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ePractice Journal – Current calls & Published issues

Notification: Priority is given to the submission of papers for the 15th and 14th editions of the European Journal of ePractice.

>> 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 eppractice@eurodyn.com or at editorial@eppractice.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.

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

>> Published issues

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](#).

'The Openness of Government' issue, Vol. 12, with [Paul Waller](#) acting as the guest editor and [Trond Arne Undheim](#) as the Editor in Chief has now been published online and is available [here](#).

ePractice workshops

All presentations of the eProcurement workshop that was held on 25 May 2011 are available through the 'presentation and documents' section of the [workshop's announcement](#).

>>ePractice.eu workshop - Efficient and Effective eGovernment

This ePractice workshop is planned to be held on **15 September 2011**. The announcement will be published soon. Taking stock of the 2010 workshop on effective and efficient eGovernment that focused on case studies, benchmarking and the direction towards 2015, this workshop will aim to showcase examples where stronger involvement of local administrations has been displayed. The need for quality services will be addressed, as well as the potential of eGovernment as a tool to improve the provision of public services. The necessity of measurement of and for efficiency in eGovernment will be discussed and paths leading from benchmarking results to meaningful conclusions will be explored. **Potential topics and ideas are welcome and may be directed to events@eurodyn.com.**

>>ePractice.eu workshop – Reaping the benefits of eID in Sectors within the EU and beyond: NEW DATE!

The ePractice workshop 'Reaping the benefits of eID in Sectors (Health, Transport, etc) within the EU and beyond' will be held on **29 September 2011**. The updated announcement will be available shortly. This event will deal among other issues with important questions such as 'how the eID is particularly used in different sectors' and address the similarities or differences in the use of eID. Moreover, this workshop will discuss the current debate between the US and EU regarding the link of eID to eHealth. **Potential topics and ideas are welcome and may be directed to events@eurodyn.com.**

>>ePractice.eu workshop – Addressing evolving needs for Cross-Border eGovernment Services: NEW DATE!

The ePractice workshop 'Addressing evolving needs for Cross-Border eGovernment Services' will be held in Brussels, Belgium on **11 October 2011**. This workshop is proposed to focus on the evolving needs of the European Union towards a more efficient delivery of ICT-facilitated public services for citizens and businesses across the EU. The target is to widen the scope of use of the electronic means that public administrations have at their disposal outside the local, regional or national level. A further aim is to facilitate mobility of businesses and citizens i.e. for entrepreneurs to set up and run a business anywhere in Europe and allowing individuals to study, work, reside, receive health care and retire anywhere in the European Union. **Registration for this event is currently open. Submissions may be sent to events@eurodyn.com by 8 September 2011. Earlier submissions are welcome and will support shaping the final agenda.**

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

>>ePractice.eu workshop - Collaborative Services: NEW DATE!

The ePractice workshop 'Collaborative Services' will be held in Brussels, Belgium on **27 October 2011**. Registration is now open.

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. In this light, 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. **Submissions may be sent to events@eurodyn.com by 16 September 2011. Earlier submissions are welcome and will support shaping the final agenda.**

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

>> ePractice.eu workshop - Transparency and Openness

The ePractice workshop on 'Transparency and Openness' will be held in Brussels on **8 December 2011**. The workshop announcement will be available shortly. This workshop will aim to address the subject of transparency and openness of governments in their interaction with citizens. Redesigning governance and promoting public understanding and participation in government activities will be among the potential topics of the workshop. Presentations that aim to showcase specific good eGovernment practices against corruption, promoting greater government accountability and transparency, and electronic services that provide cost-effective means are also welcome. Potential benefits and barriers to ICT-enabled transparency efforts will also be discussed. The presentations will focus on practical examples and case studies of implemented transparency practices and the impact of current experiences in the field of eGovernment and citizen life. Apart from these topics, this workshop is intended to raise awareness, and emphasise the crucial role of good governance and multi-stakeholder partnerships in the advancement and further potential of ICT development. **Potential topics and ideas are welcome and may be directed to events@eurodyn.com.**

Event Participation

The EUREID Observatory consulting team presented during the [European Identity Conference 2011](#), in Munich, Germany on 12 May 2011. One of the upcoming presentations will be during the [EFPE 2011](#) in Miedzyzdroje, Poland on 6 June 2011.

The OSOR consulting team presented during the [fifth ODF Plugfest](#), in London, United Kingdom on 24 February 2011; the [Open Source Data Center Conference](#), in Nuremberg, Germany on 6 April 2011; and the [Drupal Government Days](#), in Brussels, Belgium on 7 April 2011.

ePractice Assisted workshops

>> 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**. Registration is now open for the event. 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](#).

>> ePractice.eu assisted workshop - European e-Identity Management Conference 2011

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Tallinn, Estonia on **8-9 June 2011**. Registration is now open for the event. The two-day conference provides an opportunity for identity experts to share their experience and knowledge with others, through case studies, presentations, networking, Q&A sessions and debate, and for all participants to learn more about the most critical technical, business and legal issues in identity today.

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

>> ePractice.eu assisted workshop - Cities on Internet Conference

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Zakopane, Poland on **15-17 June 2011**. Registration is now open for this event. The 15th 'Cities on Internet' Conference – the largest Polish forum for debate on the role of broadband in modernizing and transformation of Polish society and economy, through investment in ICT and far reaching uptake of digital competences. This year's event will take an in depth look at the following issues: Tested models for broadband investment programmes; New legal framework for investment in networks; Investment programmes contributing to e-development, in the context of the Digital Agenda for Europe; Polish take on the Digital Agenda; Public access infrastructure for digital inclusion – building blocks of effective digital inclusion through the use of services and resources on-line; Open access to public information and services. Digital schools for youth growing up in information age – challenge for teachers; Intelligent city – creative region.

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

>> ePractice.eu assisted workshop - Creating Smarter Cities 2011 Conference

This [ePractice.eu assisted workshop](#) will be held in Edinburgh, United Kingdom on **30 June-1 July 2011**. Registration is now open for this event. Creating Smarter Cities 2011 brings governments, municipalities, academics and businesses together to study how cities and research centres can create 'smart cities', and how cities can deliver better electronic services to citizens. This conference will examine: experiences of municipalities that have signed up to the smart city agenda, visions and storylines which are emerging to meet this agenda, scenarios and strategies that underpin the emergence of smart cities, agendas, visions, storylines and emerging scenarios which support Edinburgh, Manchester and Amsterdam as smart cities, and the open innovation systems, living lab experiments and electronic services associated with their development.

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

Latest Cases

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Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works

ARROW, Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards Europeana, is a project of a consortium of European national libraries, publishers and collective management organisations, also representing writers through their main European associations and national organisations.

ARROW aims in particular to support the EC's i2010 Digital Library Project by finding ways to identify rights holders, rights and clarify the rights status of a work including whether it is orphan or out of print. This will enable libraries as well as other users to obtain information on who are the pertinent rights holders, which are the relevant rights concerned, who owns and administers them and how and where they can seek permission to digitise and / or make available the work to user groups. The project also seeks to enhance the interoperability between sources of rights information (i.e. exchange of information) held by rights holders, RROs and other collective management organisations, agents, libraries and users. Solutions envisaged by the venture include the establishment of systems for the exchange of rights data, the creation of registries of orphan works, information on or registries of works out of print, supporting the creation of a network of rights clearance mechanisms. Key to achieving this objective is interoperability, standards deployment and stakeholder involvement.

ARROW is one of the projects selected among 102 ones proposed in 2007 under the European Commission's eContentplus Programme which seeks to help make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable.

EVITA*

*Exchange, Valorisation and Transfer of regional best policy measures for SME support on IT and e-business Adoption.

Reinforcing social, economic and territorial cohesion, by making ICT products and services more accessible within less-developed regions, becomes an economic, social, ethical and political imperative, according to the Lisbon agenda.

