".

The document was prepared by the State Agency for Information Technology and Communications (DAITS) with the participation of telecommunications companies and operators, as well as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

The objective of the National Programme is to ensure that, by 2015, all Bulgarians gain the opportunity to enjoy reliable and high quality broadband access.

The National Statistical Institute reported that, in 2007, 19 % of households in the country had Internet access, and 80 % of these enjoyed a broadband access. According to the estimates of Business Monitor International, the penetration rate of the Internet in Bulgaria will reach 44.9 % in 2010 (a 31 % increase) while the spread of broadband services will increase three times by that year.

The roadmap agreed for the development of broadband coverage includes: the preparation of an analysis for the availability of broadband access in the regions (taking into account macro-economic and demographic elements); the formulation of recommendations for the use of technology by region; the preparation of guidelines for the establishment of public-private partnerships; new recommendations to ensure the funding of broadband access projects and their procurement; and the launch of a system for monitoring and publishing the results of the projects' implementation.

Particular attention will be paid to the regulatory framework which should guarantee the rapid development of an efficient and competitive market, as well as technological neutrality, simplified authorisation procedures and transparency.

Apart from the State Budget, the possible funding sources of the broadband access projects will be, among others: the EU Structural Funds; the Seventh R&D Framework Programme (2007-2013); the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme (2007-2013); the Safer Internet Plus Programme; and the Programme for the Interoperable Delivery of European eGovernment Services to public Administrations, Businesses and Citizens (IDABC Programme).

Further information:

- [Official press release – State Agency for Information Technology and Communications \(DAITS\) – in Bulgarian](#)

EU: CATRENE is launching a new Call for Project Proposals - 26 January 2009

[CATRENE](#) (Cluster for Application and Technology Research in Europe on NanoElectronics), the recently approved [EUREKA](#) cluster programme (Σ! 4140), is launching a new call for project proposals.

The CATRENE programme aims at a Technological Leadership for a competitive European ICT industry by strengthening and further developing European competitiveness in nanoelectronics, which constitute key enablers for electronics and Information & Communications Technology (ICT). The latter technologies are expected to provide in the foreseeable future a variety of important solutions including improved energy management, improved telecommunications and information access, better entertainment and also better health systems.

The CATRENE programme embraces all key actors in the value chain – including applications, technology, materials and equipment suppliers – while involving both large companies and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) around a number of market opportunities and societal challenges (lighthouse projects).

Within this framework, CATRENE is launching a new [Call for Project Proposals](#). Europe's high tech industry, small and medium sized enterprises as well as research institutes and academia are invited to submit as a first step project outlines (PO) from 2 March to 30 April 2009. Subsequently full proposals have to be delivered. Following the project evaluation and selection process, final decisions and labelling of projects are foreseen at the end of September 2009. It can be assumed that chosen projects will start as of 1st January 2010.

Further information and guidelines on preparing and sending project proposals are available at the relevant [section](#) on the CATRENE website.

CATRENE has been recently approved by EUREKA, an intergovernmental initiative aimed at enhancing European competitiveness through its support to businesses, research centres and universities who carry out pan-European projects to develop innovative products, processes and services.

Further information:

- eHealthNews.eu
- [CATRENE website](#)
- [EUREKA website](#)
- [CATRENE - Call for project proposals and guidelines](#)

EU: European Commission approves update of EU Public Licence - 23 January 2009

The European Commission approved an update of the [European Union Public Licence \(EURL\)](#) on 9 January 2009. Seven clarifications were made in the licence text, without changing the original meaning.

The Commission validated version 1.1 of the EURL in all official languages of the European Union. The text was changed slightly to clarify the licence, say sources involved in the process.

For example, regarding distribution and/or communication, article 1 was changed to include application service providers (ASPs) and software as a service (Saas).

