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>> ePractice Journal – 'Moving in 2011'

The 'eGovernment for the Economic Crisis' issue, Vol. 11, 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](#).

Special Thanks to our guest editor, Editor in Chief, authors and peer reviewers for their support and valuable contribution during the production and publication process.

'The Openness of Government' issue, Vol. 12, whose guest editor is [Paul Waller](#), will be published shortly.

>> 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](#). Proposed papers can be submitted at epractice@eurodyn.com or at editorial@epractice.eu.

>> 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**.

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>> 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](#). Proposed papers can be submitted at epractice@eurodyn.com or at editorial@epractice.eu.

ePractice workshops

>> 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 announcement](#).

>>ePractice.eu workshop-Collaborative production of eGovernment services

The ePractice workshop '**Collaborative production of eGovernment Administrations**' will be held in Brussels, Belgium on **18 April 2011**. The European eGovernment Action Plan, 2011-2015, recognises the significance of this collaboration and stresses the importance of finding the most suitable tools and their best applications. This workshop will discuss the achieved benefits and public value created through the joint production of services by public administrations and citizens. The effective collaboration between the private and the public sector will be discussed through the presentation of case studies. The best practices of effectively engaged businesses, civil society and individual citizens will be presented for participants to comprehend how they can be actively involved in the design and production of eGovernment services.

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

>> 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.

>> 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](#).

ePractice Assisted workshops

>> 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 announcement](#).

>> 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 announcement](#).

>> 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 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 announcement](#).

Latest Cases

- [DEEPER Project](#) | 14 March 2011 | Belgium | Italy | Spain
 - [Administrative Consultation Wiki \(Upravna svetovalnica\)](#) | 12 March 2011 | Slovenia
 - [Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Agricultural Web TV](#) | 6 March 2011 | Turkey
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DEEPER Project

DEEPER project is intended to design a complete and EU based innovative program for refugees and trainers: research activities carried on by a transnational group; transfer of innovative methodologies, results and practices; implementation and evaluation in the national context to better monitor all variables involved in setting an effective training program.

Administrative Consultation Wiki (Upravna svetovalnica)

Various extensive public sector reforms have been carried out across the world with the clear aim of making the services concerned more efficient and responsive to the needs of their users, such as the citizens, political authorities and administrative bodies covering other public administration fields. The ever advancing information technology has frequently been used to support such reforms. Over the last years, the public phenomenon of Web 2.0 has even attracted some attention within eGovernment because of its vast success in the general civic environment. The case investigates the possibilities of implementing such a Web 2.0 solution for the case of application of legislation and management of changes made into it through the example of the Slovenian General Administrative Procedure Act - a law that is subsidiarily used by practically all administrative bodies and therefore has to be applied in different fields, coping with sectoral legislation more or less coherent with it. To present the potential, patterns and risks (such as the limited role of public administration in interpreting law) of such activities of using Web 2.0, the so-called Administrative Consultation Wiki was set up. The project is run by the Slovenian Faculty of Administration and the Ministry of Public Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, providing approximately 15-20 new cases monthly, incorporating therefore in the beginning of 2011 around 600 articles (FQA).

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Agricultural Web TV

The aim of this Project is to provide wider access to the educational films produced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Publication Department for many years and to ensure conscious production and consumption by sharing the latest developments with producers and consumers.

In this Project are available categorized archive videos as well as live programs. The archived videos include some of the educational films prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Publication Department. The number of these films is increasing day by day. The educational films have also been categorized by their topics. In addition to archived videos, there are live programs addressing issues on the agenda.

Editor's Choice of the week: [eLearning Environment for Disabled Learners](#)

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EU: eHealth poised for advances in 2011 - 15 March 2011

The European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR), which represents the medical technology industry in Europe, has built strong competences in eHealth and pushed this technology as one of the most efficient ways to promote integrated care. COCIR is at the centre of key recent and future eHealth activities.

COCIR welcomed the [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) signed on 17 December 2010 between the European Commission and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which expresses an official willingness by the two parties to cooperate on eHealth. Interoperability and the education of healthcare professionals are key elements of the document. This is an important milestone for the industry as it potentially gives a boost to the eHealth market for EU companies wishing to expand their business in the United States and vice versa.

The following eHealth activities are anticipated for 2011 and beyond, some of which include COCIR's participation:

- The [EU Directive](#) on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare adopted on 28 February 2011 sets out for the first time the legal framework for eHealth in Europe, thus encouraging the development and adoption of electronic patient records throughout Europe.
- The European eHealth Governance Initiative will be launched in 2011, promising to cover a wide range of eHealth issues and accelerating the deployment of eHealth solutions.
- The event eHealth week 2011 will be held in Budapest, Hungary on 10-12 May 2011.
- The revamp of the data protection legal framework in Europe is expected to clarify the rules surrounding the use and processing of personal data in the EU and reinforce citizens' confidence in eHealth and electronic

patient records. COCIR has made some [recommendations](#) to ensure that rights to privacy and patient safety go hand in hand in the forthcoming legal framework.

- The eHealth domain is expected to be an important element of the ICT research field, part of the 8th Framework Programme (FP8) set to start in 2014. COCIR welcomes such developments and has invited the EC to support eHealth research in the most promising areas.
- Further developments are forecasted on minimum patient data set, patient registries and efficient links to electronic health records (EHR).
- COCIR is involved in several EU-funded projects, including '[RENEWING HEALTH](#)', 'Chain of trust' and 'eHealth Innovation'.

Further information:

- [Original news article - COCIR](#)
 - [COCIR](#)
 - [Related ePractice news article - EU/US: Transatlantic eHealth agreement signed](#)
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CZ: National Digital Archives Project is launched - 15 March 2011

The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic officially launched the National Digital Archives Project on 9 February 2011 in a move to fulfil the 'Strategy for efficient public administration and the Smart Administration in the period 2007-2015'.