It is consequently crucial that successful policy practices, recognised by the European Commission as "best practices", are transferred from the regions that have already successfully implemented them to regions that are just now designing policy measures for improvement of SME competitiveness through better access to the knowledge economy.

In this context, the EVITA consortium includes 3 types of players:

- a. donor partners who have implemented "best-practice" policy initiatives for the adoption of IT and e-business practices
- b. beneficiary partners representing "Objective 1" regions who are lagging behind in terms e-business penetration and who are about to design relevant regional policies in the framework of the 2007-2013 funding period
- c. partners with expertise in e-learning, IT training, SME competitiveness and regional development plans and who can act as catalysts for the successful transfer of the good practices.

EVITA builds upon various good practices developed under different regional or interregional development programs, (namely, the "2Bdigital" program in Catalunya, the GOONLINE initiative in Greece, the ELISA project in the Balkan area, the "From Insight to Action program in Sweden, the "Echangeurs" program in Marseille Provence, the "e-commerce leveraging Center" in Galicia) and attempts to improve the effectiveness of relevant regional policies in Lithuania, Pomurska (Slovenia), Southern Aegean (Greece), Galicia (Spain) and Latvia.

In addition to the exchange of know-how, EVITA proposes the pilot implementation of these practices, together with the development of new approaches, such as the integration of e-learning techniques and methodologies for reaching SMEs in remote areas.

The main activities envisaged are

- Study Visits for the presentation of the "best policy initiatives" to all partners
- Policy Maker Workshops for the transfer of "best policy initiatives" to local Policy Makers
- A "best practice policy measures guide
- 5 regional "IT training strategy" reports
- a multilingual e-learning platform enriched with multimedia "e-business training content"
- a seminar for the creation of "e-tutors" task forces
- a study on the impact of e-learning on the local SMEs competitiveness
- 9 local dissemination events to promote the project's results.
- One Final Conference for EU wide dissemination to Policy Makers

The expected results of the project in the targeted areas are the improvement of relevant regional policies, the improvement of e-skills and the increase in IT use and e-business practices adoption by SMEs. In the long term, EVITA aims at sustained impacts on innovation, competitiveness and economic growth in the targeted regions.

EUROPA: Oil Traders' Record

The Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the market, transposed into Spanish Law 17/2009, has made a considerable change in the Spanish energy sector. It meant radical changes to current regulations in the Spanish electricity, hydrocarbon and mining sector. The opening of trading and distribution activities to not only Spanish but also community enterprises was possible through applications like EUROPA, an application focusing on oil traders.

The promotion of economic growth and the creation of jobs in a necessarily more competitive market like the European Union require the elimination of the numerous barriers that prevent service providers, especially SMEs, to extend their operations beyond their national boundaries and benefit within the internal market.

EUROPA is the application that offers those interested offering their services as actors in the energy sector in our country the opportunity to conduct all business with the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, also enabling management and monitoring of the handling by the operators.

In order to not only comply with Community law, also to provide value, EUROPA's scope is to eliminate those barriers to a more beneficial to all competitiveness and, has the following objectives:

- the simplification of repeated, superfluous and unnecessary procedures;
- the replacement of the approval process for the initiation and statement of responsibility, allowing the commencement of operations as soon as possible;
- the emergence of single points of communication, that allows the operator to focus on his business (<http://www.eugo.es>);
- freedom of establishment, whenever possible;
- multilingual applications. The language should not be a deterrent;
- the opening of trading and distribution activities to community enterprises, not only Spanish ones;
- The promotion of economic growth and the creation of jobs in a more competitive, market like the European Union, requires the elimination of the numerous barriers that prevent service providers, especially SMEs, to extend their operations beyond their national boundaries and benefit within the internal market.

The objective of the application, fully in the spirit of Directive 2006/123/EC, is to continue building a more productive and competitive Europe through a single common market for all providers.

Editor's Choice of the week: [SEMIRAMIS](#)

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IE: Criminal Justice Interoperability - 31 May 2011

Government capabilities in the Justice Sector have recently been advanced with the implementation of the Criminal Justice Interoperability Project (CJIP). CJIP is an innovative and creative solution to what was a labour intensive administrative process prone to delays.

CJIP facilitates the electronic exchange of data and supports all business between Ireland's national Police Service, An Garda Síochána, and the District Courts nationally. Prior to CJIP the Courts Service Central Criminal Tracking System application (CCTS) and An Garda Síochána's PULSE system (Police Using Leading Systems Effectively) shared data in paper form. It handles around 2.5 million messages a year.

CJIP has transformed the exchange of information between An Garda Síochána and the Courts Service. It has eliminated 75% of the administrative process steps and replaced a paper based information exchange with an integrated electronic information exchange. CJIP has delivered improvements in the timeliness, accuracy and quality of criminal prosecution data.

Prior to CJIP, the process of making an application for a court summons right through to executing the order required duplicate data entry by both agencies. CJIP has reduced data entry requirements for both agencies by over 105 full time equivalents (100 staff of An Garda Síochána and 5 staff of the Courts Service). This has directly contributed to improvements in efficiency in the administration of justice and is an example of eGovernment in action.

Consideration is being given to extending the project in due course to link in with the Probation Service and the Irish Prison Service.

Further information:

- [Original News Article - OneGov Newsletter - 7th edition](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for Ireland](#)

CZ: Children growth charts available in electronic health records - 31 May 2011

Childhood obesity has become a global nightmare. The prevalence of this trend is starting to increase in the Czech Republic. According to a recent survey, one out of five children aged 6-12 has excessive body weight. Among the tools that help detect a serious disease and monitor overweight or malnutrition, are growth percentile charts. These charts are now available in electronic format in children's electronic health records (EHR, in English - EZK, in Czech).

The measurement of the basic anthropological characteristics (height, weight, waist and hip circumference) is a mandatory part of preventive medical examinations in children. Any deviation in the standard rate of growth may be the first and sometimes the only sign of a serious illness. Many cases show there is a need for use of growth charts for child care because growth is a very sensitive indicator of child's overall health. This is confirmed by Dr Pavel Boček, pediatric oncologist: "Unfortunately, during my practice there were cases where we could have started treating patients with cancer much sooner. However, if the practitioner had used the percentile growth charts, he would have detected the problem in the child's body long before he detected the disease. It is true that the sooner the intervention and the initiation of treatment, the greater the success".

Growth charts in electronic health records are used not only by pediatric surgeons but also by specialists in many disciplines (e.g., orthopedics, endocrinology, allergology, oncology or obesitology). MD. Zlatko Marinov warns: "The obesity epidemic is a major problem today, since actually one out of five children is overweight. A very common reason for weight gain is bad nutrition habits that can be detected early enough in growth charts. It is better to tackle 1-2 kg overweight today than 20 kg of obesity after two years. Especially when they are accompanied by serious cardio-metabolic effects, which significantly reduce life expectancy."

"With this application the electronic medical book becomes an even more powerful tool of prevention than ever before. Since general practitioners are required by law to keep records on the development of the child growth, the application of growth charts in EZK would be an important online help for them in patient care", adds Jiří Pašek, head of IZIP Ltd.

Further information:

- [Official press release - IZIP \(in Czech\)](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - CZ: One in four citizens has an electronic health record, recognising the value of their health](#)

MK: Public involved in finalisation of national Open Source policy - 31 May 2011

In the course of March 2011, four public meetings were organised in cities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the aim to promote and discuss the draft National Policy for Open Software, by involving the public in the process of finalisation of the text. At the same time, the events marked the last stage of the project for the adoption of this policy.

The events took place in the cities of Tetovo (14 March), Štip (17 March), Skopje and Bitola (22 March) respectively. Main presenters included representatives of the non-profit organisation promoting Open Software in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - [Слободен софтвер Македонија](#) -, the Metamorphosis Foundation and the Ministry of Information Society and Administration.