Another change was made in article 5, to the 'Copyleft clause'. Adding the words "or of a later version of this Licence" makes clear that work distributed under for example the EURL version 1.0 may be re-distributed under the EURL version 1.1 or a later version. This text simplifies the licence by replacing text that had a similar effect: "The new version of the Licence becomes binding for You as soon as You become aware of its publication."

Upgrading is not an obligation. The updated EURL also allows distributors to expressly distribute their work under a specific version of the licence.

The other changes to the EURL are in the last paragraph of article 6, in article 11 and in article 13. In article 13, it is now explained that all 22 linguistic versions have identical value. This means that developers and users of software distributed under the EURL can use whichever linguistic version suits them. No one can impose the provisions of the EURL in for example the Hungarian version if for instance the English text provides more freedoms.

The list of compatible licences was not changed. Improving the EURL was considered necessary following a Workshop organised by the European Commission in 2008 and after discussions with a group of about fifty legal and open source experts that were involved with the translation of the licence in 22 European languages. The European Commission also discussed the licence with the Open Source Initiative (OSI).

The first version of the EURL was published on 9 January 2007. The Open Source Observatory and Repository (OSOR.eu), in January 2009, lists [eleven applications that are published using the EURL](#). Examples of such applications are Wollmux, a plugin for creating forms and letterheads in OpenOffice, IPM, a tool to create online questionnaires, and OSBD, a tool for provide and manage virtual desktops offered over a local area network or over the Internet.

Further information:

- [Official press release – OSOR.EU](#)
- [The European Union Public Licence](#)

- [List of applications published using the EUPL](#)
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ES: Axarquía county administration moves all desktops to open source - 23 January 2009

The administration of the Spanish county of Axarquía is about to begin its move to open source desktops. About seven hundred PCs in all county government offices and in town halls in Rincón de la Victoria, Periana, Totalán, Moclinejo and Almáchar are the first to be fitted with open source software.

"The civil servants at the town halls of Vélez-Málaga, Nerja and Colmenar have also shown their interest and we expect to soon also start replacing desktops in these bigger cities and towns", says Antonio García Pérez, who works for a Spanish IT company specialising in open source involved in the migration project.

Once completed, more than three thousand desktop PCs in the county will have been moved to open source.

"We basically will install any open source application that the user needs", says García Pérez. To help users to select open source alternatives to proprietary software, IT administrators have developed 'Inventory Libre', an application that scans a PC, determines its hardware capabilities and draws up a list of software that is currently installed and used. "We will then discuss with the users which programmes they use most often and which are most important to them. Wherever possible, we will then replace proprietary applications with open source alternatives."

Where proprietary applications can not be replaced, they will be made available on a central server, where they can be accessed from the user's open source desktop PC.

According to García Pérez, the county expects significant cost savings on licence fees to be one of the results of the migration, though he did not know specific amounts. "Public administrations moving to open source can expect other advantages, such as the freedom to use, change, copy, distribute software and the use of open standards. It will help make the governments IT more secure. We are building a better society based on information and knowledge. Using open source and open standards helps to bridge the gap between a public administration and its citizens."

The Axarquía county began preparations for the migration project in March 2008. The county IT administrators are collecting all the information on the project on a wiki site. García Pérez expects the site to be published within a month or so: "For the moment, this site is only in Spanish. But this week we decided to make it available in English as well."

The county has about 200 000 inhabitants and is located in the northeast of the province of Malaga. In total the county in the autonomous region of Andalusia employs about 1 500 civil servants.

Further information:

- [Original press release – OSOR.EU](#)
 - [An introduction to the migration project \(in Spanish\)](#)
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LT: Successful implementation of the 'eHealth Services' project - 22 January 2009

The implementation of the project consisted of the design, installation and operation of hospital information systems in three regional healthcare institutions of Lithuania: the Kaunas University of Medicine Hospital, the Klaipėda University Hospital and the Vilnius University Hospital Santariškių Klinikos.

The hospital information systems will allow residents to offer high quality medical services, while providing better healthcare management conditions. To this end, each of the three participating hospitals has been massively equipped with new hardware.