The National Digital Archives Project will enable documents to be securely stored electronically, in a publicly accessible and sustainable way. The project is a response to increasing public interest in accessing information remotely, and it will enable saved records to be accessible from any place in much less time than ever before. It also saves time and money. In this way the project will enable a response to the anticipated huge increase in electronic documents produced by the public and private sectors.

The project will be implemented using the most advanced and innovative technologies and will contribute to improving skills and competitiveness of the suppliers of services and staff of the project partners.

The National Digital Archives Project was launched by Deputy Minister of the Interior for Public Administration, Legislative Matters and Archiving Services, František Vavera, and the Director of the National Archives, Eva Drašárová. František Vavera said: "I am convinced that the implementation of the National Digital Archives is a must. Without it, all the outputs associated with electronic outputs-related projects, such as the data boxes, CzechPOINT and so on, would have to be printed, and so we save a ton of paper. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the preparation of the nearly seven-year project."

The National Digital Archives Project arose within the basic framework of eGovernment services, which is part of the concept of the government document called 'the Smart Administration'. It supports other projects aimed at better governance by means of the 2007-2015 EU financial support - the [Integrated Operational Programme](#) and the operational programme Human Resources and Employment.

Currently, the National Digital Archives Project is expected to be completed in December 2013. The project will be implemented at the main office of Chodovec in Prague, with the office in the south of the Czech Republic selected as a back-up.

Further information:

- [Original news article - Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic](#)

HR: ePrescriptions introduced ahead of schedule - 14 March 2011

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (Ministarstvo zdravstva i socijalne skrbi Republike Hrvatske, in Croatian) announced that as of 24 January 2011, electronic prescriptions have replaced paper prescriptions in the primary healthcare system across Croatia. The switchover took place seven days before the scheduled launch.

The implementation of ePrescriptions helps to reduce unnecessary administrative burden and waiting periods, while increasing the quality of health services, which was one of the goals set by the healthcare reform.

With the introduction of ePrescriptions, it is no longer necessary to issue approximately 50 million paper prescriptions annually, allowing cost savings of about HRK 15 million (approx. € 2 million), i.e. 250 tonnes of wood or 100 tonnes of paper per year. These funds will be directed towards further improving the quality of health services in Croatia. Furthermore, a 5 % reduction in medication consumption represents savings of up to € 30 million, and the ePrescriptions system will contribute to eliminating unnecessary doctor visits; it is thus expected to decrease carbon dioxide emissions by 50 %.

Further information:

- [Original press release - Ministry of Health and Social Welfare \(in Croatian\)](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - HR: ePrescribing system to be implemented across country by end of January 2011](#)

EU/NL: Scientists develop innovative technology to fight cancer - 14 March 2011

An EU-funded team of researchers in the Netherlands has succeeded in boosting chemotherapy dosage to tumours while easing harmful side effects by combining magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound.

Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands collaborated with a Dutch electronics corporation to create sophisticated technology with the potential to help patients in need. The team performed a demonstration of this technique for the first time ever in a preclinical, proof-of-concept study.

Around 50 % of patients diagnosed with cancer undergo chemotherapy to treat their illness. Some researchers argue that chemotherapy is complex in that the drugs are spread everywhere in the body and are not absorbed evenly; some regions fail to get the dosage they need.

Headed by Prof. dr. Holger Gröll, the team created a delivery method to tackle this problem. An MRI scan would initially be performed on cancer patients; this would help doctors localise the site and size of the tumour.

Liposomes, small temperature-sensitive particles containing an MRI contrast agent and a chemotherapy drug, are injected into the patients and move through the bloodstream until they reach their target, the tumour. The contrast agent moves along with the drug allowing it to follow the path of the drug inside the body and localise when it reaches the tumour and surrounding tissue. At this point a high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) beam is used to burst the liposomes and release the drug at the site of the tumour.

For the purposes of their study, the researchers assessed the uptake of the anti-cancer agent doxorubicin in rats. They found that uptake was between two and five times higher in induced tumours versus regular chemotherapy delivery.

"In some tumours, you have a centre part that is no longer supplied with blood, and so the chemotherapy cannot reach that part and cannot kill it," said Matthew Harris, from the Communications Department of the participating electronics corporation.

The team said the prototype system is based on a MRI-HIFU scanner which is used to treat uterine fibroids - painful benign tumours formed from the muscular layer in a woman's uterus. The MRI scanner combined with high-intensity ultrasounds pinpoint and removes the fibroids via ablation, the removal of unwanted cells.

Research is funded in part by the [SONODRUGS \('Image-controlled ultrasound-induced drug delivery'\) project](#), which is backed with almost €10.8 million under the Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies (NMP) Theme of the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

This proof of concept appeared in the Journal of Controlled Release in February 2011.

Further information:

- [Original news article - CORDIS](#)
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ES: SARA Network receives award for soundest interoperability project - 14 March 2011

At the Spanish 'National Interoperability and Security Conference' (CNIS) the [SARA Network](#) (RED SARA, in Spanish) received the CNIS Award for the soundest interoperability project in the 'General Administration' category. The ceremony was held on 23 February 2011 in Madrid.

SARA Network, an infrastructure managed by the Ministry of Territorial Policy and Public Administration, is a collection of communication infrastructures and basic services which connects all of the country's public administration networks together and with European institutions. SARA thus facilitates information exchange between all levels of government as well as access to eServices. It is a secure, reliable, high-capacity and accessible network.

The SARA Network is a key driver in the continued development of eGovernment; Article 43 of [the Law on Citizens' Electronic Access to Public Services](#) (11/2007) - Spain's eGovernment Act - established its implementation as an obligation.

