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### >> ePractice Journal – 'Moving in 2011'

The 'eGovernment for the Economic Crisis' issue, with [Jeremy Millard](#) acting as the guest editor and [Trond Arne Undheim](#) as the Editor in Chief, has now been published online and is available [here](#).

'The Openness of Government' issue, whose guest editor is [Paul Waller](#), will be published shortly.

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### >> Call for articles for the 13th Edition of the European Journal of ePractice

The 13th edition of the European Journal of ePractice will be devoted to the theme '**Megatrends in eGovernment**'. The aim of this issue is to identify and discuss some of the broad trends and paradigms that characterize the present landscape of e-government developments - some of which may be crucial for the future of government. The key question of this issue is: "what are the main emerging megatrends in e-government and how will they shape innovation, service delivery, and policy outcomes?" Given the broad scope of the Megatrends issue, the call for papers for this edition provides a list of non-exhaustive topics for potential authors to think about. The Issue Editor is [Eduard Aibar Puentes](#) and the Editor in Chief is [Trond Arne Undheim](#). Contributions of both an empirical and theoretical nature, from policy, organisational and/or technical perspectives are welcome. The submission deadline is **25 March 2011**.

For more information, please visit the [call for papers](#), **Section 1**. Proposed papers can be submitted at [epractice@eurodyn.com](mailto:epractice@eurodyn.com) or at [editorial@epractice.eu](mailto:editorial@epractice.eu).

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### >> Call for articles for the 14th Edition of the European Journal of ePractice

The 14th edition of the European Journal of ePractice will be devoted to the theme '**Policy lessons from a decade of eGovernment, eHealth & eInclusion**'. The key question of this issue is: what are the theoretical and interpretative frameworks that can help us make better sense of the evidence already collected and support new and innovative policy approaches? Given the broad scope of the Policy Lessons issue, the call for papers for this edition provides a list of non-exhaustive topics for potential authors to think about. The Issue Editor is [Cristiano Codagnone](#) and the Editor in Chief is [Trond Arne Undheim](#). Contributions of both an empirical and theoretical nature, from policy, organisational and/or technical perspectives are welcome. The submission deadline is **25 April 2011**.

For more information, please visit the [call for papers](#), **Section 2**. Proposed papers can be submitted at [epractice@eurodyn.com](mailto:epractice@eurodyn.com) or at [editorial@epractice.eu](mailto:editorial@epractice.eu).

## >> Call for articles for the 15th Edition of the European Journal of ePractice

The 15th edition of the European Journal of ePractice will be devoted to the theme 'Surviving in the Digital Identity World'. How can we, as individuals, survive in the digital identity world while still being able to utilise our identity information as an asset to our own advantage in a controlled way? How can society contribute to an environment where privacy and ownership to personal information are respected – by legal measures, culture and technology? The Issue Editors are [Jon Ølnes](#) and [Arne Helme](#) and the Editor in Chief is [Trond Arne Undheim](#). Contributions of both an empirical and theoretical nature, from policy, organisational and/or technical perspectives are welcome. The submission deadline is **25 May 2011**.

For more information, please visit the [call for papers](#), **Section 3**. Proposed papers can be submitted at [epractice@eurodyn.com](mailto:epractice@eurodyn.com) or at [editorial@epractice.eu](mailto:editorial@epractice.eu).

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## >> ePractice.eu assisted workshop - Fiction or reality? 50% of public procurement above the EU public procurement threshold should be carried out electronically

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Vienna on **24 March 2011**. It will focus on the progress and acceptance of eProcurement: Which tools are available for various countries? How much traffic do the applications have to handle? What are the measurable benefits? Are there still any problems and obstacles?

For more information and free-of-charge registration, please visit the [workshop's page announcement](#).

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## >> ePractice.eu workshop - Open Source Software for Public Administrations

This ePractice workshop 'Open Source Software for Public Administrations' will be held in Brussels, Belgium on **7 April 2011**. After 20 years in the software industry, open source software is now much more than just a few weird fellows trying to break free from commercial software. In this arena, quality is the main stake: How can public administration use open source software for the provision of public services? This workshop welcomes open source stakeholders and public administrations to discuss this issue and invites views from all perspectives. This workshop is supported by the ePractice community [Open Source Software for eGovernment](#) and the [Open Source Observatory and Repository](#).

For more information and free-of-charge registration, please visit the [workshop's page announcement](#).

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## >> ePractice.eu assisted workshop - Eris@Annual Conference 2011

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Krakow, Poland on **12-14 April 2011**. This year's conference will concentrate on workshops defining the current and future state but also focusing on how to bridge the gap in order to achieve the impact which will improve the quality of lives of citizens. The conference programme will therefore be focused on the skills that will help move regional resources from the relatively safe environment of policy development to that of implementation and practice, where risk is the norm.

For more information and free-of-charge registration, please visit the [workshop's page announcement](#).

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## >> ePractice.eu assisted workshop-Solutions Linux / Open Source

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Paris, France on **10-12 May 2011**. The 12th edition of the Solutions Linux/Open Source confirms the new direction taken last year showing the evolution and the maturity of the open source market.

For more information and free-of-charge registration, please visit the [workshop's page announcement](#).

## >> ePractice.eu assisted workshop- European Forum on Electronic Signature (EFPE 2011)

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Miedzyzdroje, Poland on **6-8 June 2011**. This workshop is the 11th Edition of the European Forum on Electronic Signature. The leading topic of this year's conference is: "Electronic identification, authentication and signatures in the European common digital market". The aim of this year's conference edition is to exchange information on the latest trends and activities in the field of electronic identification and authentication of citizens and electronic signatures in legal, technological and practical aspect.

For more information, please visit the [workshop's page announcement](#).

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## >> Workshop reports available

The ePractice workshop report on '[Procurement of eHealth solutions](#)' is now available online and can be accessed by visiting this [page](#).

The ePractice workshop report on '[Public Services 2.0](#)' is also available and may be accessed [here](#).

The workshop report on '[eParticipation](#)' is now available online and may be viewed [here](#).

The ePractice workshop report on [ePractice Communities](#) is now available [here](#).

The ePractice workshop reports on '[Digital Literacy](#)' and '[the role of ICT in the integration of IEM](#)' workshops will be uploaded soon.

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## >> Workshop Interviews available

The ePractice Interviews for the workshops on '[eInclusion Days-Inclusive eGovernment](#)', '[Public Services 2.0](#)', '[ePractice Communities](#)' and '[eParticipation](#)' are available [here](#).

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## Latest Cases

- [DiPAR](#) | 19 February 2011 | United Kingdom
  - [TEMIS - Innovative Thermoelectric Facilities Registration](#) | 17 February 2011 | Spain
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## DiPAR

Our consortium of pan-European SMEs and research institutions has won a £1.3 million grant under the European Union Framework Programme 7 - FP7 - to fund the development of a new Life Sciences technology. Avantasara is Exploitation Manager for the consortium and will lead marketing of the technologies in products and licenses sold to major manufacturers.

DiPAR will use a combination of biomechanics and advanced computing to help doctors diagnose and manage Parkinsons Disease. A device, similar to a pen, will measure patients' motor functions and identify patterns associated with the disease. The project commenced in January 2011 and is planned to complete before the end of 2012.

Parkinsons Disease affects more than 1 million people across Europe, a number which grows each year as more people are diagnosed. It's a degenerative disease with no known cure. Patients, usually older people, can survive the condition for years but suffer progressive disability. Well-known sufferers include Michael J Fox, Muhammad Ali,

Enoch Powell and Mao Zedong. Early diagnosis helps doctors to recommend simple exercises, reducing the disability and delaying the need for aggressive drug treatments. However a shortage of qualified neurologists often means diagnosis is delayed until the condition is too advanced for the patient to benefit from non-pharmacological treatments.

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## TEMIS - Innovative Thermoelectric Facilities Registration

RD 1565/2010 of 19 November has made possible the appearance of a call to developers of experimental and innovative solar thermoelectric facilities, to enable the realisation of R+D+I in this sector.

This is the only way to achieve the objectives in cost reduction and get, in the medium term, full competitiveness of renewable energies with conventional.

TEMIS is the system that allows people to send via the Internet the request to go to enjoy the complementary economic system of innovative thermoelectric facilities.

Once ended the period of sending applications, TEMIS also allows managers in the Ministry to deal with all the requests, control the information related to everyone, ask applicants for new information, and, at the end, take the decision of registering or not registering every proposal.

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## UK online centres

Set up by government in 2000 to provide public access to computers, the UK online centres network now plays a key role in exploiting ICT to help improve individual lives, strengthen communities and achieve social inclusion.

There are thousands of UK online centres across England, based in libraries, community centres, on high streets and buses, in care homes, social housing estates and faith groups. They work to engage people in their local communities, and to support them to take their first steps online.

The central UK online centres team are based in Sheffield and co-ordinate the network, supporting the development and administration of the products, services and grants for the centres. UK online centres is a division of Ufi, and receives core funding from the Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills (BIS) via the Skills Funding Agency (SFA).

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**Editor's Choice of the week:** [NeoMark - ICT Enabled Prediction of Cancer Reoccurrence](#)

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## **BE: Online application for pension now available - 7 March 2011**

Salaried and self-employed workers can now file a claim for pension benefits via [demandedepension.be](http://demandedepension.be). This new online service has been launched by Belgium's National Institute for the Social Security of the Self-employed (Institut national d'assurances sociales pour travailleurs indépendants - INASTI, in French) and the National Pensions Office (Office national des Pensions - ONP, in French).

More than 100 000 people retire on a yearly basis in Belgium. Until recently, they were required to go to a municipal administration or to the competent local pension authority to submit an application.

The new online application process is available to any citizen who works or has worked as a wage earner (employee, contract worker or contractual public sector employee), and/or on a self-employed basis. Indeterminate employees must file a claim with their last employer.

Early retirement can begin at 60, though is subject to certain conditions. The claim can be made up to one year before the desired retirement date, and no earlier than on the month of the applicant's 59th birthday. Anyone wishing to retire at the full retirement age (65) is not required to submit an application.

The application is available in all three official languages. Access via the eID card requires a smart card reader compatible with the eID card (a [list](#) of compatible hardware is available).