The eHealth Services project, which is carried out by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, is part of the development of a national eHealth system.

The aim of the project is to implement an uniform international standards-based electronic health records and healthcare system (NESS) covering the entire country. Such system is intended to make it possible for healthcare institutions to securely and rapidly exchange data pertaining to the patients' treatment services, procedures and lab tests results.

The executive manager of the project, Evaldas Dobravolskas, noted that although the project was very complicated and complex, and its execution time rather optimistic, the project activities have been successfully implemented, and its objectives achieved.

"The successful implementation of the project is a very important step for the development of an eHealth system in Lithuania. This is the cornerstone of the starting point for further implementation of similar systems in other hospitals in the country," he said.

In addition, draft legislation and recommendations on electronic health data are being developed under the framework of this project.

The 'eHealth Services' project is supported by the Lithuanian Government (6.617 million Litas – approximately €2 million) and partly financed by the European Union (8.578 m Litas – approximately €2.4 million).

Further information:

- [Official and full press release – National Electronic Health System website \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
 - [Homepage of the National Electronic Health System website \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
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EU: eHealth, eIdentity and eProcurement animations - 21 January 2009

The European Commission, Directorate General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), has put [online](#) three video-animations on eHealth, eIdentity and eProcurement respectively.

"Have you experienced several barriers to access public services or get quality healthcare services while travelling or working abroad? Is your company overwhelmed with the heavy procedures while trying to bid for a government contract in another country?"

"The European Commission together with the Member States is putting its efforts into improving the current situation. Many actions are being carried out that are not easy to understand. For a short visual explanation, see the brand new video-animations to get the flavour of it! :

- [eHealth, better healthcare for all in Europe!](#)
- [eIdentity - easier access to public services across the EU](#)
- [eProcurement - opening doors to cross-border business!"](#)

The video-animations were prepared by both the "ICT for Health" and the "ICT for Government and Public Services" Units of DG INFSO.

Further information:

- [Link to the three video-animations on Europe's Information Society Thematic Portal](#)
 - Thematic websites: [eHealth](#); [eIdentity](#); [eProcurement](#).
 - [More audiovisual material](#)
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UK: Innovative facial recognition system tested in educational establishment - 21 January 2009

St. Neots Community College, in Cambridgeshire (United Kingdom), is taking part in an innovative research project of infra-red facial recognition in educational establishments with a Northampton based biometric firm.

Whilst the technology is not new, it is the first time that an infra-red facial recognition system has been used in an educational establishment, thus generating a significant amount of excitement and public interest. Governors and senior college staff have given their support to this project involving the College in a ground breaking technology.

The system has been installed in the Post 16 Centre in order to record attendance in the first instance. Students are currently using a manual system to sign in and out of College during the day which can leave room for human error. The new system in question will only require students to walk up to a scanner, type in a pin and then be verified within 1.5 seconds. Thus an accurate record of who is in College at any given time will be kept, which is an invaluable asset in the event of a fire evacuation.

The infra-red images that are taken are not recognisable to the human eye and are used to identify students by pupillary distance and other facial measurements.

The information collected is solely for the use of this project and no student data will be held by the firm involved. The project operates on a voluntary basis and students have the option to quit any given time.

Further information:

- [Original press release – St. Neots Community College website](#)
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EU: ePractice.eu reaches 15 000 members - 21 January 2009

The ePractice.eu community registered its 15 000th member on 15 January 2009.

This new milestone, together with the record number of 1 000 cases reached in November 2008 proves the growing interest of the eGovernment, eInclusion and eHealth professionals in exchanging and sharing good practices.

The portal was launched in April 2007 and has become an interactive meeting point for the constantly growing number of ePractice.eu community members.

With a large knowledge base of real-life case studies submitted by professionals from across Europe, ePractice.eu is committed to be a strong point of reference for the exchange of practical eKnowledge.