Further information:

- [Original news article - eGovernment portal PAe \(in Spanish\)](#)
 - [SARA Network \(in Spanish\)](#)
 - [CNIS \(in Spanish\)](#)
 - [Related ePractice case - RED SARA](#)
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FR: Paris launches a portal for local government data - 11 March 2011

At the end of January 2011, the City of Paris launched a portal, [opendata.paris.fr](#), to provide citizens with access to local government data.

The data will be available under an adapted version of the [ODbl license](#), which entails that commercial re-users can either share their resulting work under the same conditions or buy a non-exclusive license.

Like any large entity, the City of Paris accumulates and manages a considerable amount of electronic data (databases, mapping information systems, electronic records, etc.). These data are fully exploited by the municipal services as part of their work, but they also constitute a legacy that can be of use for the whole community:

- researchers can find material to support their work and experiments;

- developers can create innovative services using these data;
- citizens and journalists can find raw information;
- companies can profitably utilise these data, and thus create jobs and wealth for the community.

The open data movement aims to persuade organisations, including all levels of government around the world, to make electronic data available to everyone free of charge. In this spirit of transparency and openness, the Mayor of Paris Bertrand Delanoë and his deputy Jean-Louis Missika (in charge of Innovation, Research and Universities), proposed to the Council of Paris, in June and December 2010, that they deliberate on the release of the public data of the City of Paris.

The launch of the opendata.paris.fr site marks the end of a first step in the release of the City's data, but it is also the start of an initiative: many datasets will be added to the catalogue over the coming months, as and when the contributions of the various municipal services are made.

This release of public data fits into an overall policy of openness followed by the City of Paris since 2008, by which the whole city becomes a testing ground, and where people become 'co-designers' in the developments of their city.

Further information:

- [Original news article - European Public Sector Information \(PSI\) Platform](#)
- [Supplementary information - opendata.paris.fr \(in French\)](#)
- [opendata.paris.fr \(in French\)](#)

EE: Medical Prescription Centre wins national eHealth award - 11 March 2011

The Estonian Medical Prescription Centre was the uncontested winner in the eHealth category of the 'Best e-services in Estonia 2011' competition, it was announced on 22 February 2011.

The Centre is the electronic prescription project developed on the initiative of the [Ministry of Social Affairs](#) and the [Estonian Health Insurance Fund](#).

Margus Püüa, the chairman of the judges' panel, justified the choice by saying: "Despite the problems experienced at the launching of the system, this e-service has, to date, made the lives of both patients and doctors much easier, having turned the entire Estonian healthcare system inside out in just one year."

The competition for the 'Best e-services in Estonia 2011' was organised by the [Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications](#) (MEAC) and the [Estonian Informatics Centre](#) (RIA), under the EU Structural Funds programme 'Information Society awareness' within the framework of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Similar competitions are also held in 2005, 2007 and 2009, but under the name of the best content service.

There were a total of 71 entrants for this year's competition, competing in eight different categories. The Medical Prescription Centre and the other category winners will represent Estonia at the [World Summit Award \(WSA\)](#) in April 2011. WSA is a global activity to select and promote the world's best e-Content and most innovative ICT applications.

Further information:

- [Original news article - Arst.ee \(in Estonian\)](#)
- [World Summit Award](#)
- [Related news article - HEI](#)

DE: Single public number '115' among the winners of the '365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas' - 11 March 2011

The single phone number for contacting government authorities in Germany, **115**, is among the winners of the '**365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas**' competition.

An independent jury of experts selected 365 winners from about 2 600 applications; the winners will be introduced to the public from 1 March 2011 during a series of regional events.

Commenting on the competition and on 115's award, the Federal Government Commissioner for Information Technology and Secretary of State, Cornelia Rogall-Grothe said: "I am delighted that the 115 initiative is better consolidated in the country thanks to this award. The 'Landmark' competition makes 115 an element of Germany's innovation potential, along with the other 2011 award winners. It is thus also a showcase of an innovative service for the citizens provided by the public administration." she added.

The '365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas' is led by the 'Germany Land of Ideas' initiative in cooperation with the German Bank. The competition of ideas and projects are put at the centre of the attention under the patronage of the German President, actively shaping the future of Germany.

As from 1 June 2001, 115 will be launched in new regions.

Further information:

- [Original Press Release - Federal Agency for Information Technology - Ministry of Interior \(in German\)](#)
- ['365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas' Initiative](#)
- [List of Award Winners 2011 - '365 Selected Landmarks in the Land of Ideas'](#)
- [D115 Project \(in German\)](#)

MT: Government starts open source portal - 11 March 2011

Malta's governmental Information Technology Agency, MITA, integrated in its website, at the end of February 2011, a section that will provide information on open source software to the country's public administrations.

The main goal of the new section is to raise awareness and facilitate understanding on this type of software as the responsible of the site explain. It also "should help to effectuate change in the government policies and practices to better utilise open source software and help create and assist collaboration of communities". The section further focuses on the benefits of open source, including reliability, choice, innovation, security and price.

Apart from introducing this type of software, the new section - found under 'publications' on the web site's main menu - contains articles on open source, links to the government's open source policy, to the European Union Public License (EUPL) and the General Public License (GPL) and to Malta's open source communities. It also reviews open source projects (currently the mind mapping application Freemind).

The site presents visitors with a list of popular open source applications, suggesting for example the use of Ubuntu GNU/Linux as for desktop systems, and Libre Office, OpenOffice or KOffice for office productivity tools, while also containing a link to OSOR.eu.

In October 2010, MITA launched a public consultation on the use of open source by public administrations. Suggestions are still welcome, and can be submitted through the site. Last summer, the government updated its open source software directive, instructing public administrations to consider open source solutions in their Information Technologies (IT) projects.