The public events format was chosen to introduce the reasons behind the adoption of this policy. The presentations emphasised that it seeks to highlight good practice in the use of the Open Software while pointing out the wrong examples along with ways to avoid them. The implementation of the 'Computer for every child' project was described as a good example upon which the future policy should be built; the project's weak points were also addressed, so as to implement better projects in future. Moreover, all the recommendations contained in the policy document were explained.

Due to the fact that the events took place in academic cities, special focus was also placed on the link between open software, education and the labour market. At the same time discussions covered open standards, neutrality and impartiality, as means of increasing the public authorities' efficiency in terms of technological requirements and communication with the citizens.

The event in Tetovo was held on 14 March 2011 at the Centre for Balkan cooperation 'Ljoja'. The main discussion topic in the introductory presentation was education, treated from policy aspects, such as the difficulty of implementation of the 'Computer for each child' project at a local level (e.g. translation into Albanian, a crucial point of the discussion on the modalities for providing a continuous system and consistent localisation). Participants stressed the need of promoting free software in this context, since youngsters are less passive towards changes and show greater openness towards new technology and free software acceptance.

In the city of Štip, the public meeting took place on 17 March, in the premises of the local assembly. Besides the aforementioned challenges, participants started a discussion on the topic of neutrality and transparency. Some of them expressed doubts that companies developing software for the needs of the public authorities would allow insight into their source code or any other client right over the software. That is one of the challenges for the national Open Source policy because it should unify efforts for transparency, security, accountability and sustainability with the market situation and company policies.

During the meeting in Skopje at the Informatics Institute, Faculty of Natural and Mathematics Sciences, the representatives of the Ministry of Information Society and Administration underlined the efforts of the ministry for an unbiased qualification of civil servants with the European Computer Driving Licence. According to the ministry, computer literacy trainings do not depend on certain platforms and allow choice. Public procurement, impartial policy towards platforms and the use of Open Software in education were discussed. It was emphasised that it is necessary to keep working on neutrality in education programmes, so as to prevent preference for certain platforms and thus, reduce arbitrariness.

The last event took place in Bitola on 22 March at the Faculty of Engineering. As was the case in the previous meetings, different topics contained in the draft policy were discussed. However, participants were mainly interested in the link between Open Software in education and business. For instance, there were discussions on the introduction of Open Software in educational processes and its impact on the students' readiness and skilfulness for entering the labour market.

It was concluded that besides the commitments contained in the policy document, it is necessary to continue having public discussions on these questions, as a way to continuously improve the work of public authorities and keep the public informed of current topics.

Further information:

- [Original news article - Ministry of Information Society and Administration \(in Macedonian\)](#)
- [Related news article - Metamorphosis Foundation](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#)

EU: Task Force to advise how to further promote eHealth in Europe - 30 May 2011

An EU eHealth Task Force to assess the role of ICT in health and social care and to suggest ways for ICT to speed up innovation in healthcare to the benefit of patients, carers and the healthcare sector, met for the first time in Budapest on 10 May 2011. It was chaired by Estonia's President Toomas Hendrik Ilves.

The high level advisory group, which met on the margins of [eHealth Week](#) in Hungary, comprises health care professionals, representatives of patients and of the medical, pharmaceutical and ICT industries, legal experts and policy makers.

The eHealth Task Force will advise the European Commission on how to unlock the potential of eHealth for safer, better and more efficient healthcare in Europe inter alia as regards diagnostics, prevention and treatment. It will look carefully at how to achieve interoperability of eHealth services and technologies across the EU. It will also explore the relationships between eHealth, telemedicine, and social policy, initiatives.

The Task Force will take into account current policy developments at EU level, including the [Digital Agenda for Europe](#), the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing and the recently adopted Directive on patient rights for cross border care, but its focus will be on the future, and how innovation can benefit healthcare systems and society at large.

ICT applications already help to empower patients and to address challenges faced by EU healthcare systems like an ageing population, a rise in chronic diseases, a shortage in health professionals and budget constraints by, for example, enabling remote diagnosis and treatment and secure sharing of patient records.

However, there is considerable potential to develop eHealth much further in the future: allowing healthcare workers to dedicate more time to be with patients; enhancing self-help and independence of patients and elderly; and to develop new model-based diagnostic techniques. Promoting eHealth is a key objective of the Digital Agenda for Europe. A recent [survey](#) on eHealth shows that hospitals are not yet deploying ICTs to their full potential. Although most hospitals are connected to broadband, only 4 % of them grant patients online access to their medical data.

Neelie Kroes, European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Agenda, said "The potential of eHealth for delivering better and sustainable care to every European is enormous. I expect the eHealth Task Force to creatively think through the possible consequences and opportunities of the digital area for the way we receive and deliver healthcare and manage our health in the years to come."

John Dalli, European commissioner in charge of Health and Consumer Policy said: "I believe eHealth tools can help provide better care, to more people, in a more sustainable and efficient manner. There is a clear need in Europe to exploit the potential of eHealth to deliver concrete solutions for patients: innovative tools for chronic disease management and the use of telemedicine to lessen the impact of health workforce shortages are examples of the immense added value of ICT in health. It is imperative that interoperable ICT systems and medical devices complement our initiative to give patients the right to cross-border health care. ICT is also an important tool to help us in our endeavour to achieve sustainability and redress inequalities in health care."

Further information:

- [Original press release - RAPID - Europa](#)
- [Related ePractice publication - eHealth Benchmarking \(Phase III\)](#)

PL: ePUAP now enables electronic admission applications to Jagiellonian University - 30 May 2011

Applicants hoping to study at the [Jagiellonian University](#) in Poland are now able to conduct their admission application electronically, it was announced on 20 April 2011. The application process is facilitated by the [electronic Platform of Public Administration Services \(ePUAP\)](#).

The Jagiellonian University, which is located in the city of Kraków in southern Poland, is the country's oldest university. Up until now, admission applications have been made by paper, using the Polish postal system. Using the electronic system, the applicant is able to receive any letters, including decisions and rulings, in electronic form.

The University's [Online Application System \(OAS\)](#) has published a short [guide](#) on how to apply using ePUAP. In order to do so, the candidate must possess an account with ePUAP plus either a secure electronic signature or an ePUAP 'trusted profile'.

The benefits for the applicant of using the electronic system are that the enrolment fee and the application's processing time are reduced. Applicants can also use their ePUAP account and trusted profile with other public institutions in Poland.

Further information:

- [Original news article - IT Projects Centre of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration \(in Polish\)](#)
- [Electronic Registration of Applicants - Jagiellonian University \(in Polish\)](#)
- [What is ePUAP? - ePUAP website](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - PL: ePUAP eGovernment portal renewed](#)

IE: National Library wins national open source award for its online catalogue - 30 May 2011

The National Library of Ireland received the Open Source eGovernment Award for its online catalogue in Ireland's eGovernment Awards for 2011, held on 23 March in Dublin Castle.

The award recognised the [National Library's](#) use of open-source software in its Single Discovery Interface Project, particularly the [VuFind](#) Discovery Interface and the [Apache Solr](#) search platform, to improve and simplify access to its collections. The judges decided that the award was merited not only by the use of open source but because the Library had 'taken another step up entirely' through its practical participation in and contribution to the VuFind project.

The discovery interface allows users to simultaneously search many of the Library's catalogued collections, including its digitised material. These include:

- Printed collections including journals, magazines and government publications
- Manuscripts catalogued since 1990
- Visual collections including prints and drawings, ephemera and photographs
- Digitised glass plate images from the early photographic collections

[Ireland's eGovernment Awards](#) are now in their tenth year, and set a benchmark for excellence in Irish eGovernment services and standards. They raise awareness and recognise the innovators, developers and experts who pioneer the changes in how the Irish Government delivers services to its citizens.