Following proof of identity via an electronic identity card (eID) or a [token](#), the applicant must:

- verify data from the National Register;
- complete contact details;
- select the required service (pension or guaranteed income);
- specify the type of occupation;
- indicate the date of entry into force.

The application will then be forwarded to the competent pension authority, and contact will be made with the citizen in case further clarifications are needed.

Queries about the online service or about pensions in general can be addressed to ONP at the following freephone number 0800 502 56 (former/current employees), and to INASTI at +32 2 546 42 11 (former/current self-employed persons).

### **Further information:**

- [Official press release - 'Belgium.be' portal \(in Dutch, French and German\)](#)
- [demandedepension.de](http://demandedepension.de) (in Dutch, French and German)

## BE: eHealthBox goes live - 7 March 2011

As part of its mission to promote, support and provide secure electronic communication among all healthcare stakeholders, the [Belgian eHealth platform](#) has been developing eHealthBox, a secure electronic mailbox.

eHealthBox is a free service that will allow receipt of official announcements, forms or specific notifications. In addition to simplifying the administrative burden and reducing paper waste, the value of eHealthBox mainly lies in the speed and authenticity with which information is communicated, and the secure access to this information. The project is currently limited in its functions, as only public partner institutions are able to publish their documents for consultation.

eHealthBox has already been made available via the Belgian eID card. Moreover, it is now possible to receive automatic notifications when a message will be published in the eHealthBox. The application 'eHealth update info' has been developed for this purpose. New applications will be set up in 2012, such as end-to-end encryption of a transmitted message, as well as the broadening of target groups.

eHealthBox can be accessed via the secure link [MyeHealth](#) (eID card required for identification), which also contains useful information on automatic message notification. User manuals are available at the [Technical Library](#). Queries can be addressed to the eHealth Contact Centre at the following number +32 2 788 51 55 or by filling in a [contact form](#).

### Further information:

- [Original news article - eHealth platform \(in French\)](#)
- [eHealth platform \(in Dutch and in French\)](#)

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## SE: IT minister invites consultation on the formulation of the Digital Agenda - 4 March 2011

From 3 February 2011, IT and Regional Affairs Minister Anna-Karin Hatt has been inviting organisations, agencies and companies to participate in a series of seven thematic round tables, in order to give concrete content to the Digital Agenda for Sweden.

The Digital Agenda for Sweden ([digital agenda för Sverige](#), in Swedish) aims to be a coherent strategy to better utilise its existing resources, and to benefit from and contribute to the [Digital Agenda for Europe](#). Its objective is to maintain Sweden as 'the world's most successful digital society'.

The process of formulating the Digital Agenda for Sweden is now running at full speed. It aims to be strategic and long-term, and to be responsive and open to collaboration. As a result, it is not only a governmental affair, but involves the whole of Sweden.

Anna-Karin Hatt said: "I want to be very clear that anyone who wants to help strengthen Sweden's digital position is welcome."

The series of round tables is an early stage in the consultation process. For each one about 20 stakeholders are invited. The round tables have been taking place through February and March 2011 as follows:

- 3 February - Digital inclusion
- 14 February - IT and the environment
- 16 February - Research, innovation and entrepreneurship
- 21 February - IT and education
- 22 February - Digital literacy
- 9 March - IT in healthcare

- 10 March - eGovernment and other digital communities

After the round tables, the consultation process will continue during 2011 with further meetings and collaborations.

**Further information:**

- [Original press release - Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications \(in Swedish\)](#)
- [Further details on the round tables - Government Offices of Sweden \(in Swedish\)](#)
- [Digital Agenda for Sweden - Government Offices of Sweden \(in Swedish\)](#)
- [Related ePractice publication - EU: A Digital Agenda for Europe - Commission Communication](#)

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## **EU: Submission deadline for PEPPOL Call1 extended to 8 March 2011 - 4 March 2011**

The submission deadline of the Call for proposals for the participation in the **PEPPOL** (Pan-European Public Procurement Online) Consortium (Call1) has been extended one week. Thus, the new deadline for submission of proposals is now on 8 March 2011, at 15:00 CET.

Following meeting requests from potential applicants to extend the deadline, the PEPPOL Consortium has decided to do so by 7 calendar days, so as to allow all potential partners to comply with all the requirements of the Call.

The objective of this call is to ensure the involvement of a new partner in the Consortium. The extension of the deadline does not alter the remaining steps of the planned timetable.

The 7 day extension has been included in the Call Documents as Corrigendum no.2, published in the call webpage <http://www.peppol.eu/peppolcall1>.

**Background Information:**

The new consortium partner will have as its main tasks to:

- coordinate and support the setup, running and monitoring of pilot projects;
- provide technical support for the existing PEPPOL pilot recruitment team;
- coordinate and support the development and integration of pilots with recruited eProcurement communities, Contracting Authority and Economic Operators involved in piloting;
- maintain engagement and support of the recruited eProcurement communities in fulfilling their business and organisational objectives through the PEPPOL connection.

**Further information:**

- [Related ePractice Article - EU: PEPPOL seeking Partner for Support though Pilot Phase Implementation](#)

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## **GR: The fourth phase of Labs.OpenGov focused on improving public eServices - 4 March 2011**

The fourth phase of [Labs.OpenGov.gr](#) aims to improve and continue to develop existing electronic public services (eServices). Proposals emphasising health, social insurance and financial transactions can be submitted until 6 March 2011.

The current phase involves stakeholders, citizens, senior officials and professionals from the ICT industry. Stakeholders can present a roadmap for improving existing eServices, while citizens can suggest ways to upgrade and improve the services they use. ICT professionals can put forward ways of exploiting existing infrastructure so as to provide enhanced services in the future.

The scientific committee will select proposals that merit the most consideration and present them at an open event. The services that are being recommended for enhancement involve the General Secretariat of Information Systems (GSIS), the Social Security Organisation (IKA), the Manpower Employment Organisation (OAED), the eGovernment Centre for Social Security (IDIKA) and electronic urban planning.

#### **Background Information:**

The Labs.OpenGov.gr is an initiative of the group for the Electronic Governance and New Information Technologies and Communications of the Prime Minister's Office, working within the framework of the open government. This initiative is based on the assumption that in the modern times, innovative ideas are more widespread than ever in society and the market. This action group seeks to give to the design of the public eServices a participatory and decentralised form. The mission of the Labs.OpenGov is to bring to the surface and exploit the knowledge, skills, experience and passion of creative people and of the users of electronic services.

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#### **Further information:**

- [Original news article - Free/Open Source Software Society \(in Greek\)](#)
- [Labs.OpenGov \(In Greek\)](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - GR: The 3rd Phase of Labs.OpenGov dedicated to combating bureaucracy](#)

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## **NO: Launch of eHealth blog - 3 March 2011**

**A new blog site, [Ehelsebloggen](#), has been created to support debate in Norwegian on the digitisation of healthcare, it was announced on 11 February 2011.**

Ehelsebloggen (eHealth blog, in English) will feature different sides of the debates, links to other media and interesting articles, and the opportunity to comment on them.

Nard Schreurs, editor of the IT health magazine which is supporting the project, said: "I think there was a need for another channel of information and a forum for discussion. The blog is intended for anyone interested in health and technology, whether at local, national or international level."

Tor Arne Viksjø, CEO of a supplier of electronic patient record systems to Norwegian hospitals, blogs that much of the media has a negative attitude regarding eHealth in Norway. He writes: "I am so very tired of constantly hearing that Norway lags behind in eHealth advice, and has a reputation for being stagnant in the modernisation of the health sector. This is a media-created reputation, and in my opinion very simplistic to say it nicely."

The blog was launched by a technology news provider in cooperation with the Norwegian Forum for eHealth ([Norsk forum for eHelse](#), in Norwegian) initiative and many other contributors.

#### **Further information:**

- [Original news article - Norwegian Computerworld magazine \(in Norwegian\)](#)
- [Ehelsebloggen blog \(in Norwegian\)](#)
- [Norwegian Forum for eHealth \(in Norwegian\)](#)

## NL: Three nominees for the 'Open call for tenders of the year' - 3 March 2011

The programme office of 'Netherlands in Open Connection' (NoiV), the Dutch government resource centre on open standards and open source, announced the nomination of three authorities for the 'Open call for tenders of the year'.

The three nominees are:

- The municipality of Kerkrade for the procurement of a Content Management System (CMS);
- The Saxion High school in Enschede/Deventer for the procurement of an identity management system; and,
- The municipality of Spijkenisse for the procurement of an electronic human resource management (e-HRM) system.

A committee consisting of key actors in the field of IT purchasing, from the municipality of Groningen, the Ministries of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) and of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation and the Dutch Association for Purchasing Management (NEVI) will present the winner at the [NOiV Annual Conference](#) on 24 March 2011.

During 2010, the NoiV programme office decided which calls for tenders would be worth the title 'Open call for tenders of the month' based on:

- the selection criteria;
- the use of the specific 'comply or explain' ([pas toe-of-leg uit'-lijst](#)) principle; and,
- clear award opportunities for tenders based on open source software.

Furthermore, it was important for the selection that the calls for tender be of a higher quality than the average. The legal advisor at NoiV Mr. Walter van Holst stated "from this selection of tenders of the month, three tenders have been nominated that cover both the aforementioned criteria but also can become an inspiration for other tendering services". He added "these tenders can also contribute to potentially sustaining their own IT system by becoming noticeable and less dependent on vendors for future tenders."

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### Further information:

- [Original News Article - NOiV \(in Dutch\)](#)
  - [NOiV Annual Conference - OSOR announcement](#)
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## UK: Open systems towards improving NHS IT - 3 March 2011

The City University London's [Centre for Health Informatics](#) (CHI) launched Health Informatics research programme and policy challenge paper to identify how NHS information technology (IT) services can be improved and made more cost-effective.

It is hoped that the [Open Health Informatics programme](#) will support future generations of clinical information systems, such as electronic health records and will use a combination of the following key elements to achieve this goal:

- open standards
- open source software
- open systems interfaces, and
- agile development.

"The four principles that underpin Open Health Informatics have all been tried and tested, in both clinical settings and in wider business and public sector environment. Yet, despite this, we continue to see a proliferation of proprietary systems and services in the NHS, which lock-in clinical data, pathways of care and working practices."