In addition to over 15 000 members and more than 1 000 cases, the ePractice.eu initiative currently comprehends 19 communities, 34 country factsheets and over 3 000 news items.

Other portal services are a weekly newsletter, a worldwide events agenda, the online publication "European Journal of ePractice" and free off-line workshops available to all members.

Further information:

- [Directory of ePractice.eu members](#)
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Latest Publications

- [EU: e-Health for Patients Empowerment in Europe](#) 22 January 2009 | EU Institutions
 - [EU: Study on VAT Invoicing Rules](#) 3 November 2008 | EU Institutions
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EU: e-Health for Patients Empowerment in Europe - 22 January 2009

Complete title:

e-Health for patient empowerment in Europe

e-Salud para la potenciación de los pacientes en Europa

Description (short summary): The content of this monograph is the result of tasks performed in the context of the eHealth ERA project funded under the EC Information Technologies for Health activities of the EU Sixth Framework Programme. This monograph reviews the state of eHealth applications serving to enhance the role of the patients in the healthcare context. The study has been based on a quite broad collection of practical implementations across Europe. One of the first tasks has been to build up a taxonomy allowing a systematic analysis of the cluster of eHealth applications for patient empowerment.

The cumulated experience has allowed producing a first analysis of the situation, its perspectives of evolution and the opportunities for European cooperation in this field. By the own nature of the matter studied, the document does not pretend to be self closed but to serve as a basis for further discussion and critical thinking on the role of the ICT in the future healthcare, particularly regarding patient empowerment in the general framework of the eHealth deployment in line with Europe's i2010 strategy.

Original URL: <http://www.ehealthnews.eu/content/view/1460/62>

Number of pages: 124

EU: Study on VAT Invoicing Rules - 3 November 2008

Complete title:

A Study on the Invoicing Directive (2001/115/EC) now incorporated into the VAT Directive (2006/112/EC) – Final Report

Description (short summary): This study aims to look at the four principal areas of invoicing - the requirement to issue an invoice, the content of an invoice, electronic invoicing and the storage of invoices - with a view to mapping the existing legislation in all Member States, analysing burdens on business and Member States' control needs, and providing recommendations for a more harmonised and modern set of VAT invoicing rules.

Original URL: http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/vat/traders/invoicing_rules/index_en.htm

Number of pages: 19

Upcoming Events

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 - [DK: PEPPOL Architecture Conference 2009](#) 29 - 30 January 2009 | Denmark
 - [BE: SEMIC.EU Methodology Workshop](#) 2 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [BE: Final meeting of the CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop](#) 3 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [BE: Information Workshop on Open Source GIS&RS Software for environmental applications](#) 5 - 6 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [BE: Open Conference on Data Protection and Privacy](#) 12 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [BE: ICT Solutions using SOA and Web Services](#) 19 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [BE: Workshop “eGovernment research: social and economic aspects”](#) 20 February 2009 | Belgium
 - [SI: Data Protection Event on the occasion of the European Data Protection Day](#) 28 January 2009 | Slovenia
 - [DE: CeBIT 2009](#) 3 - 8 March 2009 | Germany
 - [TR: “First International Conference on eGovernment and eGovernance” of TURKSAT](#) 12 - 13 March 2009 | Turkey
 - [CZ: European Conference ‘Towards eEnvironment 2009’](#) 25 - 27 March 2009 | Czech Republic
 - [UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care](#) 1 - 3 June 2009 | United Kingdom
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UK: Workshop “Towards Shared Environmental Information in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Integrated Research”

28 - 29 January 2009

Workshop “Towards Shared Environmental Information in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Integrated Research”

The recent Communication from the European Commission [‘Towards a Shared Environmental Information System \(SEIS\)’](#) as well as the INSPIRE Directive (2007/2/EC) do not only provide for the first time ever a genuine European policy driver for environmental informatics, but also a considerable challenge for research organisations involved in environmental monitoring, data provision and modelling.