The Open Source eGovernment Award is awarded for contribution and participation in an open source project. This participation could be through utilising open source software in an innovative way, core software development, testing of the resulting product or service, contribution to the documentation of the open source project or by providing support services. The award is not made merely for the straightforward employment of an open source package, but recognises actual participation in an open source project or community, plus the use of open source software to solve problems and deliver increased efficiency and cost savings.

In 2011, the judges emphasised the following criteria:

- Provision of more effective tools for use by eGovernment services
- Evidence of contribution directly to free and open source projects or the promotion of a free and open source philosophy
- Collaboration in an open source project or community

Further information:

- [Original news article - National Library of Ireland](#)
- [Ireland's eGovernment Awards](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for Ireland](#)

BG/EU: Council for Administrative Reform confirms which governmental services are to be digitised - 26 May 2011

The Bulgarian Council for Administrative Reform has approved a list of registers of governmental administrative services that will be digitised through the 'Development of the administrative services by electronic means' project, it was announced on 20 April 2011.

The Council for Administrative Reform coordinates, assists with and monitors the implementation of general and sectoral strategies in the field of eGovernment in Bulgaria. The project is managed and implemented by the [Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications](#) (MTITC).

The Council's decision initiates a partnership between MTITC and the departments which manage the registers. The registers to be digitised include the trade register Bulstat, the Cadastre and Property Register, the conviction status certificate, the national population database, the Register of Bulgarian IDs, electronic health records, centralised registers of the state and municipal property, local rates and taxes, and electronic deeds.

The most used services of key registers will be developed as internal administrative services. The administration will be able to verify electronically the facts and circumstances that had already been registered by another administrative body, making it unnecessary for citizens and businesses to be physically present. Once developed, the technological solutions can be used by all administrations.

Savings of more than BGN 80 million (€41 million approximately) are expected annually. This estimate is based on the assumption that each usage of the system will save 5 minutes of the public servant's time and 2 hours of the customer's time.

The 'Development of the administrative services by electronic means' project is realised with the financial support of the [Operational Programme 'Administrative Capacity'](#) (OPAC), and is funded by the European Union through the European Social Fund.

Further information:

- [Original news article - Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications](#)
- [Related ePractice news article - BG/EU: Government discusses how 100 administrative services will be automated](#)
- [OPAC](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for Bulgaria](#)

PT: Ministerial order establishes legal framework for ePrescriptions - 26 May 2011

Ministerial Order no. 198/2011, published on 18 May 2011, establishes a legal regime for electronic prescriptions and defines the period of transition for the dematerialisation of manual prescriptions.

According to a [release](#) published on the national Health Portal, this legal instrument lays down the regulations for electronic prescriptions (ePrescriptions), as well as procedures to be adopted during the transition from manual prescriptions to the new system.

This Ministerial Order, which enters into force on 1 July 2011, applies to all drugs for human use that are subject to a medical prescription and dispensed in retail pharmacies. The State reimburses the cost of these drugs, although ePrescriptions can also be used for non-reimbursable drugs.

In addition, the Health Portal notes that this law establishes the necessary factors and standards for validating ePrescriptions, the requirements for software certification to support the electronic prescription process and the means by which this type of prescription will be controlled.

The new system's transition from manual prescriptions is made by duplicating prescriptions. A prescription is transmitted electronically by its issuer to a pharmacy; however, drug dispensation continues to be carried out by submitting the same paper-based prescription.

Further information:

- [Official news article - Citizen Portal \(in Portuguese\)](#)
- [Related press release - Health Portal \(in Portuguese\)](#)
- [Ministerial Order no. 198/2011 \(in Portuguese\)](#)

IT/PT: ANCP renews collaboration protocol with Consip SpA - 25 May 2011

The National Agency for Public Procurement (Agência Nacional de Compras Públicas - [ANCP](#), in Portuguese), recently renewed its collaboration agreement with [Consip SpA](#), the central purchasing body of Italian Public Administrations. Initially signed in October 2009, this protocol aims to exchange experiences between the two public procurement agencies.

The protocol lays down key points of interest for both agencies:

- for ANCP, the development of procurement activity supported by eProcurement tools;
- for Consip, the Portuguese agency's expertise in framework agreements for the future implementation of similar solutions in Italy.

Consip, which was established in 1997, acts in two main areas:

- the management and development of technological tools to support the creation of technical and organisational know-how;
- the implementation of the 'Programme for the Rationalisation of Public Expenditure in Goods and Services' through the use of technological means and of innovative eProcurement tools.

These two areas of activity are integrated into a common action model based on innovation research and ICT use in public administration processes and organisation.

Further information:

- [Original news article - National Agency for Public Procurement - ANCP \(in Portuguese\)](#)
- [ANCP](#)
- [Consip SpA \(in Italian\)](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for Portugal](#)
- [Background information - ePractice eGovernment Factsheet for Italy](#)

EU: PEPPOL and the European Commission: First electronic transaction in production - 24 May 2011

On 17 May 2011, two invoices were sent by a British telecommunications' provider using the PEPPOL* Infrastructure and were successfully received in production by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Informatics (DIGIT).

The provider in question has been sending electronic invoices to DIGIT since 2009 using the e-PRIOR solution. [e-PRIOR](#) is a service-oriented platform, developed by DIGIT, allowing suppliers to exchange with the European Commission and its Institutions standardised eProcurement documents via a secured communication channel. An

open-source version of e-PRIOR, called [Open e-PRIOR](#) is freely available to the Member States and can be implemented in any public administration.

[PEPPOL](#) is an EU-funded initiative aiming at implementing an infrastructure based on common standards to enable EU-wide public eProcurement. DIGIT has developed a PEPPOL Access Point to allow the exchange of the e-PRIOR documents through the PEPPOL network. For instance, electronic invoices sent by the supplier can be transferred through the PEPPOL Access Point to e-PRIOR, which is connected to the customer back-office. The same Access Point is embedded in Open e-PRIOR.

The British provider sent the two invoices to the PEPPOL Access Point of DIGIT, using PEPPOL's START client. Both parties have used PEPPOL's reference implementation. This production transaction is an important milestone in the broader adoption of eProcurement across Europe, spreading the use of interoperable and standard solutions and thus opening the gate to significant cost savings, increased efficiency and environmental-friendly procurement.

Further Information:

- [Original source - Open e -PRIOR project](#)
- [Open e-PRIOR project community](#)
- [Pan-European Public Procurement OnLine - PEPPOL](#)

New Factsheets

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

Latest Publications

- [EU: Commission Communication on open internet and net neutrality in Europe](#) | 19 April 2011 | EU Institutions

EU: Commission Communication on open internet and net neutrality in Europe - 19 April 2011

Description (short summary):

This report underlines the need to ensure that citizens and businesses are easily able to access an open and neutral internet. It follows a Commission commitment, at the time of adoption of the EU telecom reform package, to report to the Parliament and Council and reflects comments made during a public consultation, which attracted over 300 responses, and [wide discussions with interested parties](#) including a summit organised with the European Parliament.

The Commission will be vigilant that new EU telecoms rules on transparency, quality of service and the ability to switch operator, which entered into force on 25 May 2011, are applied in a way that ensures that these open and neutral internet principles are respected in practice. For example, the Commission will pay close attention to the existence of generalised restrictions of lawful services and applications and to EU citizens' and businesses' broadband connections being as fast as indicated by Internet Service Providers' advertising.

Other rules directly relevant to net neutrality that have also been in force as part of new EU telecoms rules include requirements concerning:

- transparency (e.g. any restrictions limiting access to services or applications, connection speeds)
- quality of service (regulators can set minimum quality levels) and
- the ability to switch operator (within one working day).