Meanwhile, the policy challenge paper aims to quantify the benefits provided by the research programme, to identify the barriers to adoption, and to update decision makers involved in appraising technology for clinical information systems.

"Whilst none of the elements of Open Health Informatics are new in their own right, there are surprisingly few systems deployed which fully embrace and gain advantage from the combination," said Professor John Chelsom, leader of the programme.

Master of Science and PhD students of the City University London will work on the Open Health Informatics programme, together with applied research in collaboration with primary and acute care providers. More information on the programme can be found online: [www.openhealthinformatics.org](http://www.openhealthinformatics.org).

**Further information:**

- [Original News Article - PublicTechnology.net](#)
- [Open Health Informatics](#)
- [Centre for Health Informatics - City University London](#)

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## **UK: Land Registry deploys open source data management platform - 2 March 2011**

**The UK Land Registry has deployed an open source data management platform that aims to improve data integration at the organisation, and reinforce its business intelligence (BI) warehouse and project, it was announced on 14 February 2011.**

The implementation of the data integration platform will enable the Land Registry to use, extract, transform and load processes to provide consistent data for BI. Steven Philips, Delivery Manager at the Land Registry, said it was crucial that the organisation maintained concise and accurate data for BI, and improved data integration for the BI warehouse.

Key aims of the Land Registry include maintaining and developing a stable, effective land registration system, being able to guarantee title to registered estates and interests in land, and enabling confident dealings in property and security of title by providing ready access to up-to-date and guaranteed land information.

François Méro, Vice President of Global Sales at the company which produced the data management platform, said: "Land Registry has to handle vast amounts of complex data on the ownership of property and land across the nation."

He added: "Ensuring that its business intelligence data is up to date and accurate is paramount and using an open source data management tool [...] is an efficient and cost effective way to achieve this."

**Further information:**

- [Original news article - PublicTechnology.net](#)
- [The UK Land Registry](#)

## **NL: MRI systems for the Brains Unlimited research project - 2 March 2011**

**The Maastricht University in the Netherlands has recently ordered from a healthcare supplier industry three high-performing Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems.**

The MRI scanners are to be dedicated to the research project [Brains Unlimited](#) conducted by Maastricht University. How human brains work can become even less of a mystery in the near future, thanks to these advanced systems. "Now we can crack the code of the human brain," explained Professor Rainer Goebel, PhD, leader of the Brains Unlimited project at Maastricht University.

All three MRI systems will be used for research on the human brain. The ultra-high-field MRI system that will be provided to the university is significantly more powerful than a standard MRI system for clinical routine and therefore, it will help the research scientists to detect much more details from inside the human body. This makes it possible to observe the human brain functioning at a much higher level. Researchers hope to gain more insight into the causes of multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, epilepsy, and tumour growth. Among further research projects, the university plans to use the MRI systems to investigate how the structure of musicians' ears differs from that of other people.

The Brains Unlimited project is an initiative from the Maastricht Brain Imaging Centre (M-BIC), under the leadership of Professor Rainer Goebel, PhD. The M-BIC, part of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, works closely together with brain scientists at Maastricht University Medical Centre. The project is funded by the European Union, the Province of Limburg, and the Municipality of Maastricht.

The Maastricht University's order includes the construction of a special building to accommodate the three MRI systems, and it has been one of the largest of this type in the history of the healthcare supplier company in the Netherlands.

### **Further information:**

- [Original News Article - eHealthNews.eu Portal](#)
- [About the Brains Unlimited project](#)

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## **ES: Donostia-San Sebastián City Council installs open source document management system - 2 March 2011**

**The Donostia-San Sebastián City Council in Spain's Basque Country, has implemented an open source document management system in order to reduce the duplication of data within various departments and provide improved records management.**

The benefits of using the open source platform can be seen not only in terms of the efficiency of procedures within the City Council, but also in the convenient and prompt delivery of public services to citizens.

This project began under the framework of a free software conference, where the opportunity arose to discuss a joint project on the implementation of an intelligent document management software. This solution provides efficiency in document management at national level through the incorporation of web-technology and workflows into daily administrative tasks (search, editing, collaboration, approval and signing of documents and records) while clearly contributing to reducing paper use and adopting high technology based on open source software.

The project leader is a private company which specialises in open source document management solutions, and was created as a spin-off by final year students at Málaga University. It aims to establish itself as an international benchmark in the field of technological innovation and in the development of business content management solutions.

**Further information:**

- [Original press release - Cenatic \(in Spanish\)](#)
  - [Related news article - Cenatic \(in Spanish\)](#)
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## **SI: Computerisation of health services a key aspect of future health system reform - 1 March 2011**

**At a press conference on 16 February 2011, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor and the Minister of Health, Dorijan Marušič, presented a proposal to upgrade the health system by 2020, aiming to ensure that all citizens have better access to quality and safe health services. The computerisation of health services is expected to play a key role within this reform.**

The process of computerisation will play an important role towards achieving the intended health system reforms. At a national level, an eHealth project funded by the European Social Fund has already been established. It was explained that the computerisation of health services will facilitate mobility, increase patients' safety, provide healthcare workers with access to various parts of the patients' electronic medical records, as well as to electronic x-rays and expert sources (e.g. medical electronic libraries and educational material).

The Minister of Health, Dorijan Marušič welcomed the active participation of an involved public, "because otherwise you cannot imagine a motivated and successful process of implementation of such important changes (...)," he noted. Criticism is not the only thing expected to derive from the public debate; many new proposals and counter-proposals will provide useful solutions to content, ensuring time and cost-effectiveness for the Slovenian health care system.

Improved geographical accessibility to health services is to be achieved by combining operations in regional centres or by transferring knowledge among primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Integration and networking of health institutions means less administrative burden and thus, more medical staff available, more efficient use of equipment and other resources, and therefore better patient care. Among key health systems challenges are the upgrade of health funding and the implementation the health insurance reform, so as to streamline public expenditure dedicated to health.

At the same time, the ministers highlighted the need to ensure that the interests of private providers will not compromise the supply of health services. The Ministry should achieve a clearer separation between public and private sectors. The sole purpose of making concessions should be to ensure access to private services where public providers are unable to meet the needs of patients.

Long-term plans were presented to upgrade the health system, strengthen prevention programmes and promote healthy lifestyles. Chronic non-communicable diseases are the most important cause of premature mortality and morbidity. With early detection, risk factors for the occurrence of many diseases can be prevented. To this end, citizens' fast and convenient access to medical information can ensure prompt, active and properly care of their own health.

**Further information:**

- [Original Press Release - Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia \(in Slovenian\)](#)
  - [Related Press Release - Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia](#)
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## **MT: The website of St. Vincent de Paul Residence was launched - 1 March 2011**

**Hon Mario Galea, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Elderly and the Community Care launched on 14 February 2011 the [website](#) of the St. Vincent de Paul Residence, a state-owned long-term residence.**

The purpose of the website is to give users full access to information about St. Vincent de Paul Residence, as well as to provide assistance to those elderly who still live in the community and who could seek advice from experts at the residence.

On this occasion, Mr. Galea stated that "this day is dedicated to the sick people; our priority is the sick people whether they are at home or in hospital."

Mr. Galea also said that professionals will offer consultancy services to the relatives of the elderly people who live in the community. Among the services offered are:

- Control and prevention of infectious diseases;
- Treatment of nursing for people with dementia;
- Incontinence;
- Nursing practices of and home support;
- Nutrition;
- Care skin or wounds due to lack of mobility of elderly people;
- Physiotherapy;
- Occupational Therapy.

At the website users can find notices about all the departments and the wards of the Residence, as well as photos, a schedule with the residential activities, press releases, places of interest such as chapels for the spiritual support of the residents and a list of phone numbers.

The logo was also launched, aiming to improve the corporate identity of the Residence. Hon Mario Galea said that St Vincent de Paul will continue to offer more of its expertise to the community. In the end, he thanked the professionals and all the workers of the Residence.

#### **Further information:**

- [Original News Article - Ministry of Health, the Elderly and Community Care \(in Maltese\)](#)
- [St. Vincent de Paul Residence](#)

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## **New Factsheets**

The 14th Edition of the eGovernment factsheet of France is now available online. We invite you to visit the [relevant section](#) for regular and/or ad hoc updates related to the factsheets.

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## **Latest Publications**

- [EU: eHealth Monthly Focus on METABO](#) | 21 January 2011 | EU Institutions

## **EU: eHealth Monthly Focus on METABO - 21 January 2011**

**Description (short summary):** METABO provides to the patients and the medical doctors with a technological platform to help them share and gather information that will allow them to enhance patients' self-management and improve medical therapies and diagnose.

All the METABO solutions are available through mobile device and desktop PCs running over a Service Oriented Architecture platform with the aim of facilitating the access to these tools in an easy and comfortable way whenever and wherever the patients need them.

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## Upcoming Workshops and Events

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- [Assisted workshop: Fiction or reality? 50% of public procurement above the EU public procurement threshold should be carried out electronically](#) | 24 March 2011 | Austria
- [PE: 1st mHealth Latin American Summit](#) | 24 - 25 March 2011 | Central and South America
- [CH: Fifth International Symposium on Medical Information and Communication Technology](#) | 27 - 30 March 2011 | Switzerland
- [FR: 5th European eAccessibility Forum](#) | 28 March 2011 | France
- [UK: Cambridge Conference on Breast Cancer Imaging](#) | 28 - 29 March 2011 | United Kingdom
- [NL: 13th National Symposium on eHealth Platform](#) | 28 March 2011 | Netherlands
- [US: ISBI 2011](#) | 29 - 1 April 2011 | North America
- [EG: MEDICONEX 2011](#) | 1 - 4 April 2011 | Africa
- [DE: conhIT 2011 – Connecting Healthcare IT](#) | 4 - 6 April 2011 | Germany
- [SE: Vitalis Conference 2011](#) | 4 - 6 April 2011 | Sweden
- [UK: HC2011 Health Informatics Conference](#) | 4 - 6 April 2011 | United Kingdom
- [DE: 3rd Open Source Data Centre Conference](#) | 5 - 6 April 2011 | Germany
- [DK: Digitise Denmark 2011](#) | 5 - 6 April 2011 | Denmark
- [ePractice workshop: Open Source Software for Public Administrations](#) | 7 April 2011 | Belgium
- [BE: Drupal Government Days](#) | 6 - 8 April 2011 | Belgium
- [Assisted workshop: Eris@Annual Conference 2011](#) | 12 - 14 April 2011 | Poland
- [AT: CeDEM11 - Conference for eDemocracy 2011](#) | 5 - 6 May 2011 | Austria
- [Assisted Event: Solutions Linux / Open Source](#) | 10 - 12 May 2011 | France
- [FR: Kick-off meeting of the Interest Group on Shared Services](#) | 24 - 25 May 2011 | France
- [Assisted Event: European Forum on Electronic Signature \(EFPE 2011\)](#) | 6 - 8 June 2011 | Poland

## UK: Healthcare Innovation Expo 2011 - 9 - 10 March 2011

### Healthcare Innovation Expo 2011 - 'Innovation for a healthier future'

Developed and supported by the UK Department of Health for the second year, Healthcare Innovation Expo 2011 will help managers, clinicians, nurses and local government drive savings and improved services.