The overall aim of the workshop is to discuss the opportunities and challenges for research that are posed by the development of European-wide environmental information systems such as SEIS. The workshop will brainstorm on how research institutes and higher education institutions - either in their role as data holders or as science providers - can help making environmental information sharing in Europe a reality.

The workshop further aims at connecting the research community, sharing experiences and best practices and discussing the development of new tools and methodologies. Thus, the event will help researchers and practitioners get up to speed with the state-of-the-art in this fast-changing business, looking in a holistic way at the whole process from collecting and managing data to delivering and using environmental information. While it is not the intention to focus on the technical development or implementation of SEIS as such, the workshop will generate ideas which may add value to the SEIS concept.

There will be four thematic sessions, namely:

- **SHARED** : Making environmental datasets talk to each other: Novel approaches to data sharing, data harmonisation and interoperability;
- **ENVIRONMENTAL**: Being smart in getting environmental data: Strategies for integrated environmental monitoring and observation;
- **INFORMATION**: Transforming environmental data into environmental information: Delivering data to meet user needs;
- **SYSTEM**: Letting environmental data work: Platforms for integrated environmental modelling and scenario-building.

Paper submissions within these thematic sessions can be submitted online by 31 October 2008 via the following link: <http://www.ceh.ac.uk/SEIS/presentation.aspx>

The target attendees are primarily (but not exclusively) scientists from the PEER and AGILE member organisations and EEA staff members dealing with environmental monitoring, informatics, and modelling. Furthermore, the event is aimed at practitioners within national and European organisations dealing with shared environmental information.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is to be performed [online](#) by 15 December 2008. The workshop being limited to 100 participants, early registration is recommended.

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Wallingford

Organiser: Partnership for European Environmental Research (PEER), Association of Geographic Information Laboratories for Europe (AGILE) and the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Event website: <http://www.ceh.ac.uk/SEIS/PEER-EEA-AGILEworkshop.html>

Event email: jmuller@ceh.ac.uk

DK: PEPPOL Architecture Conference 2009

29 - 30 January 2009

International Pan-European Public Procurement Online (PEPPOL) Architecture Conference 2009

The vision of the PEPPOL project is that any company and in particular SMEs in the EU can communicate electronically with any European governmental institution for the entire procurement process. The project will set up integrated pilot solutions across borders. The final outcome of PEPPOL will be an interoperational environment build upon national systems and infrastructures supporting the full cycle of eProcurement activities.

At the PEPPOL Architecture Conference 2009 the PEPPOL pilot will be nine months old and important decisions regarding the technical architecture as well as the business models supported will be made.

Discussions are aimed at decision makers in public and private sector responsible for establishing technical infrastructures to support efficient and interoperable eProcurement solutions (CTOs and IT architects). Debates will be organized in a workshop manner in order to review and facilitate discussion and feedback on the proposed architecture and its components.

Registration is to be performed [online](#) at the event's website. Attendance to the conference is free, but there is a limited number of seats.

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Copenhagen

Organiser: Danish IT and Telecom Agency

Event email: conference@peppolinfrastucture.com

BE: SEMIC.EU Methodology Workshop

2 February 2009

SEMIC.EU Methodology Workshop under the theme 'Modelling eGovernment Entities – Methodologies and Experiences under Review'

This first pan-European meeting will gather initiatives and experts from Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, and Switzerland. Chosen out of the [Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe \(SEMIC.EU\)](#) pool of experts, several speakers will share their experiences in modelling semantic building blocks for eGovernment applications in their country.

The overall objective of the workshop consists in transferring knowledge by showing hands-on experiences when modelling these eGovernment entities. In particular, the following questions will be addressed:

- For what purposes is the UN/CEFACT Core Component Technical Specification the right approach?
- What are the parameters to identify the right strategy?
- What other modelling methodology has been proven by practical implementations?
- How can we facilitate mutual support and fruitful exchange of solutions?