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- [IT: EuroPython 2011](#) | 20 June 2011 - 26 June 2011 | Italy
- [UK: Technology works!](#) | 22 June 2011 | United Kingdom
- [FR: Doctors 2.0 & You Conference to Examine Impact of Web 2.0 in Healthcare from Physician Perspective](#) | 22 June 2011 - 23 June 2011 | France
- [DE: Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery - CARS 2011](#) | 22 June 2011 - 25 June 2011 | Germany
- [FR: 3rd ADULLACT Congress](#) | 23 June 2011 - 24 June 2011 | France
- [UK: i-Society 2011](#) | 27 June 2011 - 29 June 2011 | United Kingdom
- [UK: INSPIRE Conference 2011](#) | 27 June 2011 - 1 July 2011 | United Kingdom
- [UK: SESERV Workshop: Building the Future Internet](#) | 28 June 2011 | United Kingdom
- [FR: pHealth 2011](#) | 29 June 2011 - 1 July 2011 | France
- [BE: European Commission Conference on the Modernisation of European Public Procurement Policy](#) | 30 June 2011 | Belgium
- [IT: MeTTeG 2011](#) | 30 June 2011 - 1 July 2011 | Italy
- [Assisted Event: Creating Smarter Cities 2011 Conference](#) | 30 June 2011 - 1 July 2011 | United Kingdom
- [DE: 22nd biennial International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging \(IPMI '11\)](#) | 3 July 2011 - 8 July 2011 | Germany
- [IT: IADIS International Conference eDemocracy, Equity and Social Justice 2011](#) | 20 July 2011 - 22 July 2011 | Italy
- [IT: IADIS International Conference eHealth 2011](#) | 20 July 2011 - 22 July 2011 | Italy
- [BE: The AEGIS project Final Workshop and 2nd International Conference](#) | 28 November 2011 - 30 November 2011 | Belgium

ES: Open Source Innovation in Companies Day - 2 June 2011

Open Source Innovation in Companies Day

Open solutions play a key role in the existing ICT systems and are present in all technological decisions all over Spain. A demonstrative element of this tendency is the fact that companies with more than 4 million in revenue are based on this business model, providing key benefits to their customers through the use of innovative open solutions such as, among many others, the independence from the technology provider, cost savings and higher quality.

In this panel, two important Spanish companies, which provide open source solutions, are going to present the innovative capabilities of open technologies, as well as the advantages of working with advanced open source solutions.

Five innovative projects in eLearning, business intelligence, geolocalisation, digital marketing and migration to Free Software will be presented.

This event aims to gather IT managers of companies in different sectors and it will include case studies on:

- How the popularisation of open source applications at the Desktop and the appearance of many projects like Open Office, Evolution, Firefox, Thunderbird make Linux a real alternative to proprietary desktop environments. There will be also a presentation of some of the consolidated cases based on a migration methodology, as a result of the experience gained in these projects.
- How eLearning is an area where more and better free products may be found, competing at a higher level of market conditions. Key points are that such platforms are very close to the content management environments, developed in areas with a strong need for integrability with third parties and that take place in many cases within an academic environment where open source has historically been widely used.
- How is the success of a corporate open source network (social media, corporate networking, intranets, drupal as a framework for applications, knowledge management) achieved.
- How in recent years - beyond the environments of web content management and the large systems and platforms - there have been powerful tools in the information systems of the companies - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Customers Relation Management (CRM) or Business Intelligence. This shows the significant level of development and maturity that open source has achieved during the past years.
- How can the business process of a company be optimised through open source tools for planning and route optimisation. The improved management results in quantitative cost savings.

Registration for the event is available [online](#).

Event email: N/A

Event website: <http://www.eoi.es/portal/guest/evento/1557/jornada-innovacion-open-source-en-la-empresa>

Country: Spain

City/Location: Madrid

Organiser: EOI Business School (Escuela de Organización Industrial - EOI), Gaceta Tecnológica

ES: EuroPROC - Interregional conference - 2 June 2011

EuroPROC - Interregional conference - 'How to improve small and medium-sized enterprise (SMEs) access to public procurement'

EuroPROC is an innovative project that tackles the access of SMEs to public procurement markets. It aims at consolidating public procurement as a key element of the SMEs business strategy by adapting and improving the services offered to their support.

An increased participation of SMEs in public procurement will allow the unlocking of their growth and innovation potential with a positive impact on the European economy.

The following topics are in planning for this conference:

- Good practice
- Guide on new approaches to public procurement
- How to improve SME's access to public procurement
- Electronic public procurement
- Green public procurement
- Public procurement of innovation
- Social clauses in public procurement

More information and link to registration will soon be made available at the event website.

Event email: N/A

Country: Spain

City/Location: Barcelona

Organiser: EuroPROC project

BG: Open Camp 2011 - 4 June 2011 - 5 June 2011

Open Camp Sofia 2011

Open Camp 2011 will offer a forum for lectures and free discussions on topics such as

Open Web, Open Government, Open Knowledge, Open source and Free Software.

Participants that are supporters of the freedom and open understanding of free software and open source software, of transparency in governance and real democracy can find more details about the event's preliminary agenda and speakers on the [event website](#).

The current speaker list includes:

- Delian Delchev, speaking about 'Decentralized Infrastructure for Wikileaks and other sites without the need for hosting providers and hardware servers',
- Jan Wildeboer, with a session on 'Decentralisation of Federated services and how the public can acquire them, possible problems and solutions solutions developed',
- Konstantin Pavlov, discussing about 'Improving the quality of Governance through public monitoring with online tools'.

Interested participants may register for this open and free the event [online](#).

Event email: opencamp@talkweb.eu

Event website: <http://opencamp.talkweb.eu>

Country: Bulgaria

City/Location: Sofia

Organiser: Electronic Frontier Bulgaria (Електронна граница България)

Assisted Workshop: European Forum on Electronic Signature - EFPE 2011 - 6 June 2011 - 8 June 2011

Leading topic: 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. We will 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. Because of 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 a 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. EFPE is also an excellent platform for public consultation announced by the European Commission, that purpose is to collect comments and points of views regarding the expectations of the citizens and business representatives from the EU regulations on electronic signatures, electronic identification and authentication and in particular comments on the usefulness and take-up of electronic signatures and electronic identification.

Event website: <https://www.efpe.eu/efpe/main.xml>

Country: Poland

City/Location: Miedzyzdroje

Organiser: Unizeto Technologies SA

Assisted Workshop: European e-Identity Management Conference 2011 - 8 June 2011 - 9 June 2011

European e-Identity Management Conference 2011

The event comprises of thought-provoking keynotes, panel discussions, round table sessions and workshops focused on the key challenges and strategies for effectively managing Government, employee, citizen and private identities.

The two-day conference provides an opportunity for identity experts to share their experience and knowledge with others, through case studies, presentations, networking, Q&A sessions and debate, and for all participants to learn more about the most critical technical, business and legal issues in identity today.

Session topics for 2011 include:

- Web-based security standards as the platform for a secure cloud environment

- Privacy management and trust in hyper-networked infrastructures (cloud, health IT, smart grid)
- Data loss protection technologies and effective integration into large scale identity and access management infrastructures
- Federation to federation: the technical and procedural challenges to cross-organisation federated approaches
- Successfully established and implemented tools of trust
- Building bridges between the privacy policy community, technology and standards

The conference structure and programme is specifically aimed at:

- Senior managers directly charged with protecting their corporate infrastructure
- Technical experts who determine security requirements and implement solutions
- Policy and decision makers with overall security responsibility
- Legal/Compliance/Regulatory professionals who work with policy and decision makers in establishing security policies
- Government executives and practitioners who are responsible for protecting systems and critical infrastructures

The event programme is available [here](#) while information on registration and fees may be found [online](#).