The Healthcare Innovation Expo aims to create an inspiring environment where one can develop their own vision for a high quality care future; it is intended to be an opportunity to experience healthcare innovation from the public, private, voluntary, academic and scientific communities.

The Expo includes over 150 showcases, 120 seminars and 20 main stage speakers. The seminars are free for all registered delegates and they will cover, among other themes:

- Patient Empowerment;
- Patient safety - including innovative ways to measure safety;
- Local Innovation Case Studies - a wide range of local case studies from around the country that demonstrate frontline innovation that is making a difference now;
- Meet the Department of Health - a chance to meet and question senior policy makers including Director Generals of the Department of Health;
- Social Care - seminars about the new vision for Mental Health, Health & Well Being Boards and the implications of the Social Care White Paper;
- Research & Development;
- Integrated Care - case studies from Torbay and other areas of best practice;
- Telecare and Telehealth - featuring 'The Whole System Demonstrators' pilots from Kent, Cornwall and Newham.

The Programme Highlights may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [http://register.healthcareinnovationexpo.com/healthcare\\_expo\\_2010-contact.htm](http://register.healthcareinnovationexpo.com/healthcare_expo_2010-contact.htm)

Event website: <http://www.healthcareinnovationexpo.com>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: UK Department of Health in partnership with the NHS

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## **ES: Bridge IT project final conference - 10 - 11 March 2011**

### **BridgeIT Final Conference: Present and future, ICT for digital inclusion and cultural diversity in Europe**

Bridge-IT is a thematic network, supported by the ICT Policy Support Programme (PSP) of the European Commission. It is concerned with the relationship between information and communication technologies (ICT) and Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities (IEM) in Europe.

The main points of the project are:

- How can ICT lead toward social integration?
- How can migrants and ethnic or cultural minorities take advantage of ICT in their daily lives, through education, for their participation and integration in the labour market, and their involvement in civil society?
- How can institutions across Europe debate and exchange over good practices in these fields? Etc.

The official work of the network is soon coming to an end, after having developed a 'Booklet on Good Practices', a set of guidelines on how to roll out ICT solutions for social integration and cultural diversity in Europe and undertaken national seminars to support debates and better understand the situation of specific EU countries. The responsible are now organising the final conference to present the outputs, stimulate debates, foster networking and talk about new projects.

The Call for papers and registration to the event is open on the [event website](#).

The event responsible are looking for the most relevant practices, interesting debates in order to establish recommendations for European policy makers and jointly find concrete possibilities for scaling up existing solutions at EU level.

This two day conference should also serve as a platform for participants to present their project ideas and identify potential European partners. The conference will produce a set of recommendations at EU level and a list of

projects and project ideas for co-deployment or replication at European level. The conference is focused on networking activities, dissemination of participants' work in the field, debate- oriented sessions, etc. Participants are kindly requested to suggest session topics, information booths and any other relevant activities related to the theme 'ICT for social inclusion and cultural diversity'.

A preliminary agenda of the event can be found [online](#).

Event email: [info@bridge-it-net.eu](mailto:info@bridge-it-net.eu)

Event website: <http://www.bridge-it-net.eu>

Country: Spain

City/Location: Barcelona

Organiser: Interactive Media Lab- University of Barcelona

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## **ES: IADIS e-Society 2011 Conference - 10 - 13 March 2011**

### **International Association for the Development of the Information Society (IADIS) e-Society 2011 Conference**

The conference aims to address the main issues of concern within the Information Society. It covers both the technical as well as the non-technical aspects of the Information Society. However, innovative contributions that don't belong will also be considered provided they benefit attendees.

Broad topic areas related to e-Society are of particular interest. These include best practice, case studies, strategies and tendencies in the following areas:

- e-Society and Digital Divide;
- e-Business / e-Commerce;
- e-Learning;
- New Media and e-Society;
- Digital Services in e-Society;
- e-Government / e-Governance;
- e-Health;
- Information Systems;
- Information Management.

Information on the call for papers and detailed topic areas of the conference in question may be found [here](#). It is worth noting that IADIS is organising two co-located events during the four-day conference: [Mobile Learning 2011](#) and [Information Systems 2011](#).

Event email: [secretariat@esociety-conf.org](mailto:secretariat@esociety-conf.org)

Event website: <http://www.esociety-conf.org/>

Country: Spain

City/Location: Avila

Organiser: IADIS - International Association for the Development of the Information Society

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## **GL: Document Freedom Day 2011 - 11 March 2011**

### **Social Event 'Document Freedom Day' (DFD 2011)**

Document Freedom Day (DFD) is a global day for document liberation. It will be a day of grassroots effort to educate the public about the importance of Open Document Formats and Open Standards in general.

DFD's main goals are:

- The promotion and adoption of free document formats;

- The formation of a global network;
- The coordination of activities that happen on the last Wednesday of March, Document Freedom Day.

On DFD 2011, local events are organised by local DFD teams, i.e. a group of people who want to be part of the DFD community and organise activities to promote free document formats.

Event email: N/A

Event website: <http://documentfreedom.org/2011>

Country: International Organizations

City/Location: Various cities worldwide

Organiser: DFD Community and Free Software Foundation Europe

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## **BE: SSEDIC General Assembly Meeting and Planning Meetings - 15 March 2011**

### **Scoping the Single European Digital Identity Community (SSEDIC) General Assembly Meeting and Planning Meetings**

SSEDIC is a thematic network coordinated by [NESTOR](#) Tor Vergata University of Rome with 35 European Partners.

The aim of the network is to provide a platform for all the stakeholders of electronic identity (eID) to work together and collaborate to prepare a strategy for a Single European Digital Community supporting the Digital Agenda for Europe. The network will identify the actions and the timelines as described in the European Innovations Partnership.

The agenda of the event will be made available [here](#).

Registration - although free-of-charge - should be performed [online](#). The delegate information pack can be found [here](#).

Event email: [info@eema.org](mailto:info@eema.org)

Event website: <https://www.eema.org/Events/Default.aspx?eventId=fffd9b0e-bbb2-4ce2-97de-7314576b3f98>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Leuven

Organiser: European Association for e-Identity and Security

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## **PT: 2nd National Convention on Portuguese Public Procurement - 15 March 2011**

### **2nd National Convention on Portuguese Public Procurement**

The main goal of the conference is to discuss public procurement in all its perspectives: the legal framework both at EU and national level, the economic and environmental issues, and eProcurement.

Having as an objective to disseminate information and best practices around procurement, this event is aimed at economic, public and professionals involved in the procurement field.

It will address topics that are currently relevant, among which are:

- Balance of the EU directives of 2004;
- Control of public procurement;
- Public eProcurement;
- Best European Cases;

- the results and planning activities of the National Agency for Public Procurement and the National System of Public Procurement.

The programme of the event may be viewed [here](#) (both in English and Portuguese).

Registration is a prerequisite for participating in the event and it can be performed online by filling out the respective [form](#).

Event email: [convencao@anpc.gov.pt](mailto:convencao@anpc.gov.pt)

Event website: <http://www.anpc.gov.pt/PT/convencao/Pages/2.aspx>

Country: Portugal

City/Location: Lisbon

Organiser: National Agency for Public Procurement

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## **BE: eID Interoperability Conference 2011 - 15 - 17 March 2011**

### **The eID Interoperability Conference 2011 - 'Bridging the Identity Divide'**

Now in its 6th year, this annual conference acts as a neutral forum where industry, business and administrations can address specific areas of importance in the digital identity arena. The event will explore how the interoperability of European Identity is evolving in practise and implications for governments, businesses and the citizen. The year 2010 has seen dramatic industry developments and innovations, however, there are many issues that have still not been resolved and this conference will address these issues.

The [call for papers](#) for possible presentations, panel discussions or unconference discussions will be open until 14 January 2010. Proposals are welcome on the following topics:

- Examples of how business are making use of external eIDs such as National schemes;
- Case studies of interoperability activities between enterprises (Finance?);
- Discovering the key legal, data protection and privacy implications of interoperating;
- Specific cross border interoperability challenges and their possible solutions;
- Mobile identity verification and applications;
- Revision of the eSignature Directive;
- What federation technologies and models are deploying now and what standards are dominating?

The first day of the event (15 March 2011) will focus on the [SSEDIC Thematic Network](#) which will influence the direction of European Identity for the next ten years.

Registration can be performed online, at the Event Registration section.

Event email: [info@eema.org](mailto:info@eema.org)

Event website: <https://www.eema.org/Events/Default.aspx>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Leuven

Organiser: European Association for e-identity and security (eema)

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## **BE: 4th STORK Industry Group Meeting - 17 March 2011**

### **4th Secure idenTity acrOss boRders linKed (STORK) Industry Group Meeting**

The purpose of the upcoming meeting is to promote STORK solution and results so far to Industry stakeholders and inform them how they can utilise STORK solution. This meeting will give the opportunity to STORK experts to share their knowledge with industry and business stakeholders and promote STORK's sustainability.