Further Information:

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU](#)
 - [MITA's Open Source portal](#)
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BG: eHealth reduces expenditure in the health sector by 20 % - 10 March 2011

With the introduction of eHealth, expenditure in the health sector decreases by 15-20 %, said Parvan Rusinov, the Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications at the inauguration of the 6th Regional Conference on eHealth on 10 February 2011.

He added that for Bulgaria, as well as other countries in the region, eHealth is not a superfluous luxury, but a coherent approach to improving the effectiveness of the health system given a shortage of financial resources.

He cited the studies in the USA, Canada, the UK and Scandinavian countries that show that in the health sector, a reduction of between 30 and 40 % can be accomplished in terms of needless medical procedures, laboratory tests and superfluously prescribed medicines. In these countries and in Bulgaria these problems are due to the lack of constant communication between the doctors and the lack of access to the medical history of the patient.

Experience shows that information technology contributes 20 % to the improvement of the health service, with the remaining 80 % due to decisions related to organisation, human resources and planning.

The Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications is responsible for the overall strategy for eGovernment, and it supports the development of fully integrated eHealth systems, Parvan Rusinov said.

Further information:

- [Original press release - Bulgarian Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
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IT: Consip launches new public eProcurement platform - 10 March 2011

In February 2011, Consip, the central purchasing body of Italian Public Administrations, launched the new edition of www.acquistinretepa.it, the national eProcurement platform for the purchasing of public goods and services that Consip operates on behalf of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

The new platform presents a more efficient performance overall and has been completely revamped and enriched with new and more advanced functionalities.

The major innovations are:

- comprehensive coverage of eProcurement functionalities (end-to-end platform);
- more tailor-made system that responds to specific and additional customised needs of the users (both buyers and sellers), and allows for the creation of a 'personal area' for each user;
- single and integrated eCatalogue - the platform allows to carry out all the eProcurement tools introduced by the [EU Directive 18/2004/EC](#) (framework agreements, dynamic purchasing systems, eMarketplaces, eAuctions, etc.), but in order to make it easier for the buyer, the platform has a unique catalogue in which the user can search for products, compare quality and cost, compare bids and store all the research activity carried out;
- different and multiple eProcurement tools are offered, but there are just two simplified ways of buying: direct order from the eCatalogue or request for quotation for more customised bids, and a single shopping cart;
- more advanced search engine to easily spot the most appropriate and suitable product or service;

- more effective and efficient support to all users by means of online assistance, videos and clips to guide the user during the different procurement phases and a dedicated help desk;
- an English section.

Further information:

- [Original news article - Consip SpA \(in Italian\)](#)
 - [acquistinretepa.it \(in Italian, with an English overview\)](#)
 - [EU Directive 18/2004/EC](#)
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CZ: One in four citizens has an electronic health record, recognising the value of their health - 8 March 2011

Jiří Pašek, the head of IZIP Ltd., said that a quarter of the Czech population has an electronic health record and wants to care for their health in a responsible manner. He added that prevention can benefit the entire healthcare system, saying that the early prevention and detection of serious diseases with prohibitive treatment costs leads to a reduction in the number of chronically ill patients, thus allowing the reduced costs to be used within the health system more efficiently.

The electronic health record (EHR, in English - EZK, in Czech), is a reliable web-based system that allows a user to generate data on preventive medical examinations and check-ups, vaccinations and subsequent revaccination (boosters). It provides the possibility to set up SMS or email alerts so as not to miss an important date, such as a doctor's visit.

This system for sharing medical information via the Internet permits an attending physician to quickly become familiarised with a patient's clinical history. The EHR is particularly effective for the chronically ill, such as patients with cancer. "They are exposed to psychological stress, which is understandable given their situation. It is so important that when you visit another specialist for further tests, you do not have to constantly repeat the medical history. An electronic health record serves them well, which stores all patient health information, including test results," said Dr. Pavel Boček, an oncologist and paediatrician.

Prevention is seen as key to both human health and to the healthcare system as a whole. However, the majority of Czech citizens neglect preventive health check-ups. For example, 2010 figures released by the Ministry of Health show that only 17 % of people aged 50-80 had undergone preventive examinations for colorectal cancer, while half of the women between 25 and 29 did so for gynaecological check-ups.

The preventive behaviour of citizens is gradually improving, as witnessed by the more than 2.5 million inhabitants who possess EHRs. It encourages patients to seek prevention and to become accountable for their own health.

Background information:

IZIP was developed by the eponymous private company in cooperation with the VZP (which insured about two-thirds of all Czech citizens in 2005). The system has spread over the entire Czech Republic since 2003.

The electronic health records of the IZIP system contain the following information: anamnesis; results of examinations performed by general practitioners (GPs) and specialists; results of laboratory tests; list of prescribed and issued medicines; X-rays, scans and other images; reports on hospitalisations; vaccination history and information on other treatments.

Further information:

- [Official press release - IZIP \(in Czech\)](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - CZ: IZIP registered users increased by 94 % in 2010](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - CZ: Karlovy Vary region inhabitants have the best overview of their health](#)

PL: Municipalities are provided with new computer sets and card readers - 8 March 2011

According to the IT Projects Centre of the Polish Ministry of the Interior and Administration (Centrum Projektów Informatycznych Ministerstwa Spraw Wewnętrznych i Administracji - [CPI MSWiA](#), in Polish) all municipalities will be soon be equipped with new electronic identity (eID) cards.

In order for the work of the municipalities to be smoothly proceeded, the IT Projects Centre of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration has signed agreements with two private companies to equip the municipal offices with the so-called 'edge devices'.

By the end of 2010, the companies provided the municipalities with:

- 6328 computer sets;
- 4370 smart card readers with the so-called PINpad;
- 12252 smart card readers.

Before starting the new operations, the municipalities will be provided with network devices and servers that will ensure a secure communications system that supports documents of Ministry of the Interior and Administration; the same will apply to other information resources held by the central authorities.