Event email: nicola@revolution-events.com

Event website: <http://www.revolutionevents.plus.com/eema/index.htm>

Country: Estonia

City/Location: Tallinn

Organiser: The European Association for e-Identity and Security (EEMA) and the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

AT: eGovernment Conference 2011 - 8 June 2011 - 9 June 2011

AT: eGovernment Conference 2011 - 'eGovernment in cities and towns'

In continuation of the previous conference, the eGovernment Conference 2011 will focus on 'eGovernment in (small) cities and towns'. The main topic of the conference will thereby be 'eGovernment for the administration, economy and citizens'.

The topics which are going to be covered, among others, are:

- open government for Austrian municipalities;
- eSignature in practice;
- social media at local level;
- mobile Government - Status and Trends;
- visions of a government cloud;
- an interoperable and federal administrative architecture;
- implementation of the Services Directive in Austria;
- document transmission - flexible, dynamic, efficient, etc.

The programme of the conference can be found [here](#) and registration has been made available [online](#).

Event email: office@adv.at

Event website: <http://e-government.adv.at/2011/>

Country: Austria

City/Location: Salzburg

Organiser: Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Datenverarbeitung (ADV)

SI: 24th Bled eConference - 'eFuture: Creating Solutions for the Individual, Organisations and Society' - 12 June 2011 - 15 June 2011

24th Bled eConference - 'eFuture: Creating Solutions for the Individual, Organisations and Society'

The Bled eConference attracts speakers and delegates from business, government, information technology providers and universities and is a venue for researchers working in all aspects of "e". In June 2010, 140 delegates from 24 countries attended the 23rd Edition of the conference.

The theme for this year's conference 'eFuture: Creating Solutions for the Individual, Organisations and Society' serves to focus discourse and discussion on the impacts of eInitiatives and how they serve to shape the new eWorld.

Especially in the light of the recent global down turn, the future is indeed very challenging making the need for appropriate and suitable eInitiatives and eSolutions for individuals, organisations and societies an imperative. As emerging digital environments generate new ways of communication and interaction between individuals, organisations and societies, the examination of structures, processes and operations is necessary to ensure migration to a more reliable eWorld.

The conference will offer:

- A fully-refereed Research Track, devoted to researchers in all aspects of "e";
- Four [Special Interest Tracks](#) on eHealth, Social Media and Web 2.0, eDependency and Cloud Computing;
- A Business and Government Panel Track which attracts business and government representatives from Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific;
- Business, Government and Academic Meetings and Workshop offering opportunities to think and share with colleagues from around the world;
- The Professor Rene W. Wagenaar ePrototype Bazaar;
- The [Graduate Student Consortium](#).

Additional information, including important dates, can be found on the [Call for Participation](#).

Event email: BledConference@fov.uni-mb.si

Event website: <http://bledconference.org>

Country: Slovenia

City/Location: Bled

Organiser: eCenter, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Maribor, in cooperation with Government of the Republic of Slovenia and European Commission

BE: 3rd European Connected Health Leadership Summit - 14 June 2011 - 15 June 2011

3rd European Connected Health Leadership Summit - 'Driving Innovation, Removing Barriers, Supporting the EU Digital Agenda'

The 2011 European Connected Health Leadership Summit (ECHSummit2011) will bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, world-class companies, entrepreneurs, business leaders, policy makers, health ministries and other stakeholders. ECHSummit2011 will discuss ways to advance the deployment and innovation of Connected Health throughout Europe.

ECHSummit2011 offers a full range of activities including key note speakers, leadership panels with Q&A's, debates, presentations and work groups.

The 3rd Leadership Summit will focus on a number of related areas such as the European Digital Health Agenda, from Innovation to Deployment, Procurement of eHealth, in addition to European Union and United States of America collaborations.

Further information on the event programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: jackie@echcampus.com

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Connected Health Campus (EHCampus)

UK: Public Procurement Show 2011 - 14 June 2011 - 15 June 2011

Public Procurement Show 2011 - 'Procuring Workplaces Solutions'

This two-day conference and exhibition is dedicated to public sector procurement in the United Kingdom. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- See the latest procurement solutions in action;
- Hear expert speakers discuss the key issues facing public sector procurement;
- Meet the UK's most innovative suppliers showcasing the latest cost-effective products and services;
- Discuss their organisation's needs face-to-face;
- Meet representatives from the [Office of Government Commerce](#) (OGC) and [Buying Solutions](#) - an Executive Agency of the OGC in the Cabinet Office and the national procurement partner for UK public services.

The attendees of the Public Procurement Show will gain free entry to [SmartGov Live](#) - a national event for public sector ICT - and to Futuresource, Europe's sustainability event.

The event programme has not been made available yet. Interested persons may email [Richard Warren](#) in order to join the event's mailing list.

Registration will be made available online at the event's website.

Event email: richard.warren@guardian.co.uk

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

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Guardian News and Media

UK: SmartGov Live 2011 - 14 June 2011 - 15 June 2011

Open Source Consortium at SmartGov Live 2011 - Procuring Government ICT

Information Technology (IT) is at the heart of cost savings across the public sector, with the joint challenges of reducing costs within IT whilst enabling organisations to deliver services more efficiently. This event showcases the latest ICT solutions and practices to encourage a culture of innovation within public sector ICT.

The conference topics include:

- The public sector network moving forward

- Effective and efficient pan local and shared services
- Rethinking public services
- Cloud computing for the public sector and the G-Cloud vision
- Delivering public sector transformation
- Procurement - can we get bigger savings, better value and better outcomes?
- Channel shifts and large scale transformation
- Public data transparency and open standards
- How is information technology changing the UK?
- Open Standards and Open Source Software: Crucial for Government IT in a Big Society
- Facilitating successful mobile and wireless working across the public sector

On the second day of the event (15 June) a seminar entitled 'Open Standards and Open Source Software: Crucial for Government IT in a Big Society' will take place. Chaired by the Open Source Consortium, the seminar will address in particular:

- Agility: facilitating rapid response and innovation in the front line
- How will the localism bill affect open source software?
- Prepare the ground and reap the benefits

Participation in the event is free-of-charge and open to all but [registration](#) is required. Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#).

Event email: lizzi.geary@guardian.co.uk

Event website: <http://www.smartgovlive.com/page.cfm/Link=1/t=m/goSection=1>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Open Source Consortium

DK: 15th Nordic-Baltic Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics - 14 June 2011 - 17 June 2011

15th Nordic-Baltic Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics (NBC15) - 'Cooperation for health'

The conference will bring together science, education and business under the motto 'Cooperation for health'.

The topics of the conference include:

- Assistive Technology
- Biomechanics
- Biomedical Imaging Processing
- Biomedical Instrumentation & Measurement
- Biomedical Signal Processing
- Cardiovascular Engineering
- Computer Aided Surgery
- Education and Training for Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics
- Expert Systems in Medicine
- Generalized BME-track
- Health Technology Assessment
- Motor control analysis
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Informatics
- Medical Physics
- MR in Medicine

- Nanotechnologies for Health
- Neural Engineering
- Pain research technology
- Sports and Rehabilitation engineering
- Telemedicine, Home Care Technologies
- Tissue Engineering and regenerative medicine
- Ultrasound in Medicine
- Virtual Reality in Medicine

Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: por@nbc15.dk

Event website: <http://nbc15.dmts.dk/>

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Aalborg

Organiser: International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE)

PL: Future Network and Mobile Summit 2011 - 15 June 2011 - 17 June 2011

20th Future Network and Mobile Summit 2011

This conference, supported by the European Commission, regularly attracts over 600 delegates from industry and research to share experiences and research results, identify future trends, discuss business opportunities and identify opportunities for international research collaboration under the ICT Theme of the 7th Research Framework Programme (FP7). It will thus contribute to showcasing European research in the field, and position it within the multiplicity of related initiatives supported in other regions of the world.