The STORK Industry Group Meeting will be opened and moderated by Vasilis Koulolias, Executive Director, [Gov2u](#). Following the welcome address, Frank Leyman, Manager at FeDICT (Federal Public Service for Information Technology and Communication) will present a short status report of the six live STORK pilots - [Cross border Authentication for Electronic Services](#), [SaferChat](#), [Student Mobility](#), [Electronic Delivery](#), [Change of Address](#) and the [European Commission Authentication Service](#) - updating the audience on the progress of STORK's interoperable infrastructure, which paves the way for new solutions so that citizens and business individuals can conduct eGovernment services in a secure, privacy-respecting and trustworthy way.

The meeting will emphasise on key issues as the following:

- Status report of STORK - Update on the progress of STORK's interoperable infrastructure;
- Benefits that STORK can offer as an innovation in the field of eGovernment across Europe;
- Examples of possible ways that industry can take up STORK results and make a business case.

There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers with key representatives. The agenda of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Registration for attending the event can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [info@eid-stork.eu](mailto:info@eid-stork.eu)

Event website: [https://www.eid-stork.eu/index.php?option=com\\_artforms&formid=6](https://www.eid-stork.eu/index.php?option=com_artforms&formid=6)

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Leuven

Organiser: STORK project

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## **CH: Healthcare in Europe - 17 March 2011**

### **Healthcare in Europe: More for less - vision or illusion?**

Are current healthcare reforms missing opportunities to improve quality while reducing cost? What will European healthcare systems look like in 2030? Will personalised medicine and prevention strategies deliver efficiency, or divert resources better spent on traditional frontline services?

The conference will discuss these questions and others, with participants including influential healthcare stakeholders - senior policymakers healthcare providers, suppliers, financiers and regulators.

The conference includes a session on the impact of new technologies, notably telemedicine and eHealth. It investigates how healthcare systems can best incorporate innovations, despite the financial squeeze, or whether new technologies are part of the long-term solution for ensuring sustainable healthcare systems.

The conference agenda can be found [here](#).

Registration can be done [online or by fax or post](#).

Event email: [cemearegistrations@economist.com](mailto:cemearegistrations@economist.com)

Event website: <http://eu.economistconferences.com/event/european-healthcare-summit>

Country: Switzerland

City/Location: Geneva

Organiser: Economist Conferences

## UK: Transforming Government Workshop 2011 - 17 - 18 March 2011

### Transforming Government (tGovernment) Workshop 2011

The rapid development of information technology (IT) is contributing to the growth of interest in the use of technology as a powerful tool to enable and aid transformation in government organisations. The transformational government (or t-government) vision has the potential to bring enormous benefits to the operations and delivery of public services. eGovernment implementation efforts have now evolved from basic information provisioning to more integrated and joined up service offerings in most developed countries.

Having successfully implemented a number of transaction-based eServices by e-enabling front office and customer facing processes, most developed countries are now working towards realising transformational government. The transformational phase is considered the highest level of maturity for eGovernment programmes and encompasses redefining the delivery of government services by providing a single point of contact to citizens that makes the government transparent to citizens and businesses. This phase involves reengineering and e-enabling back office processes and information systems to enable more joined-up and citizen-centric electronic government services. However, public sector transformation is a massive and complex undertaking involving distributed decision-making that requires a good understanding and evaluation of the political context, business processes and technology.

Also, from a demand perspective extensive efforts are required to increase citizens' awareness about the transformation of the delivery of government services and their online availability which would result in increased eParticipation. Despite the availability of innovative technologies, government agencies are faced with many technical, organisational, and socio-economic challenges and barriers that need to be addressed when developing, adopting and diffusing eGovernment systems and services. Furthermore, from an organisational perspective t-government has introduced an environment where most public institutions have struggled with the need to balance issues such as transparency and opaqueness, or social inclusion and professionalism.

Consequently, there has been increasing pressure on the academic and practitioner communities for research that focuses on bridging the gap between t-government theory and practice. The aim of this workshop is to provide a common platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and present original research highlighting issues related with technical, organisational, managerial and socioeconomic aspects of both (e) and (t)-government implementation and adoption. This workshop calls for theoretical analysis, empirical research, or case studies that will provide us with a deeper insight into issues surrounding the use of ICT to achieve better government.

The workshop's programme and registration form will be made available at the event website.

Event email: [Muhammad.Kamal@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:Muhammad.Kamal@brunel.ac.uk)

Event website: <http://www.iseing.org/tgovwebsite/tGovWorkshop2011/tGovHomePage2011.html>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Information Systems Evaluation and Integration Group (ISEing)

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## DE: Chemnitz Linux Days 2011 - 19 - 20 March 2011

### Chemnitz Linux Days 2011

The 'Chemnitz Linux Days' is a conference that deals with Linux and Open Source Software. [Lectures](#) on various subjects are offered in parallel [tracks](#). Subsequently there is enough time for Questions & Answers sections with the consultant.

Attendees who would like to examine a subject thoroughly or want to test what has been learned previously are well advised to attend a workshop. Professional staff attempts to communicate a certain subject in detail over a period of usually 3 hours. All workshops are summarised on the [Workshops page](#). Registration in advance is required.

Tickets for the conference are valid on both days and can be bought directly at the entrance of the venue.

Event email: [vortraege@linux-tage.de](mailto:vortraege@linux-tage.de)

Event website: <http://chemnitzer.linux-tage.de/2011/>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Chemnitz

Organiser: IN Chemnitz, CLUG, Computing Centre and Faculty of Computer Science of Chemnitz University of Technology

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## **AU: 3rd Annual National Telemedicine Summit - 21 - 22 March 2011**

### **3rd Annual National Telemedicine Summit: Providing Quality Care and Positive Patient Outcomes from a Distance**

Telemedicine is increasingly being recognised as a feasible and necessary alternative to traditional face-to-face healthcare practice as a way of enhancing the capacity of Australia's stretched healthcare system. This year's summit offers an opportunity to gain practical advice on how to plan, implement and manage telemedicine programmes from key case studies across the country.

The event's sessions include but are not limited to the following:

- Telemedicine: A Catalyst for Integrated Primary Care or Just More of the Same?
- Assessing and Implementing New Technologies for Telehealth
- The Interoperability Foundations of a Telemedicine Business Ecosystem
- Privacy and Security in Telemedicine
- Beyond Telehealth Research: Tele-Ophthalmology for the Pilbara
- Home Telehealth Monitoring Impact on Workforce Capacity and Flexibility: Preliminary Findings
- The Black Dog Institute's Online Mood Assessment Program (MAP): An E-Health Success Story

The conference agenda can be found [here](#).

Registration can be done [online](#).

Event email: [info@iir.com.au](mailto:info@iir.com.au)

Event website: <http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/healthcare/national-telemedicine-summit>

Country: Oceania

City/Location: Sydney

Organiser: IIR Conferences

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## **NO: GoOpen 2011 and Communities in Action (CiA) - 22 - 23 March 2011**

### **GoOpen conference 2011 and Communities in Action**

The GoOpen conference is dedicated to sharing, reusing and cooperating on IT solutions, digital content and open data. It is aimed in particular at those who wish to learn on:

- the possible reuse of IT solutions made by others;
- the sharing of IT solutions with others;
- the collaboration with others on the development, operation and maintenance of IT solutions;
- the possibility to improve the quality of one's data and digital content by making them freely available.

Communities in Action (CiA), a co-located professional networking event for developers will take place in the evening on 22 March 2011 at the same location as GoOpen. It will feature technical presentations, knowledge exchange, the hacker space, open discussions and networking. CiA was first held in 2010 and had more than 500 participants divided into seven different networks.

The CiA sessions will cover on agile project management, technology trends, software development, security and much more. The following developer clubs will be present:

- [javaBin](#) (Java)
- [Oslo XP Meetup](#) (Extreme Programming)
- [IRB](#) (Ruby)
- [Framsia](#) (Front-end-development)
- [Makers.no](#) (Hacker space)

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: <http://www.goopen.no/kontakt/>

Event website: <http://www.goopen.no/>

Country: Norway

City/Location: Oslo

Organiser: Friprog

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## **DE: German Unix User Group Spring Meeting 2011 - 22 - 25 March 2011**

### **German Unix User Group Spring Meeting 2011**

The spring meeting of the German Unix User Group (GUUG) is an annual event for professionals in the field of Unix, networks and IT security. At the same time it is the event, where GGUG members will have the opportunity to meet.

Representatives from German-speaking countries will present their developments in information technology and their projects and provide to a technical audience tutorials about their experiences. GUUG is committed to a professional development in the open source area and in all aspects of commercial and non-commercial Unix, network administration and IT security.

The event's programme can be found [online](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#) with the payment of a fee.

Event email: [ffg2011@guug.de](mailto:ffg2011@guug.de)

Event website: <http://www.guug.de/veranstaltungen/ffg2011/>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Weimar

Organiser: German Unix User Group (GUUG)

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## **UA: Annual International Conference 'Telemedicine - Experience@Prospects 2011' - 23 - 24 March 2011**

### **Annual International Conference 'Telemedicine - Experience@Prospects 2011'**

The conference programme comprises the following topics:

- clinical telemedicine;
- eHealth;
- eManagement in Health Care;
- distant education and eLearning;
- ePharmacy;
- biomedical engineering;

- IT for health care system;
- biological, medical and clinical informatics and cybernetics;
- Internet in medicine, cyber-medicine;
- regional and national telemedicine networks;
- individual and mobile telemedicine, telemonitoring;
- electronic medical record (EMR), electronic health record (EHR), medical information safety;
- medical information systems, knowledge-based system;
- evidence based telemedicine and eHealth;
- software and hardware solutions for telemedicine and eHealth, medical devices;
- ethics, laws and standards for telemedicine and eHealth, bioethics in information society;
- medical visualisation, medical information and images processing and analysis;
- neuronetworks in medicine;
- IT health care management.

Information about registration is available [here](#).

During the conference special exposition of the telemedical and related devices, solutions, software, equipment for diagnostic and treatments, solutions for eLearning and eHealth will be organised.