These deliveries are part of the implementation in the offices of new applications of the Integrated Service End User Module (ZMOKU, in Polish), which will facilitate the work of officials in the issuing of new cards, keeping records of the population and generally operating the public services.

Further information:

- [Original News Article - IT Projects Centre of the Ministry of Interior and Administration \(in Polish\)](#)
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EU: Dynamic health systems and new technologies: eHealth solutions at local and regional levels - 22 February 2011

Description (short summary):

This report reviews eHealth-related initiatives implemented throughout the European Union (EU) at the local and regional level, with a focus on the role played within these initiatives by local and regional authorities (LRAs) and other relevant actors. The aim of the review is to provide an understanding of most common initiatives promoted at the territorial level, highlighting those creating value and sustainable solutions and, accordingly, drawing conclusions about how these interventions may be further supported and facilitated at EU level.

Part 1 includes an inventory of 135 initiatives from 26 European Union Member States, compiled on the basis of a bibliographic search.

Part 2 focuses on the categorisation of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) applications for health into four main clusters related to Service Initiatives, Support Initiatives, Health Knowledge Infrastructure Initiatives and IT Infrastructure Initiatives, and offers an outline of the main targets included within these clusters.

Part 3 provides a detailed description of six of the case studies included in the inventory. The case studies were selected with a view to covering, as comprehensively as possible, the four main ICT clusters, although geographical balance across the EU was also considered.

In Part 4, conclusions are drawn and recommendations outlined, the implementation of which could potentially support LRAs in tackling the development of eHealth on their territories.

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NL: Healthcare & ICT 2011 - 16 March 2011 - 18 March 2011

Healthcare & ICT 2011 - Platform for ICT applications and services in the healthcare sector 2011

The annual exhibition focuses on ICT and innovation in healthcare, and provides the latest developments in these sectors. In addition to the three-day trade fair, there will be presentations focusing on the problem-solving IT activities of various companies, talks on the social media opportunities and the use of tablet computers in healthcare, among others. IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise), an initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information, will also hold a Mini-Congress.

The exhibition targets the following:

Institutions / organisations

- hospitals;
- nursing homes;
- psychiatry;
- the disabled;
- GPs;
- pharmacies;
- physiotherapy / rehabilitation;
- home care, welfare and elderly;
- government;
- health insurers;
- private clinics, medical centres.

DMU (Decision making unit)

- general management / executive;
- financial / administrative management;
- facility managers;
- ICT managers;
- ICT professionals;
- medical staff;
- nursing and care.

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

Participation in the exhibition is free of charge, but requires previous [online registration](#).

Satellite events will take place in parallel, some of which require a fee. More information can be found [here](#).

Event email: visitorsinformation@vnuexhibitions.com

Event website: <http://www.zorg-en-ict.nl/nl-nl/Bezoeker.aspx>

Country: Netherlands

City/Location: Utrecht

Organiser: VNU Exhibitions Europe

BE: STOA workshop 'Can e-voting increase electoral participation?' - 17 March 2011

Scientific Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Workshop 'Can e-voting increase electoral participation?'

In view of the low participation rates in the elections of the European Parliament, voting over the Internet (eVoting) is suggested as a possibility of involving more Europeans in the political and electoral process. eVoting is regarded as an especially promising way to motivate younger voters to participate in the elections, because they are already familiar with using the Internet every day and for various reasons. Voting could be one more action between the many young Internet users perform daily.

However, voting is at the heart of the democratic process and elections not only have to fulfill special requirements like transparency, security and anonymity, but they also have to have a special symbolic meaning. eVoting is not eBusiness. Some critics even dismiss the idea of eVoting altogether, for technical reasons and also on principle. The present workshop will discuss the opportunities and risks of eVoting.

A preliminary agenda of the event is available [here](#).

The workshop is open to all and free of charge but registration is necessary in order to be able to access the European Parliament. Interested participants can register by sending an e-mail to Kerstin.Goos@isi.fraunhofer.de until 6 March 2011 indicating their name, date of birth, nationality and city of residence.

Further information about the event can be provided by phone by Dr. Jarka Chloupkova on +32 28 28 40606, and Dr. Bernd Beckert on +49 721 6809 171.

Event email: Kerstin.Goos@isi.fraunhofer.de

Event website: <http://digitalgovernment.wordpress.com/2011/03/07/can-e-voting-increase-electoral-participation/>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (ISI)

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

Event website: https://www.eid-stork.eu/index.php?option=com_artforms&formid=6

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Leuven

Organiser: STORK project

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

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

Country: Switzerland

City/Location: Geneva

Organiser: Economist Conferences

BE: Costing an Arm and a Leg: why we need radical thinking to halt the slow decline and eventual collapse of modern healthcare systems - 17 March 2011

Eris@s round table: Costing an Arm and a Leg: why we need radical thinking to halt the slow decline and eventual collapse of modern healthcare systems

The event consists of Dr. Margaret Hannah's presentation involving a review of financing the National Health System in the United Kingdom and the non-sustainability of its current trajectory. Dr. Hannah will explore strategies for cost containment and point out their limitations. The International Futures Forum Three Horizon framework will be shown as a way of re-perceiving the current challenge in healthcare systems and how this thinking has led to more promising work in one health system in Scotland. The presentation will also show how technology is an integral part of this approach.

Dr. Margaret Hannah has been working in Fife, Scotland for 15 years, first as a Consultant in Public Health Medicine and since 2008 as Deputy Director of Public Health. Her main areas of responsibility are in health protection and service re-design. She has been interested in the social determinants of health since her student

days which led her to specialist training in public health. She was a founder member of the Healthy Public Policy Network, which was set up by the Scottish Council Foundation in 1997. The network published *The Possible Scot: making healthy public policy* and a number of subsequent reports, including *The Fifth Wave: searching for health in Scotland*. Since 2001, she has developed links with the International Futures Forum (IFF) which has been hugely influential in shaping her thinking. She is now an IFF Praxis Fellow working to promote Transformative Innovations in Health. This work includes using IFF Three Horizons thinking to inform strategic conversations in the NHS, the development of Kitbag, a set of resources to help people grow psychologically and using the IFF World Model to expand people's understanding of resilience in the face of radical change and uncertainty.