Besides sharing views on advantages and pitfalls of the different national and international methodological approaches, the event is meant to be a good networking opportunity for attendants from different countries.

Full details regarding the speakers and sessions can be found in the [workshop's agenda](#).

Attendance is free of charge. The application for participation is to be performed [online](#) by 22 January 2009. Applications of those who are already registered as users on the SEMIC.EU website will be considered in priority. Due to the limited number of seats, places will furthermore be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe (SEMIC.EU) together with the IDABC unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics

Event website: <http://www.semic.eu/semic/view/snnav/Infopool/Workshop.xhtml>

Event email: contact@semic.eu

BE: Final meeting of the CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop

3 February 2009

Plenary meeting on the results of the CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop

It is often considered axiomatic that eGovernment will be a major cost saver for governments across Europe as well as a key competitive factor. Less obvious is how existing eGovernment resources - services, documentation, standards, processes, etc. - can be used and re-used with maximum benefit for the common good, particularly across politico-administrative boundaries. Discovery of and access to services is often difficult, often for sheer lack of classification, correct terminology or missing descriptions of services (in a wide sense), but also for lack of language or other semiotic skills.

Current obstacles to widespread access to and re-use of eGovernment resources include:

- Lack of a comprehensive, yet easy to use standardized metadata schema for their description;
- Lack of easily accessible administrative terminology for use in these descriptions;
- Lack of awareness of cultural diversity issues including users' language skills and other semiotic faculties.

In consultation with experts working on European directives like PSI and INSPIRE or in IDABC projects, the CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop has prepared open, vendor- and application-neutral specifications for sharing information on eGovernment resources across institutions and borders; the [draft CWA on "Sharing eGovernment resources: a practical approach for designers and developers"](#).

Comments on the draft CWA should be sent by 19 January 2009 at the latest to the [eGov-Share Secretary](#). After the period for public comments, eGov-Share will organise its plenary meeting in Brussels on 3 February 2009 to present its results.

During this open event, practitioners and stakeholders from all levels of government and industry will have the opportunity to discuss the specifications with the project team, to learn from the experiences of early adopters, and to give their input.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge. Registration is to be performed by sending an email to [Paul van Rijsinge](#).

Additional information on the activities CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop (including the draft CWA) may be found in the related ePractice news item at: www.epractice.eu/document/5313

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: CEN/ISSS eGov-Share Workshop

Event website: <http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/businessdomains/businessdomains/iss/workshops/wsegovshare.asp>

Event email: [Paul van Rijsinge](#)

BE: Information Workshop on Open Source GIS&RS Software for environmental applications

5 - 6 February 2009

Information Workshop on development of a trans-national cascade training programme on Open Source GIS&RS Software for environmental applications

The ultimate goal of CASCADOSS Project is to educate the geospatial community, especially the users related to the use of Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) services, about the role geospatial Open Source projects can have within their working methods and decision-making processes.

In its third phase CASCADOSS project organizes several regional events, targeted to disseminate project's output, extended with demonstrations, case studies and training. In general there will be 5 regional workshops, held in: Benelux, Poland, Czech Rep., Slovakia and Hungary, organized independently from each other.

The event in Belgium will be bilingual, French and Dutch, with simultaneous translation. The target audience will be participants from Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg, and France interested in Open Source solutions for GIS and Remote Sensing in the environmental domain. Case studies, applications, business models, software development cases, community developments etc will be presented and comprehensive information on the following topics will be discussed:

- FOSS4G licensing issues
- FOSS4G business models
- Software evaluation methods
- Results of the evaluation on wide range of FOSS4G software projects
- Practical applications in EA, e-government, decision support.

The CASCADOSS Project is financed by the European Commission in the framework of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6).

Participation to the event is free of charge. Registration can be performed [online](#) and more details about call for abstracts and deadlines can be found [here](#).