Event email: [avv@telemed.org.ua](mailto:avv@telemed.org.ua), [telemed@ukr.net](mailto:telemed@ukr.net), [avv\\_mobile@mail.ru](mailto:avv_mobile@mail.ru)

Event website: <http://www.telemed.org.ua/eng/conference/conference.html>

Country: Other european countries

City/Location: Donetsk, Ukraine

Organiser: Association for Ukrainian Telemedicine and eHealth Development, Donetsk R&D Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics, Donetsk Regional State Administration Main Department of Health Care, State Clinical Scientific and Practical Telemedicine Center, Donetsk National Medical University named after M.Gorky, supported by the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth

## **Assisted workshop: Fiction or reality? 50% of public procurement above the EU public procurement threshold should be carried out electronically - 24 March 2011**

After 2 successful meetings, jointly organised with ePractice about the topic of the preawarding phase in eProcurement, auftrag.at proudly invites again – to present your case in the wonderful surroundings of Vienna.

The workshop will focus on the progress and acceptance of eProcurement: Which tools are available for various countries? How much traffic do the applications have to handle? What are the measurable benefits? Are there still any problems and obstacles?

The workshop targets contracting authorities, service providers and members of the administration of the European Union.

### **The following objectives are to be reached during the workshop:**

- Key data of eProcurement for usage and benefits are presented by practitioners
- The biggest obstacles for electronic procurement are defined
- New developments in procurement solutions are presented

### **Content:**

- Use of eProcurement solutions in practice
  1. Functional volume of the eProcurement solution in your organisation/country
  2. Quantity structure of use number of electronic announcements, users, tenders
  3. Experiences
  4. Lessons learnt

5. Involvement in international initiatives like STORK, PEPPOL, etc.
- Problems and obstacles:
    1. Legal
    2. Organisational
    3. Technical
  - Future development:
    1. How do you think eProcurement will develop in the next years?
    2. What is necessary to boost the topic?
    3. Personal resume to the topic of eProcurement

Country: Austria

City/Location: Vienna

Organiser: Auftrag.at & ePractice

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## **PE: 1st mHealth Latin American Summit - 24 - 25 March 2011**

### **1st mHealth Latin American Summit**

Mobile phone subscriptions have overtaken fixed lines as the preferred method of communication across Latin America and the Caribbean, with penetration rates of almost 90 percent. Mobile digital technology can empower both patients and health care professionals by providing them with the information they need to make informed decisions about critical health issues ranging from healthy living habits to health care provision and monitoring of diseases.

Mobile phones can extend the delivery of health services in myriad ways, including promoting healthier lifestyles through health hotlines and text messaging, offering continuing education and disease outbreak alerts to rural health workers, and connecting rural nurses with experts to improve the quality of remote medical treatment.

Besides several mobile health applications have been developed in different parts of Latin America, little is known about those experiences and the lessons learned. The First mHealth Latin American Summit is being developed to tackle this gap. Researchers from Latin America as well as global pioneers in mobile health will get together to discuss and promote discussion around challenges and opportunities of mobile health in Latin America.

The objectives of the Summit are:

- To share experiences and lessons learned from researchers involved in mobile health projects across Latin America regarding research and training opportunities;
- To promote North-to-South and South-to-South collaborations among researchers and representatives from private and public institutions from Latin America and abroad.

The detailed event programme will be made available shortly at the event website.

Event email: [quipu@andeanquipu.org](mailto:quipu@andeanquipu.org)

Event website: [http://andeanquipu.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=82](http://andeanquipu.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=82)(=en

Country: Central and South America

City/Location: Lima, Peru

Organiser: QUIPU project, Andean Global Health Informatics Research and Training Centre

## **CH: Fifth International Symposium on Medical Information and Communication Technology - 27 - 30 March 2011**

### **Fifth International Symposium on Medical Information and Communication Technology (ISMICT 2011)**

ISMICT 2011 will continue and extend the tradition established in Japan, Finland, Canada and Taiwan. The focus this year will be on Medical Body Area Networks, Technology and Services for Personalised Medicine.

Papers are invited on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Antennas and propagation for wireless BAN (Body Area Networks), BAN technology (radio, protocols, sensors), Cognitive Radio for wireless BAN, Medical BAN applications and services, Future BAN 2020 and beyond, Smart textiles for wearable BAN, Wireless BAN (wearable and implantable);
- Cost effectiveness and business cases;
- eHealth systems and electronic medical records
- Hardware architecture and implementation;
- Hospital data networks and wireless hospital;
- Human Body Communication;
- International standards and regulatory matters;
- Medical imaging and patient diagnostic systems;
- Physiological parameters, measurements;
- Preventive care and remote patient management;
- Personal Networks for eHealth;
- Radio coexistence and robustness;
- Security and privacy issues;
- Systems, sensing and signal processing;
- Telemedicine, telemonitoring, telesurgery;
- Wellness and sports training;
- Rehabilitation and activity monitoring;
- Wireless healthcare, homecare and welfare.

The detailed event programme will be made available [here](#).

Registration is to be performed [online](#).

Event email: [info@ismict2011.org](mailto:info@ismict2011.org)

Event website: <http://www.ismict2011.org/Home/about.htm>

Country: Switzerland

City/Location: Montreux

Organiser: Centre Suisse d'Electronique et Microtechnique SA (CSEM, Switzerland), Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL, Switzerland), National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT, Japan) and the Swiss Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (Swiss IEEE EMBS Chapter)

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## **FR: 5th European eAccessibility Forum - 28 March 2011**

### **5th European eAccessibility Forum: Benefits and costs of eAccessibility**

This year's European eAccessibility Forum will be an opportunity for disabled users and industrials to share their experiences and promote good practices harmonisation. Information about the four previous eAccessibility conferences may be found [here](#).

The speakers are experts coming from organisations representing disabled users and consumers, research agencies and European and International industrial firms.

The following points will be addressed:

- Costs of accessibility and inaccessibility
- Social and/or economic benefits
- eAccessibility and competitiveness
- Making eAccessibility profitable
  - Norms and standards
  - Publishing chains
  - Methodologies
  - Quality control
  - Certification
- Public policies
  - Calls for tender
  - Legislations
- People with disabilities employment
- Empiric and theoretical approaches
- Assessment methods
- Cases studies

The programme will be published on the website of the conference on 17 January 2011.

Registration to the event can be performed [online](#) with the payment of a fee.

Event email: [brailletnet@snv.jussieu.fr](mailto:brailletnet@snv.jussieu.fr)

Event website: [http://inova.snv.jussieu.fr/evenements/colloques/colloques/70\\_index\\_en.html#contenu](http://inova.snv.jussieu.fr/evenements/colloques/colloques/70_index_en.html#contenu)

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: BrailleNet

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## **UK: Cambridge Conference on Breast Cancer Imaging - 28 - 29 March 2011**

### **Cambridge Conference on Breast Cancer Imaging**

This conference is usually held every two years and this year the organisers have tailored the programme to include topics requested in the feedback we received at the last conference. To reflect the increasing numbers of radiographers and advanced practitioner delegates there will be a session on advanced and consultant radiography.

We are fortunate to have national and international experts in the field of breast imaging covering a wide range of topical issues, and as in previous years there will be an emphasis on interactive and inter-disciplinary discussion. The lectures will address highly topical and important issues in current clinical and radiological practice. The detailed event programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [hmc@hamptonmedical.com](mailto:hmc@hamptonmedical.com)

Event website: <http://www.cambridgeconferencebci.ukevents.org/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Cambridge

Organiser: Addenbrooke's Hospital

## NL: 13th National Symposium on eHealth Platform - 28 March 2011

### 13th National Symposium on eHealth Platform: Elderly care online: Need it be slightly faster, could it be?

The symposium will focus on the theme of eHealth in relation to the elderly, and how its broad application is widely regarded as cost-effective and accessible. eHealth offers better management and patient empowerment. For the elderly, a segment of the population where the greatest challenges lie, the adoption of online healthcare applications in daily practice is currently limited.

Key points to be raised are the potential and limitations of elderly care with respect to online applications, and the (apparent) contradiction between cold and warm technology and human care.

The main topics that will be discussed during the event include:

- Which online healthcare applications are currently being truly embraced by the elderly?
- How can healthcare professionals and carers make responsible use of such applications?
- How can these applications be put into practice promptly?

The above-mentioned topics will be examined from the perspective of the healthcare professional, the administrator, the scientist and the user.

Further information about the programme may be viewed [here](#).

Registration can be performed by sending an email at [wveldhoen@stichtinghumanitas.nl](mailto:wveldhoen@stichtinghumanitas.nl) or via phone at the following number +31 010 461 53 49.

Event email: [wveldhoen@stichtinghumanitas.nl](mailto:wveldhoen@stichtinghumanitas.nl)

Event website: <http://www.nveh.nl/nieuws/379--13e-symposium-nationaal-platform-ehealth>

Country: Netherlands

City/Location: Rotterdam

Organiser: National eHealth Platform

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## US: ISBI 2011 - 29 - 1 April 2011

### Eighth IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2011)

Biomedical Imaging is evolving to meet new demands in biology and medicine, including the possibility to localise gene expression, to characterise cell behavior in vivo, to map out the functioning brain, or to provide personalised medicine, point-of-care delivery, and minimally invasive procedures. To address these needs, biomedical imaging methodologies are being challenged to extend resolution and contrast, to increasingly include multiple modalities, operate in various clinical and research settings, and focus on a variety of temporal and spatial scales, from molecular to whole-body imaging, from nano to macro.

The eighth IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2011) will continue the tradition of fostering cross-fertilisation between different imaging communities and contributing to an integrative imaging approach across all scales of observation.

The meeting will feature pre-conference tutorials and short courses, followed by a strong scientific program of plenary talks and special sessions as well as oral and poster presentations of peer-reviewed contributed papers.

High-quality papers are solicited containing original contributions to the algorithmic, mathematical and computational aspects of biomedical imaging, from nano- to macroscale. Topics of interest include image formation and reconstruction, computational and statistical image processing and analysis, dynamic imaging, visualisation, image quality assessment, and physical, biological and statistical modeling. Papers on all molecular, cellular, anatomical and functional imaging modalities and applications are encouraged. All accepted regular papers will be

published in the proceedings of the symposium and will afterwards also be made available online through the IEEE Xplore database.

The Technical programme of the event is available [here](#).

Important dates of the event may be found on the [event website](#) while details on the registration and fees are available [online](#).