The European Regional Information Society Association (Eris@) round tables are lunchtime meetings with a focused topic and speaker, attended by 15 -20 people, and aimed at those who are interested in the transition between policy and implementation. Over food and drink, experts in their field will open discussions and debates about some of the key Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) sectors. At eris@'s round tables opinions can be challenged, preconceived ideas questioned, and fresh concepts proposed as we look at new ways to change the old guard.

Eris@ represents more than 30 % of the population of Europe through its regional members and is committed to improving the quality of life of citizens, business competitiveness and government efficiency through the use of ICT.

Event email: info@erisa.be

Event website: <http://www.erisa.be/Documents/Round-Tables.aspx>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Regional Information Society Association (Eris@)

UK: Transforming Government Workshop 2011 - 17 March 2011 - 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 openness, 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

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Information Systems Evaluation and Integration Group (ISEing)

DE: Chemnitz Linux Days 2011 - 19 March 2011 - 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

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

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

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

Country: Oceania

City/Location: Sydney

Organiser: IIR Conferences

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

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

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

Country: Germany

City/Location: Weimar

Organiser: German Unix User Group (GUUG)

BE: E-Health - A New Holistic Healthcare Plan for Europe - 23 March 2011 - 24 March 2011

E-Health - A New Holistic Healthcare Plan for Europe

Health professionals face new and evolving challenges, such as ageing populations, personalised healthcare requirements and new regulations, while adjusting to financial pressures and ever increasing public expectations. At the same time, health-related technology is advancing at great speed, providing a wide range of new digital solutions. This innovative technology is essential for medical advancement, but it can also create challenges of its own. How do we best harness its true potential?

This two-day symposium which targets policy-makers, professionals and practitioners in the healthcare sector, will help address these challenges and look at the latest technological developments, including management of patient treatments, electronic prescriptions, digital medical imaging, electronic medical records and data security, with a view to improving the quality of healthcare in general, across Europe.

Most crucially, the symposium will address how new medical technologies can be used intelligently for the benefit of both the health sector and patients alike, by supporting new healthcare business models and improving the productivity and management of healthcare systems. It will also provide the knowledge and expertise required for healthcare professionals to procure and implement new technologies, ensuring better value for money and avoiding IT project failures.

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

Registration can be performed by filling in the respective [booking form](#) or via phone at the following number +44 (0)203 137 8640.

Event email: info@parlicentre.eu

Event website: <http://health.parlicentre.eu/index.html>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels
Organiser: International Centre for Parliamentary Studies

UA: Annual International Conference 'Telemedicine - Experience@Prospects 2011' - 23 March 2011 - 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, telemed@ukr.net, 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

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

Event website: [http://andeanquipu.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=82\(=en](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 March 2011 - 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

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)

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: brailenet@snv.jussieu.fr

Event website: http://inova.snv.jussieu.fr/evenements/colloques/colloques/70_index_en.html#contenu

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: BrailleNet

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

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Cambridge

Organiser: Addenbrooke's Hospital

NL: 13th National Symposium on eHealth Platform - 29 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 or via phone at the following number +31 010 461 53 49.

Event email: 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

BE: Innovation in Healthcare: from Research to Market - 30 March 2011 - 31 March 2011

Innovation in Healthcare: from Research to Market

This conference will bring together the key stakeholders of the healthcare sector to highlight and discuss the policy developments needed for research and innovation in healthcare at European and National level, in the frame of the Innovation Union and beyond.

This is the second edition of the conference building on the successful event of May 2010. The [outcome report](#) of the previous conference is available

The objective of the 2011 conference is to produce an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) for innovation in healthcare and make specific recommendations that will be addressed to policy-makers and stakeholders.

The conference programme will consist of a number of plenary and parallel sessions and provide large space for debate among panelists, involving also the audience. During each session the moderators will draw conclusions and perform, as appropriate, a SWOT analysis, to provide recommendations that will be presented during the closing plenary and summarised in an outcome report. The sessions include but are not limited to the following:

- How much will it cost/how much will we pay? Pricing and reimbursement
- A multifaceted approach to responsible innovation in healthcare

The whole event will be complemented by a small 'fair' where associations and support structures will provide information to the participants. There will be time allocated for discussions and networking.

Key stakeholders in the innovation of healthcare, policy makers, Member States, universities, other research institutions, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), larger companies, industry associations, researchers, hospital managers, patients and patients associations are expected to participate. In addition to DGs Research and Innovation, Enterprise and Industry and Health and Consumers, other European institutions and agencies will provide speakers. Members of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) of the European Parliament and the Presidency of the Council of the EU are foreseen to attend as well.