In the context of convergence, the 20th Future Network and Mobile Summit will address the challenges of building the Future Internet, based on mobile, wireless and fixed broadband communications infrastructures.

The Scientific Programme incorporates all the key constituents of Future Communication Networks including the themes Radio Access and Spectrum, Converged and Optical Networks, and Future Internet Technologies.

Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: secretariat@FutureNetworkSummit.eu

Event website: <http://www.futurenetworksummit.eu/2011/default.asp?page=home>

Country: Poland

City/Location: Warsaw

Organiser: International Information Management Corporation Limited (IIMC)

Assisted Conference: Cities on Internet Conference - 15 June 2011 - 17 June 2011

The 15th 'Cities on Internet' Conference – the largest Polish forum for debate on the role of broadband in modernizing and transformation of Polish society and economy, through investment in ICT and far reaching uptake of digital competences. Like every year, we will meet in Zakopane - in the company of local and regional decision makers, mayors, civil servants as well as representatives of central administration and ministries.

They will be joined by representatives of R&D and nongovernmental organizations. The conference will take place on June 15-17 in Zakopane, under the banner of POLISH DIGITAL AGENDA 2015. Competences – Creativeness - Cooperation.

This year's event will converge on issues already present in the Digital Agenda for Europe, but still not fully recognized in existing national strategic Framework. If it is to be competitive, Poland needs to catch up to the rest of Europe both in terms of ICT infrastructure and digital literacy, as these have proven themselves to be instrumental to innovation and creative potential. Actions by the organizer leading up to the conference addressed the issue of digital literacy among those described by you as being particularly vulnerable – in November 2010, 'Cities on Internet' Association together with the Information Society Development Foundation and Polish Computer Training Foundation have launched a social campaign for the digital education of adult Poles, under the banner of 'Digital Poland of Equal Opportunities' (Cyfrowa Polska Równych Szans – PCRS).

This year the event will take an in depth look at the following issues:

- Tested models for broadband investment programmes. New legal framework for investment in networks.
- Investment programmes contributing to e-development, in the context of the Digital Agenda for Europe. Polish take on the Digital Agenda.
- Public access infrastructure for digital inclusion – building blocks of effective digital inclusion through the use of services and resources on-line.
- Open access to public information and services.
- Digital schools for youth growing up in information age – challenge for teachers.
- Intelligent city – creative region.

Each year, the event in Zakopane proves to be a major step in the process of shaping modern view on information society development in Poland, at local and regional levels, and it serves as a meeting place, space for dialogue and elaboration of common ideas by all stakeholders – local administration, researchers, entrepreneurs and the central government. The timing of the conference in Zakopane – middle of the EU's 2007 – 2013 financial perspective – presents a great opportunity for the debate on yet unparalleled investment in the ICT infrastructure and challenges set by the Digital Agenda for Europe. Perspective from within the European Commission will be invaluable for Polish audiences.

Event website: <http://www.konferencja2011.mwi.pl>

Country: Poland

City/Location: Zakopane

Organiser: European Dynamics

BE: EuMHA Summer Symposium 2011 - 16 June 2011

European mHealth Alliance (EuMHA) Summer Symposium 2011 - mHealth - Helping the EU Digital Agenda work

This event will bring together key actors from the mHealth eco-system such as industry, academia, healthcare providers and policy makers.

This gathering will provide the opportunity to discuss developments, challenges and opportunities for the successful development of the mHealth economy. Case studies, global experience, keynote speeches and panel discussions will all contribute to a clearer understanding of current and future applications.

The event programme will examine, amongst other topics:

- United States Digital Agenda - Incentives and Benefits
- Innovations in mHealth
- mHealth in Action - Deployment, Implementation and Funding
- mHealth Eco-systems - Convincing Cases
- Business models that work from the US and Europe

Further information on the symposium programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: Jackie@eumha.net

Event website: <http://www.eumha.com/content/eumha-summer-symposium-2011-registration-now-open>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European MHealth Alliance (EuMHA)

AT: Open Government Data Conference 2011 - 16 June 2011

1st Open Government Data Conference 2011 - OGD2011

The OGD2011 conference is aimed at those who participate in the process of providing open data: policy, public administration, civil society and the economy.

The conference brings renowned Austrian and international experts to discuss for the first time this issue. International exchange and networking make the regional OGD2011 an essential forum for open government data this year.

Event email: ogd@semantic-web

Event website: <http://www.ogd2011.at/>

Country: Austria

City/Location: Vienna

Organiser: Semanitic Web Company

BE: 1st Digital Agenda Assembly - 16 June 2011 - 17 June 2011

1st Digital Agenda Assembly

The [Digital Agenda for Europe](#) (DAE) is the European Union's strategy for developing the digital society and economy, launched in May 2010.

The Digital Agenda Assembly is a milestone in the delivery of the Digital Agenda, which foresees "an annual Digital Assembly in June bringing together Member States, EU institutions, citizens' representatives and industry to assess progress and emerging challenges". This event thus aims at supporting the DAE by assessing progress, identifying challenges and stimulating contributions.

The Digital Agenda Assembly is open to citizens and representatives from non-governmental organisations, EU institutions, industry, administrations of European countries and all those who are interested in the Information Society.

The Assembly will address key topics relating to information and communications technology and its impacts on the society and economy, including topics relating to:

- Digital market
- Trust and security
- Interoperability and standards
- Fast connections
- Research and innovations
- Skills, literacy, and inclusion
- ICT and societal benefits

The draft programme has been made available [here](#).

Event email: info-digital-agenda@ec.europa.eu

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/daa/index_en.htm?utm_source=newsroom&utm_medium=newsroom+item&utm_campaign=daa

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission – Information Society

SI: European Conference on eGovernment 2011 - 16 June 2011 - 17 June 2011

11th European Conference on eGovernment - ECEG 2011

As governments seek to remodel and restyle their services, e-Government continues to arouse interest and attention. New dynamic issues such as e-democracy, e-citizenship, e-identity and e-voting have become core elements in the development of public sector delivery. Vital questions are posed which link technological development and a streamlining of government services to more social based values of inclusion, accessibility and power relationship ratios.

e-Government encompasses more than just technology - it challenges the way in which public sector service providers and citizens interact. Democratic renewal, the transformation of service delivery, community leadership and citizenship integration are all key elements of this subject. e-Government is tightly related to legal, economical and organisational fields and as such holds a strong interdisciplinary status.

The conference committee welcomes contributions on a wide range of topics. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Applications of e-Government:** New ideas for improving the Public Service efficiency and effectiveness; The case for e-Government; Post-modern campaigning; Comparison case studies in developing versus developed nations; e-Government for young people; G2G applications; Back-office implementation; EU e-Government policy.
- **Challenges to e-Government:** Cyber terrorism; technological limitations of citizenry; interoperability; language issues, Identity Management - including Authentication, Trust and Privacy; How to increase take-up of e-Government services; The transition to e-Government for local governments; Semantics of transactions in e-Government, definitions and implementations.
- **The e-Voting issue:** How can e-Voting be made to work; risks and advantages from e-Voting; prototype m-Voting systems; validation and verification issues; benefits and inhibitors to e-Voting.
- **e-Democracy:** How technology can improve the democratic process; ICT and the case of deliberative democracy.
- **Measuring e-Government/Economics of e-Government:** The case for e-Government - Can benchmarking indicators be effective? What are the benefits and economics of e-Government?
- **Legal, agency, trust and governance issues in e-Government:** the equilibrium between actors in e-Government transactions, on issues of trust that may be expressed or understood between such actors, on legal issues promoting or inhibiting the adoption of e-Government models or measures, or on IP issues of Open Standards use in e-Government and their consequences on applications built upon e-ID or other e-Government models, such as in procurement; trust charters in e-Service delivery.
- **Additional topics:** The issue of European citizenship; Interoperability Frameworks (National, Transnational); entrepreneurial processes in the information society; Knowledge Management/Intellectual capital in local/national government; e-I: Intelligent use of systems in government.