Event email: [contact@biomedicalimaging.org](mailto:contact@biomedicalimaging.org)

Event website: <http://www.biomedicalimaging.org/default.asp>

Country: North America

City/Location: Chicago, Illinois

Organiser: The IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Signal Processing Society (SPS) and the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS)

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## **EG: MEDICONEX 2011 - 1 - 4 April 2011**

### **MEDICONEX 2011 Exhibition & Conference: Connecting healthcare professionals with current medical knowledge and technology**

The 4th edition of MEDICONEX is an event in Egypt and North Africa for medical education and technology providing knowledge sharing, networking and business opportunities. The event hosts an exhibition featuring international medical manufacturers, pharmaceuticals, international trade organisations and local manufacturers. It features multi-track medical conferences as well as educational courses delivered by an internationally-recognised faculty.

MEDICONEX caters to the needs of stakeholders in the medical industry with the following objectives:

- bring key decision-makers and buyers from the healthcare sector in direct contact with exhibitors;
- provide a platform for exhibitors to launch new products and promote their brand image and build public awareness;
- provide state-of-the-art continuous medical education to physicians in the Arab region.

Further information about the exhibition may be viewed [here](#).

Event email: [info@mediconex.net](mailto:info@mediconex.net)

Event website: <http://mediconex.net/old/Default.aspx>

Country: Africa

City/Location: Egypt

Organiser: Arab African Conferences and Exhibitions (ACE)

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## **DE: conhIT 2011 – Connecting Healthcare IT - 4 - 6 April 2011**

### **Connecting Healthcare IT (conhIT 2011) Industrial Fair, Congress, Academy and Networking**

The three-day event aims to demonstrate how IT solutions can help service providers to improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare in Berlin. It integrates an Industry exhibit, Congress, Academy and Networking events.

The Congress and Academy focus closely on the industry's information needs, and the themes are put together by relevant target groups. The theme of the Congress is 'Healthcare IT - secure, networked and efficient'. The Industrial Fair, which is central to conhIT, provides information on available healthcare IT products and services, and is augmented by numerous Networking events.

The Netherlands are this year's partner country, and will feature a Dutch Pavilion as well as a dedicated Congress session which will present the country's eHealth projects.

conhIZT targets the following players from the healthcare IT industry:

- IT managers (CIOs) and IT workers;
- Managing directors (CEOs);
- Financial controllers (CFOs) in medical and commercial areas;
- CMOs, clinicians, healthcare professionals;
- Nursing services, hospital and community nursing staff;
- Members of software companies and consultancies;
- Representatives from politics and science;
- Students and trainees.

Further information about the programme may be viewed [here](#).

Booking, which requires the payment of a fee, can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [conhit@messe-berlin.de](mailto:conhit@messe-berlin.de)

Event website: [http://www1.messe-berlin.de/vip8\\_1/website/Internet/Internet/www.conhit/englisch/index.html](http://www1.messe-berlin.de/vip8_1/website/Internet/Internet/www.conhit/englisch/index.html)

Country: Germany

City/Location: Berlin

Organiser: German Medical Informatics Professional Association (BVMI), German Association for Medical Informatics, Biometry and Epidemiology (GMDS), German Association of the Healthcare IT Industry (VHitG)

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## **SE: Vitalis Conference 2011 - 4 - 6 April 2011**

### **Vitalis Conference 2011**

The programme is divided into six thematic groups - Citizen services, Innovation, Secure Care, Healthcare Logistics, Health care choices and eHealth from the management perspective.

The themes are broken down by date as follows:

- 5 April: Citizen services - eHealth from a perspective-Safe Care - Innovation - Usability Seminar - Expert Workshop - Tieto Seminar
- 6 April: Health care choices - Safe Care - Care Logistics - Innovation - Municipal Day - Nordic Benchmarking Seminar
- 7 April: Citizen services - eHealth from a perspective - Safe Care - Care Logistics - SFMI

The event's sessions include but are not limited to the following:

- eHealth requires eSafety
- ePrescriptions in Europe - launched now!
- eHealth initiative

The conference agenda can be found [here](#).

Registration can be done [online](#).

Event email: [eva.martinsson@svenskamassan.se](mailto:eva.martinsson@svenskamassan.se)

Event website: <http://www.vitalis.nu/>

Country: Sweden

City/Location: Gothenburg

Organiser: Swedish International Fairs Group

## UK: HC2011 Health Informatics Conference - 4 - 6 April 2011

### HC2011 Health Informatics Conference: Right place healthcare - exploiting the informatics potential

The three-day event intends to address the key issues facing the NHS, as well as to focus on the likely implications of the White Paper 'Equity and Excellence'. The three-day event targets health and social care informaticians, ICT professionals and clinicians.

The overriding theme explores how information requirements will change for both the service and patients and the public. In order to address and tackle these challenges, the conference will adopt 4 sub-themes:

- The Informed Society;
- Informed Commissioning;
- Informed Healthcare;
- Informed Care.

The first day's presentations will explore new policy and the informatics implications. Leadership is a key theme running through opening day; how to make informatics leadership work 'on the ground' will be looked at. Personal Development is the focus of this year's ASSIST Annual Conference, which takes place on the second day, with professional leaders setting out ways to combine personal success with delivery and performance. Innovation - in technology, services and organisation - is the key theme. Day three will look at open source, and the imperatives of open government, public engagement and the patient perspective. In addition, the main organiser BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT will present a series of initiatives designed to support the main conference themes.

The conference will feature presenters from across the UK and Europe, including the East and West Midlands, North East, Wales, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust and Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust.

Further information about the conference will be made available [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#) or via phone at the following number +44 (0) 1423 526971.

Event email: [melanie.reeves@hq.bcs.org.uk](mailto:melanie.reeves@hq.bcs.org.uk)  
Event website: <http://www.hc2011.co.uk/conference/>  
Country: United Kingdom  
City/Location: Birmingham  
Organiser: BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

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## DE: 3rd Open Source Data Centre Conference - 5 - 6 April 2011

### 3rd Open Source Data Center Conference - OSDC 2011: 'Automated Systems Management'

OSDC 2011 will focus on the use of open source software in data centers and large IT environments and will give the opportunity to participants to attend lectures and workshops. Participants will also have the chance to meet with international specialists on open source and benefit from their wide experience.

Furthermore, attendees will discuss the latest trends and opportunities in OS Data Center Solutions and get the chance to acquire the latest know-how, through the exchange of experiences and best practices. The conference is primarily aimed at experienced administrators and architects.

Registration can be performed [online](#) and requires the payment of a fee.

Event email: [Contact Form](#)  
Event website: <http://www.netways.de/osdc/y2011/>  
Country: Germany

City/Location: Nuremberg  
Organiser: NETWAYS

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## **DK: Digitise Denmark 2011 - 5 - 6 April 2011**

### **Digitise Denmark 2011 - Digitisation Conference**

The Ministry of Science's recurring digital conference brings together 1000 public and private participants involved in the digitisation of Denmark. The conference is aimed at management and IT managers, project managers, business and IT architects and developers from public and private providers of all sizes.

Participants will work to find an overall direction to preserve Denmark's position in the global IT elite.

It is the eighth consecutive year that the Ministry of Science will hold the digitisation conference, formerly known as the Enterprise Architecture Conference. In 2011, the conference has been given a new framework.

Registration can be done [online](#).

Event email: [dd2011@kongreskompagniet.dk](mailto:dd2011@kongreskompagniet.dk)  
Event website: <http://digitaliser.dk/group/558578>  
Country: Denmark  
City/Location: Aarhus  
Organiser: National IT and Telecom Agency

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## **ePractice workshop: Open Source Software for Public Administrations - 7 April 2011**

Some 20 years in the software industry already, open source software is now much more than just a few weird fellows trying to break free from commercial software. In this arena, quality is the main stake: How can public administration use open source software for the provision of public services? This workshop welcomes open source stakeholders and public administrations to discuss this issue and invites views from all perspectives. The workshop is supported by the ePractice.eu and the OSOR.eu communities and it will be held in **Brussels**, on **Thursday 7 April 2011**. Information about this workshop can also be found through the [OSOR.eu platform](#).

### **Workshop Topics**

This workshop invites all Open Source stakeholders and public administrations, and especially those linked to European Union funded initiatives, to discuss the quality dimension of open source with special focus in the use of open source by public administrations. The workshop topics can be grouped in two major directions:

#### **Licensing issues:**

- How to choose an Open Source software product for professional use
- Licensing implications in reusing OSS components
- The relation of open source software development to licensing
- The effect of open source licenses to the software development process.
- Choosing a license for your own software.

#### **Software production perspectives:**

- OSS production quality improvement
- Documenting Open Source Software
- How to interact with the OSOR community

- How to set up a project on OSOR.eu, set up roles and manage contributions

Additional subjects falling within the umbrella of the workshop's topic on in general are also welcome based on potential speaker proposals.

For further information, please download the call for participation that is available in the section presentations & documents.

**Important deadlines to remember:**

- Summary (1 page) & 4 slides to be submitted by **18 March 2011**
- Speaker confirmation by **21 March 2011**
- Final presentations (6 slides) **30 March 2011**

**Speakers/Audience:**

This workshop is open to anyone interested in the area of Open Source, in public administrations as well as businesses and/or citizens who interact with them: cross-border project implementers; developers of Open Source software; stakeholders in FP6 and FP7 research projects; researchers; businesses; European Commission officers; ePractice members etc.

**Registration:**

To register for this workshop, please create an ePractice account at <http://www.epractice.eu/en/user/register> if you are not a current member. Subsequently, kindly login and once you are in this page click the yellow button that reads "participate in this workshop" to activate your registration. ePractice members can simply login and click on the same page as described above.

**Submission of summaries/PPT slides:**

To be considered for a speaker placement kindly submit a summary of one page and three PPT slides of your intended presentation to [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com). Regarding your summary, please download and complete the workshop proposal form that may be found in the presentation and documents section below. Final presentations should not exceed 6 power point slides and should be concise and factual. Please, don't use busy slides, too many graphics or pics and consider that every slide should not use more than 6 bullet points per slide. The main point of your presentation is to briefly inform about the project/initiative and encourage participation, questions and overall discussion.