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

Event email: Healthcare2011@jk-events.com

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/events-04_en.html

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission's DG Research and Innovation, Enterprise and Industry and DG Health and Consumers

US: ISBI 2011 - 30 March 2011 - 2 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

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)

EG: MEDICONEX 2011 - 2 April 2011 - 5 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

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

Country: Africa

City/Location: Egypt
Organiser: Arab African Conferences and Exhibitions (ACE)

DE: conhit 2011 – Connecting Healthcare IT - 5 April 2011 - 7 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.

conhitZT 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

Event website: 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)

SE: Vitalis Conference 2011 - 5 April 2011 - 7 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

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

Country: Sweden

City/Location: Gothenburg

Organiser: Swedish International Fairs Group

UK: HC2011 Health Informatics Conference - 5 April 2011 - 7 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

Event website: <http://www.hc2011.co.uk/conference/>

Country: United Kingdom
City/Location: Birmingham
Organiser: BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

DE: 3rd Open Source Data Centre Conference - 6 April 2011 - 7 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

DK: Digitise Denmark 2011 - 6 April 2011 - 7 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
Event website: <http://digitaliser.dk/group/558578>
Country: Denmark
City/Location: Aarhus
Organiser: National IT and Telecom Agency

LU: Med-e-Tel 2011 - 6 April 2011 - 8 April 2011

Med-e-Tel 2011 - The International eHealth, Telemedicine and Health ICT Forum for Education, Networking and Business

Med-e-Tel focuses on eHealth and telemedicine applications and a wide range of other medical Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) applications and its convergence with medical applications, which lead to higher quality of care, cost reductions, workflow efficiency, and widespread availability of healthcare services.

The "Med" in Med-e-Tel stands for healthcare services (institutional and home based care, prevention and education) and for medical products and equipment (medical imaging equipment, monitoring devices, electronic health records, etc.). The "e" stands for the electronic and IT industry and services (hard- & software, internet, e-mail, etc.). The "Tel" stands for telecommunications (whether it is Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS), Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), wireless, satellite, videoconferencing, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), or other).

In a professional and business-minded environment, Med-e-Tel brings manufacturers and suppliers together with a qualified and international audience of healthcare service providers and other key contacts such as: association executives, consultants, distributors and agents, educators and researchers, funding agencies, government representatives, health insurance providers, mutualities, homecare service organizations, hospital management and department heads, international authorities, medical specialists and general practitioners, nurses, venture capitalists, investors. Its main purpose is to establish new contacts and develop existing relationships.

The services and applications presented at Med-e-Tel include:

- computer hard/software and peripherals
- consulting services
- diagnostic/monitoring systems and devices
- electronic health cards
- electronic medical records and personal health records
- home and personal monitoring services and equipment
- hospital information systems
- imaging devices and systems
- internet/intranet services
- mobile/wireless devices and applications
- satellite communication
- secure data transmission
- surgical systems
- systems integration
- telecommunication services and devices
- tele-care/ tele-health/ telemedicine equipment and assistive technologies
- videoconferencing
- vital signs monitoring

The event also features many educational opportunities through its extensive program of presentations, panel discussions and satellite conferences the topics of which may be found on the [event website](#).

The event is [supported](#) by a wide range of national and international associations, institutions and media who are equally involved in the research, development or funding of eHealth and telemedicine initiatives.

The preliminary agenda of the event is now online and may be viewed on the [Med-e-Tel webpage](#).

Interested parties may register and also find information about participation fees [here](#).

Event email: info@medetel.eu

Event website: <http://www.medetel.eu/index.php>

Country: Luxembourg
City/Location: Luxembourg
Organiser: International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH)

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. 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. The event coordinator will assist you promptly.

Event website: www.osor.eu

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Dynamics, S.A.

BE: Drupal Government Days - 7 April 2011 - 9 April 2011**Drupal Government Days**

The Dupal 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;
- elidentity 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

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

AT: Graz Linux Days 2011 - 9 April 2011

Graz Linux Days 2011

Linux beginners, experienced administrators and software developers will have the opportunity to gain experience about free and open source software in three parallel series. Thanks to various presentations, Linux newcomers will become familiar with OpenOffice.org spreadsheets, the free world map OpenStreetMap and 3D graphics software Blender 3D with the free alternatives to popular proprietary products. The technically demanding topics include: highly available database installations, software voice recognition and cloud computing for desktops.

Throughout the event and especially in the breaks between the presentations, participants can ask for additional information about internationally renowned projects (including KDE, OpenOffice.org, Free Software Foundation Europe, Debian, Ubuntu and BSD).

Event email: graz1@linuxtage.at

Event website: <http://www.linuxtage.at/>

Country: Austria

City/Location: Graz

Organiser: The Grazer Organisation Team (Das Grazer Organisationsteam)

FR: Workshop on Computational Intelligence in Biometrics and Identity Management - 11 April 2011 - 15 April 2011

2011 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Workshop on Computational Intelligence in Biometrics and Identity Management - CIBIM 2011 as part of Series on Computational Intelligence - SSCI 2011

The main objective of this workshop is to bring together the leading researchers to exchange the latest theoretical and experimental computational intelligence (CI) solutions in biometrics and identity management. This event will provide an interdisciplinary forum for research scientists, system developers and students from around the world to discuss the latest advances in the field of Computational Intelligence and its application to real world problems in biometrics and identity management.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- CI-based biometric algorithms, techniques and systems;
- Machine learning, neural-networks and artificial intelligence methods in biometrics and identity management;

- Biometric solutions for physical and logical securities;
- Biometric smart ID, Radio-frequency identification (RFID) ePassport, biometric authentication and identity management;
- Biometric information privacy and data security;
- Covert and unconstrained biometrics;
- Multiple biometrics and multi-modal biometrics information fusion;
- Biometric anti-spoofing and liveness detection;
- Mobile biometric devices and embedded biometric systems;
- Biometric performance, assurance, and interoperability testing.

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: ssci2011@poleia.lip6.fr

Event website: <http://www.ieee-ssci.org/2011/cibim-2011>

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: IEEE Computational Intelligence Society

Assisted workshop: Eris@Annual Conference 2011 - 12 April 2011 - 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
Event website: <http://www.erisa.be/annual-conference-2011/default.aspx>
Country: Poland
City/Location: Krakow
Organiser: European Regional Information Society Association (Eris@)

BE: 7th Annual World Health Care Congress-Europe 2011 - 13 April 2011 - 14 April 2011

7th Annual World Health Care Congress-Europe 2011 - 'Managing Budgetary Constraints While Maintaining the Quality of Care'

The congress convenes leaders from all sectors of health care to discuss and develop actionable items to provide the highest quality of care while working under budgetary constraints. Moving away from a policy focus, the international forum seeks to ensure that delegates will be able to set in motion a key action plan in 2011.