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Leuven

Organiser: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Spatial Applications Division

Event website: <http://www.cascadoss.be>

Event email: Rafal.Wawer@sadl.kuleuven.be

BE: Open Conference on Data Protection and Privacy

12 February 2009

Open Conference on Data Protection and Privacy of the CEN/ISSS Workshop on Data Protection and Privacy

The aim of this open conference is to engage in a public consultation on the current work of the CEN/ISSS Workshop on Data Protection and Privacy. The following projects will be presented:

- Project 1 on EU privacy audit tools, addressing a practical approach of audit tools for data managers, enabling them to perform regulatory self assessments;
- Project 2 on producing a Common European set of voluntary Best Practices for data protection management to help businesses and data managers comply with the Directive, with diverse European national laws and with other privacy and data protection regulatory requirements;
- Project 3 that aims to describe a Voluntary Technology Dialogue Framework to enable industry, service providers and regulators to work together during the development cycle of new products and services to improve privacy and data protection.

Attendance is free of charge but subject to advance registration. Those wishing to participate are requested to send an email with their name and organisation to [Françoise Wanson](mailto:Francoise.Wanson@cen.eu) by 29 January 2009.

More information, together with the draft agenda of the conference may be found [online](#).

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: CEN/ISSS Workshop on Data Protection and Privacy (CEN Workshop DPP)

Event website: <http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/businessdomains/businessdomains/iss/iss/activity/wsdpp.asp>

Event email: infodesk@cen.eu

BE: ICT Solutions using SOA and Web Services

19 February 2009

eGovernment Workshop Brussels – Public Finance: ICT Solutions using SOA & Web Services

The objective of this one day Workshop is to introduce ICT solutions in the context of public finance, including tax, benefits and payments, and exchange experience amongst professionals of use cases focusing on SOA [Service Oriented Architecture] and web-based services.

The Workshop will bring together tax and finance specialists with eGovernment policy professionals and officials from a wide range of ministries and different countries concerned with tax, revenue and related public finance issues. Representatives from technology companies and members of European and international secretariats as well as staff from industry and trade associations are also expected to participate.

The OASIS eGovernment Member Section has developed the Workshop to promote interoperability and the use of open standards in this rapidly expanding sector, which is forecast to continue to grow despite the financial crises afflicting major markets.

The four main themes will be:

- Advancing Open Standards in Government using SOA and web services;
- Exchange of SOA Experience in the revenue and tax sector;

- International Cross-border use cases;
- Practical Solutions for Consumers/Citizens and Tax-payers.

This meeting is open to both members and non-members of OASIS with an interest in the use of open standards for eGovernment.

Participation in this Workshop is at no cost, but registration is essential. Details on registration can be viewed [here](#). Places are limited to 50.

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

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: OASIS eGov Member Section and the Belgian Federal Ministry of Finance

Event website: <http://events.oasis-open.org/home/egov-brussels-workshop/2009>

Event email: events@oasis-open.org .

BE: Workshop “eGovernment research: social and economic aspects”

20 February 2009

Workshop “eGovernment research: social and economic aspects”

Future eGovernment challenges are expected to come from changes in society and the interaction of governments with their environment. If technology is to become an effective instrument in the solution to societal problems, it must be translated into government applications. The workshop will discuss the societal implications and the ultimate expectations associated with this transformation.

The workshop will primarily address results of the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) projects of the IST priority. Short presentations will be given by project representatives or other individual researchers and practitioners. Demonstrations of successful studies and applications, as well as lessons learnt through them are of particular interest. The complete Call for Participation is available [online](#).

The organisers will be accepting short abstracts (of not more than 150 words) from those wishing to give a presentation. All abstracts submissions as well as expressions of interest in participating are to be sent via e-mail to: eGovR@eurodyn.com within the deadline of **10 February 2009**.

It is to be noted that free-of-charge event is open to the participation of all those interested, in particular:

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

Places being limited, early registration is recommended.