**Networking:**

This workshop is all about networking. A few selected speakers will set the scene with a 15 minute presentation and the rest of the programme will be dedicated to roundtable discussions and networking purposes.

**Contact:**

Please, direct all queries to the above [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com). The event coordinator will assist you promptly.

Event website: [www.osor.eu](http://www.osor.eu)

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Dynamics, S.A.

## BE: Drupal Government Days - 6 - 8 April 2011

### Drupal Government Days

The Drupal Government Days will be attended by Government representatives, Drupal users, developers, evaluators and business people, who will have the chance to meet up and exchange ideas on how to improve and support government processes.

The event will include sessions, talks etc. Ideas of interested parties regarding special topics of sessions can be announced by the registration of the relevant session. No special experience is needed for the preparation of the sessions. The point is to exchange and share ideas in the form of short sessions held by the participants of the event.

Some possible topics are:

- Drupal / Open Source adoption;
- Case Studies, Projects and Solutions;
- Open Government initiatives in Europe'
- Drupal and Open Data;
- Open Public;
- eLearning;
- Efficiency, Effectiveness and Transparency;
- eIdentity and eSecurity Integration;
- Services for Businesses and Services for Citizens;
- Interoperability;
- Legal Aspects;
- Policy;
- User-centric Services.

Details about registration and the schedule of sessions will soon be available on the [event website](#).

Event email: [bart.vanherreweghe@premier.fed.be](mailto:bart.vanherreweghe@premier.fed.be)

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

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: Chancellery FPS of the Prime Minister of Belgium and FPS Federal ICT (Fedict) of the Belgian government

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## Assisted workshop: Eris@Annual Conference 2011 - 12 - 14 April 2011

In 2011 eris@ will deliver a new kind of conference that breaks away from tradition and delivers an event that will have a foundation and legacy that will live on, well after the delegates have returned to their offices.

The theme of the conference is “**Moving from Policy to Practice**” with a focus on three of the vital areas underpinning change:

- The options and support available to create and operate high speed, **next generation broadband infrastructure** that provides the foundation for participation in the digital economy;
- The impact that next generation internet will have on **government** and how it will relate to and interact with its citizens;
- The opportunities provided by next generation internet for **education** providing unbounded access and a revolution in the way we learn and develop.

These themes will be described by three leading European experts and the conference will then collectively work through each theme to uncover the opportunities and benefits and to devise an action plan to deliver them.

We call this an "iConference" because the facilitated "interaction" between delegates, experts and providers (not long presentations) is at the heart of this event. The facilitation will be driven by three brand new facilitation techniques based on innovation, leadership and social capital that in themselves are highly valuable techniques to learn. The product of the iConference will be an action plan that all delegates will be able to apply in their own context, with the support of the many relationships and insights that they develop at the conference.

This is a genuinely unique opportunity to be at the start of the next generation of Internet. Many people claim to have been "hanging around" CERN when the World Wide Web was conceived. This is your opportunity to be there as we put together the foundations of the next generation of the Internet.

To book your place on this unique event please visit: <http://www.erisa.be/annual-conference-2011/default.aspx>

**Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Note – to facilitate maximum participation the conference proceedings will be delivered in English. Given the interactive and dynamic nature of the workshops there will be no translation facilities.**

Event email: [info@erisa.be](mailto:info@erisa.be)

Event website: <http://www.erisa.be/annual-conference-2011/default.aspx>

Country: Poland

City/Location: Krakow

Organiser: European Regional Information Society Association (Eris@)

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## **AT: CeDEM11 - Conference for eDemocracy 2011 - 5 - 6 May 2011**

### **CeDEM11 - Conference for e-democracy, e-participation and e-voting**

During the last 10 years, the world has focused on social media and the new forms of societal behaviour, including content generation, collaboration and sharing as well as network organisation. These behaviours and expectations, in particular transparency and access to data, new ways of interacting with government and democratic institutions will continue to develop, and profound changes in society are to be expected. Society has been confronted with "Open Government", "Open Data" and "Open Access". What have the experiences been so far? How do these affect the society, democratic structures and organisations? What changes occur at citizen level? What are the implications for democracy, society, science and business?

The fourth in a row Conference for eDemocracy brings together eDemocracy, eParticipation and eVoting specialists working in academia, politics, government and businesses.

Candidate speakers of the event are individuals from academic, applied and practitioner backgrounds as well as public authorities and bodies, Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ Non Profit Organisations (NPOs), education institutions and independent organisations, who are called upon to submit their research and project papers as well as workshop proposals. Different multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches and disciplines including (but not limited to): law and legal studies, social sciences, computer sciences, political sciences, psychology, sociology, applied computer gaming and simulation, democratic theory, media and communication science are welcome.

CeDEM11 presents the following tracks, which focus on:

- eParticipation
- Open Access and Open Data
- Open Government
- eVoting

The deadline for the submission of Papers and Workshop proposals is 16 January 2011. More details regarding submission modes and important dates may be found [here](#). Interested parties may [register online](#) on the event's website.

Event email: [noella.edelmann@donau-uni.ac.at](mailto:noella.edelmann@donau-uni.ac.at)

Event website: <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/departement/gpa/telematik/edemocracy-conference/edem/vid/14978/index.php>

Country: Austria

City/Location: Krems

Organiser: Danube University Krems

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## **Assisted Event: Solutions Linux / Open Source - 10 - 12 May 2011**

The reference exhibition that brings together the entire industry finds its place at CNIT La Defense in **Paris 10, 11 and 12 May 2011!**

The 12th edition of the Solutions Linux/Open Source confirms the new direction taken last year showing the evolution and the maturity of the open source market. France is more than ever a source of growth for the open source software, with spending growth in 2010 nearly 35% (Sce: Pierre Audoin consultants), a turnover of 1,5 billion euros.

This year, the 13th edition will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May 2011 in the CNIT, La Défense, in the very heart of the economical and business centre of Paris.

**250 exhibitors will host nearly 10,000 visitors.** The 2011 edition will be marked by a rich content, consisting of yet more roundtables, workshops and special sessions.

All topics will be discussed through technological, economic and business angles: Cloud Computing, Mobility, BI, Network Management, Interoperability, CMS, Security, Real Time, Collaborative, Web Services, Datacenter, Virtualization and much more.

The exhibition keeps its historic strongholds with over 60 associations and communities gathering in the "community village" as well as special sessions on e-commerce and education. Solutions Linux/Open Source is the premier showcase to position your business, share with decision makers, generate new leads, expand your network and be at the heart of the community.

Event website: <http://www.solutionslinux.fr/?lg=en>

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: TARSUS

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## **FR: Kick-off meeting of the Interest Group on Shared Services - 24 - 25 May 2011**

**Kick-off meeting of the Interest Group on Shared Services - "How to Improve Performance in Local Governments"**

The Interest Group on Shared Services (IGSS), led by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), will hold its kick-off meeting hosted by the e-bourgogne Group of Public Interest (GIP). This meeting will be the starting point for collaboration on shared services, involving all interested parties from the public sector at all government levels in Europe.

The IGSS will gather European stakeholders involved in public administration management to develop strategies and exchange know-how on shared services. The importance of channelling resources and knowledge to improve

the public sector's performance will be the main interest of the IGSS. Regular meetings and seminars will be organised to foster cooperation between the interest group members.

Focusing on performance in local governments, the meeting will raise elected deputies' awareness of innovative strategies and tools for optimising resources in their administration. Local initiatives and success factors will be presented to stimulate synergies between European actors and develop a partnership on shared services. Benefiting from a privileged insight into the e-bourgogne best practice, participants will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss the different aspects of performance improvement at all levels of government.

This one-day event will feature practitioners' experiences in the process of implementing change in the public sector to achieve sustainable outcomes. There will be specific importance placed on providing time for discussion and exchange among the participants. Networking sessions and a social programme will allow participants to reflect on the day's debates and establish contacts with peer actors from across Europe.

The event's targeted audience is:

- Civil servants involved in performance assessment and public management;
- Central and regional government actors;
- Local decision makers, elected deputies;
- Managers of small and large municipalities;
- Public service providers.

Participants are invited to register by filling the attached registration form. Due to limited number of seats available, registration will be open until 15th April 2011. More information about the event can be found in the attached programme.

Event email: [a.guiffart@eipa.eu](mailto:a.guiffart@eipa.eu)

Event website: <http://www.eipa.eu>

Country: France

City/Location: Dijon

Organiser: European Institute of Public Administration - EIPA

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## **Assisted Event: European Forum on Electronic Signature (EFPE 2011) - 6 - 8 June 2011**

11th Edition of the European Forum on Electronic Signature!

The leading topic of this year's conference is: "Electronic identification, authentication and signatures in the European common digital market". The aim of this year's conference edition is to exchange information on the latest trends and activities in the field of electronic identification and authentication of citizens and electronic signatures in legal, technological and practical aspect.

The session is intended to summarize and assess the effects of legislative actions as well as the results of already implemented projects related to the provision of electronic services for citizens and businesses, with a strong focus on services within cross-border validation of electronic signatures and certificates, electronic workflow and electronic identification.

Due to its wide international range, EFPE provides an excellent opportunity for service providers, suppliers, professionals, experts and users of the PKI industry to meet and to exchange information and experience on the national, European and worldwide level. It constitutes an unique tool for making new international contacts and establishing cooperation. The conference has also become a recognized East-West co-operation forum on PKI.

Undoubtedly, an important element of the conference will be panel discussions on the development of electronic services for the administrations including Digital Agenda for Europe (Action Plan for e-government to facilitate access to public services across the EU).

The conference is the perfect and natural place for formulating measures to be considered by the governments in order to achieve seamless trust and security area for cross-border electronic workflow.

Speakers and participants are welcome to register at: [www.efpe.eu](http://www.efpe.eu). Presentations will be accepted in the English, Polish and Russian languages.

Should you have any questions or comments please get in touch with Magdalena Konca at [mkonca@unizeto.pl](mailto:mkonca@unizeto.pl)

Event website: <http://www.efpe.eu>

Country: Poland

City/Location: Miedzyzdroje

Organiser: Unizeto Technologies SA, West-Pomeranian Technical University

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