It will feature the industry leaders, including hospital directors, IT innovators, decision-makers from public and private insurance funds, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, health care industry suppliers, health ministers and senior government officials.

Key emerging themes and markets to be discussed include:

- Health IT Innovations;
- National eHealth Initiatives to Improve the Sustainability and Quality of Health Systems;
- New Models for Cross-Border Services: Developments in Patient Mobility, Financing and Interoperability of IT Systems;
- The Pan-European Financial Crisis and the Impact on Health Care Systems;
- Front Line Health Care: Vision and Strategy 2020;
- Innovations in Health Financing and Health Insurance;
- Privatisation of Health Care In Europe: Strategies For Delivering Patient-Centred Care;
- Re-Aligning Market Forces To Foster Innovation;
- Building Strategic Public-Private Partnerships Towards Sustainable Health Care;
- Aligning Incentives for All Health Care Stakeholders: Developing Models for Shared Goals, Improved Quality and Cost Effective Care;
- Quality and Care Delivery Re-Design Solutions;
- Models to Manage Major and Chronic Diseases.

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

Registration can be performed by filling in the respective [booking form](#) or via phone at the following number +1-781-939-2500.

Event email: Ron.Higgins@worldcongress.com
Event website: <http://www.worldcongress.com/events/HR11015/>
Country: Belgium
City/Location: Brussels
Organiser: World Congress

TR: International Conference on eBusiness and eGovernment - 16 April 2011 - 17 April 2011

International Conference on eBusiness and eGovernment - ICEBEG

The ICEBEG conference provides a sphere for scholars and practitioners on all aspects of applying Internet and related technologies in private and public sector organisations.

The aim of the conference is to bring together an interdisciplinary audience of ICT, information systems, knowledge management, eBusiness, eCommerce, eGovernment, eGovernance professionals and researchers to address some of the issues and challenges facing the public and private sector today. ICEBEG fosters and promotes the discovery and dissemination of high quality research in the fields noted above.

The programme of the conference will be made available [here](#).

Information about registration fees, accommodation fares and methods of payment can be found [online](#).

Event email: icebeg@sobiad.org

Event website: <http://www.icegeg.com/index.html>

Country: Turkey

City/Location: İzmir

Organiser: Social Sciences Research Society (SoSRoS)

ePractice workshop: Collaborative production of eGovernment services - 18 April 2011

Introduction

This workshop will focus on collaborative services and will be held in Brussels, **Avenue de Beaulieu 25, on Monday 18 April 2011.**

The notion of collaborative production of eGovernment services refers to the modernisation of the way governments engage and work together with their citizens in developing policies and how these citizens are empowered to harness the opportunities that new technologies have to offer. The European eGovernment Action Plan, 2011-2015, recognises the significance of this collaboration and stresses the importance of finding the most suitable tools and their best applications.

Following the online developments in the business domains throughout Europe with the use of tools and platforms developed, now Governments have embraced and actively supported this evolution in both financial and legal terms.

eGovernment services adopt the principles of openness and transparency with the use of Web 2.0 technologies in which people have active participation. Through this interactive contribution, public administrations can achieve better services for the general public in comparison to traditional service provision. For example citizens can report tarmac damages on the motorway thus informing the Ministry of Infrastructure faster via an electronic platform. This innovative and engaging method of government, may lead to increased efficiency and effectiveness of operations, faster response rates in addition to empowered and engaged citizens.

In this light, the workshop will discuss the achieved benefits and public value created through the joint production of services by public administrations and citizens. The effective collaboration between the private and the public sector will be discussed through the presentation of case studies. The best practices of effectively engaged businesses, civil society and individual citizens will be presented for participants to comprehend how they can be actively involved in the design and production of eGovernment services.

This workshop aims to invite and engage interested parties who will present their cases and opinions in an open discussion that will stir debate and stimulate spreading of best practices within the EU and beyond.

Workshop topics

Potential topics to discuss include:

- Design and production of eGovernment services by users
- Design of eServices encouraging collaboration between public sector and customers
- Use of technology for successful and sustainable co-production of eGovernment services
- Web 2.0 services for collaborative production
- Government transformation and customer centricity
- Benefits achieved and public value created through co-production of services by public agencies and citizens
- Engagement of citizens in citizen-government collaboration: Motivation mechanisms stimulating collaboration
- Collaborative business models in eGovernment
- Social computing for public services

Important deadline to remember

- Summaries (one page max) & 4 slides to be submitted by **25 March 2011**
- Speaker confirmation by **4 April 2011**
- Final presentations (6 slides) by **11 April 2011**

Speakers/Audience

This is an open workshop intended for policy-makers and practitioners interested in collaborative eGovernment services at European, national and local levels and anyone interested in the area of public administrations as well as businesses and/or citizens who interact with them: eGovernment project implementers; 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 on the yellow button reading **"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. Regarding your summary, please download and complete the **"workshop form for speakers"** 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. The event coordinator will assist you promptly.

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Dynamics, S.A.

AT: CeDEM11 - Conference for eDemocracy 2011 - 5 May 2011 - 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

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

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

FR: Kick-off meeting of the Interest Group on Shared Services - 25 May 2011 - 26 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

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

Country: France

City/Location: Dijon

Organiser: European Institute of Public Administration - EIPA

Assisted Event: European Forum on Electronic Signature (EFPE 2011) - 6 June 2011 - 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. 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

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

Country: Poland

City/Location: Miedzyzdroje

Organiser: Unizeto Technologies SA, West-Pomeranian Technical University

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