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission (“ICT for Government and Public Services” Unit, DG Information Society and Media) along with the “Bringing Together and Accelerating eGovernment Research in the EU” study

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/egovernment/studies/trendswatch/index_en.htm#Workshops

Event email: eGovR@eurodyn.com

SI: Data Protection Event on the occasion of the European Data Protection Day

28 January 2009

Data Protection Event

The event will take place on 28 January 2009 on the occasion of the third edition of the European Data Protection Day.

The aim of this event organised by the Slovenian Information Commissioner is to point out the importance of personal data protection and to award related good practice in both the public and private sectors. In particular, companies which acquired in 2008 an information security standard ISO/IEC 27001 certification and showed a high level of security of personal data will be acknowledged.

The core activity of the event will be a roundtable discussion on the theme "Privacy in the workplace", which is intended to confront opinions and exchange views on relevant issues, including: the question of privacy codes in the workplace, the starting point of the consistent respect of the right to privacy and its interference with other rights such as the labour resources ownership rights of the employer.

Finally, a few cases on which the Slovenian Information Commissioner focused in 2008 will be presented.

Registration is to be performed by sending an email to gp.ip@ip-rs.si

Country: Slovenia

City/Location: Ljubljana

Organiser: Information Commissioner of Slovenia in collaboration with the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce

Event website: <http://www.ip-rs.si/novice/detajl/evropski-dan-varstva-osebnih-podatkov-2812009/>

Event email: gp.ip@ip-rs.si

DE: CeBIT 2009

3 - 8 March 2009

CeBIT 2009 – 'Discover a World of ICT opportunity'

CeBIT is an international trade fair showcasing digital IT and telecommunications solutions for home and work environments. Its key target groups are users from industry, the wholesale/retail sector, skilled trades, banks, the services sector, government agencies, science and all users passionate about technology.

CeBIT offers a platform for comparing notes on current industry trends, networking, and product presentations. It constitutes an event of interest for everyone who needs to receive valuable related input on IT developments, make important decisions on IT issues, better manage today's business challenges and add business value to his/her work.

Participants will gain the opportunity to:

- discover new topic areas that cover current areas of interest and the latest industry trends;
- approach and directly communicate with the actual decision makers;
- cultivate business contacts;
- exchange information with senior professionals and leading firms.

Details on participation, registration and fees are available [online](#).

Country: Germany

City/Location: Hannover

Organiser: Deutsche Messe AG

Event website: http://www.cebit.de/homepage_e

Event email: <http://www.cebit.de/14664>

TR: "First International Conference on eGovernment and eGovernance" of TURKSAT

12 - 13 March 2009

"First International Conference on eGovernment and eGovernance"

The first International Conference on eGovernment and eGovernance of TURKSAT (Turksat Satellite Communication Cable TV and Operation Inc.) will provide the opportunity for all stakeholders to gain an understanding of real-world eGovernment and eGovernance issues.

The conference will consist of keynote addresses, a plenary session, technical sessions and a panel discussion covering a wide range of topics in the eGovernment and eGovernance areas. It has been organised by and for an audience of leaders, bureaucrats, technocrats, researchers, practitioners and academic across the globe to present and discuss on their research findings and experiences in the field of the specific domain areas.

Registration is to be performed by filling out the [dedicated form](#) available at the event's website. The conference fee is €70, which is payable in advance and should be received by December 19, 2008.

Country: Turkey

City/Location: Ankara

Organiser: SoSReS (Social Sciences Research Society)

Event website: <http://icegov.info/>

Event email: icegov@sobiad.org

CZ: European Conference 'Towards eEnvironment 2009'

25 - 27 March 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Country: Czech Republic

City/Location: Prague

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

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

Event email: e-envi2009@guarant.cz

UK: Patient 2.0 Empowerment - EHR for Personalizing and Improving Care

1 - 3 June 2009

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.

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

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

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

Event email: event@icmcc.org

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