An outline programme for the conference can be found [here](#) while further details on registration can be found [online](#).

Event email: info@academic-conferences.org

Event website: <http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2011/eceg11-home.htm>

Country: Slovenia

City/Location: Ljubljana

HK: 1st Asia Pacific eCare and TeleCare Congress - 16 June 2011 - 19 June 2011

1st Asia Pacific eCare and TeleCare Congress - 'Call and Care - An Agenda for Evolution'

This congress aims to set out 'An Agenda for Evolution' with the vision of enhancing the quality of life of elders and people in need in the Asia-Pacific.

The target audience is made of:

- Government Commissioners of health care services
- Government Commissioners of ageing
- eCare service providers
- TeleCare service providers
- eCare or TeleCare practitioners
- Social work or Nursing practitioners
- Technology suppliers and developers
- Researchers and academics

Further information on the congress programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: info@asiatelecare.org

Event website: <http://www.asiatelecare.org/home.php?page=home>

Country: Asia

City/Location: Hong Kong

Organiser: Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (SCHSA)

BG: III International Scientific Conference 'e-Governance' - 19 June 2011 - 22 June 2011

III International Scientific Conference 'e-Governance'

The Faculty of Management of the Technical University (TU) of Sofia organises the 3d International Scientific Conference 'e-Governance' with the financial support of the National Science Fund.

The topics of the conference are:

- Education in e-Governance: This thematic area focuses on the benefits of using information and communication technologies to achieve sustainable economic development and democratisation of the society.
- E-Governance in Business: The main objective of this thematic area is the improvement of the effectiveness and competitiveness of business at all levels, stages and phases.
- E-Governance in Public Administration: In this thematic area it is expected to share researches and 'best practices' that have an impact on social development and quality of public administration as well as information and knowledge about 'good governance'.
- Discussion forum - application of video-conferencing technology for e-democracy: The results of the research together with the videoconference workshop 'Place and role of the e-collaboration forms for democratisation' will contribute to the implementation of various initiatives for electronic collaboration in the administrative and management area as well as to the expansion of the electronic democracy.

Registration is available [online](#) while the conference programme will be soon available at the event website.

Event email: iscmi@tu-sofia.bg

Event website: http://fman.tu-sofia.bg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=68

Country: Bulgaria

City/Location: Sozopol

Organiser: Technical University of Sofia

IT: EuroPython 2011 - 20 June 2011 - 26 June 2011

EuroPython 2011

EuroPython is an independent, community-run, community-controlled and not-for-profit conference dedicated to the Python programming language, Python applications, toolkits and frameworks. It is aimed at everyone in the Python community, of all skill levels, both users and programmers

Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: europython-contact@python.org

Event website: <http://ep2011.europython.eu/>

Country: Italy

City/Location: Florence

Organiser: Python Italia (Associazione di Promozione Sociale Python Italia)

UK: Technology works! - 22 June 2011

Technology Works! Person Centred Technology in the workplace.

Having a job is important to people on many levels: it increases income, independence and self-worth. However many disabled people are denied these opportunities by the barriers that can prevent them entering and maintaining employment. The person-centred use of technology can ensure that disabled people reach their full potential in work, and greatly increases employment possibilities for disabled people and employers.

Technology Works will:

- explore the significance, issues and application of Person Centred Technology in employment and vocational training settings;
- showcase good practice, highlight policy and practice issues in Wales and the UK;
- offer delegates the chance to share and discuss their experiences and views.

Technology Works! is part of [ImPaCT in Europe](#), a 3 year project with the aim of facilitating the development and introduction of Person Centred Technology in Europe. The project is funded by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme.

A preliminary agenda for the event as well as details about event fees are available [here](#).

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Event website: <http://www.impact-in-europe.eu/images/downloads/technology-works-flyer.pdf>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Cardiff

FR: Doctors 2.0 & You Conference to Examine Impact of Web 2.0 in Healthcare from Physician Perspective - 22 June 2011 - 23 June 2011

Doctors 2.0 & You Conference to Examine Impact of Web 2.0 in Healthcare from Physician Perspective

This conference will shed light on topics such as appropriate social networking, physician acceptance and resistance to adopting new tools, and relevant business models, facilitating debate and information exchange via workshops, panels, interactive exhibits and social events. The conference will gather physicians, physician and patient communities, online and mobile tool providers, hospitals, insurers, pharmaceutical companies and government entities.

Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: doctors20@basilstrategies.com

Event website: <http://www.doctors20.com/>

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: Basil Strategies

DE: Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery - CARS 2011 - 22 June 2011 - 25 June 2011

25th International Congress and Exhibition - Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery - CARS 2011

CARS was founded in 1985 and focuses on research and development for computer assisted systems and their applications in radiology and surgery.

The Congress aims to gather experts who work in the fields of radiology, surgery, engineering, informatics and/or healthcare management and have an interest in topics, such as

- image- and model-guided interventions
- medical imaging
- image processing and visualisation
- computer aided diagnosis
- medical simulation and education
- surgical navigation and robotics
- model-guided medicine, and
- personalised medicine

New Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) applications, including IT-infrastructures adapted for the operating room are also within the scope of CARS. Clinical specialties represented at CARS include:

- Image Guided Tumor Ablation Therapies
- Cardiovascular Imaging
- Computed Maxillofacial Imaging
- Computer Assisted Radiation Therapy
- Computer Assisted Orthopaedic and Spinal Surgery
- Computer Assisted Head and Neck, and ENT Surgery
- Image Guided Neurosurgery
- Minimally Invasive Cardiovascular and Thoracoabdominal Surgery

Further information on the congress programme may be found [here](#) while registration is available [online](#).

Event email: office@cars-int.org

Event website: http://www.cars-int.org/cars_2011.html

Country: Germany

City/Location: Berlin

Organiser: CARS

FR: 3rd ADULLACT Congress - 23 June 2011 - 24 June 2011

ADULLACT (French Association of Developers and Users of Free Software for Administrations and Local Governments) Congress - 3rd edition of ADULLACT Congress in Montpellier

This annual exchange-based event will continue to gather members of the local authorities around the projects supported by ADULLACT and will promote exchange, meetings and interaction. In order to share feedback on the issue 'methods and tools used', the Congress will be organised into three axes:

- a conference space with presentations and discussions
- training sessions on carefully selected topics
- a exhibition area for partners, editors, companies providing free software-related services.

Like in previous editions, the general meeting of ADULLACT will close the first day of the Congress and a gala dinner will follow.

A detailed programme will be announced shortly.

Event email: communication@adullact.org

Event website: <http://www.congres-adullact.org/jsp/site/Portal.jsp>

Country: France

City/Location: Montpellier

Organiser: ADULLACT (Association of Developers and Users of Free Software for Administrations and Local Governments)

UK: i-Society 2011 - 27 June 2011 - 29 June 2011

i-Society 2011 - International Conference on Information Society

The i-Society 2011 is a global knowledge-enriched collaborative effort that has its roots from both academia and industry. The conference will cover a wide spectrum of topics that relate to Information Society, which includes technical and non-technical research areas.

The mission of the i-Society 2011 conference is to provide opportunities for collaboration of professionals and researchers in order to share existing and generate new knowledge in the field of Information Society. The conference encapsulates the concept of interdisciplinary science that studies the societal and technological dimensions of knowledge evolution in digital society. i-Society bridges the gap between academia and industry with regards to research collaboration and awareness of current development in secure information management in the digital society.

The main topics of i-Society 2011 include but are not confined to the following areas:

- New enabling technologies;
- Intelligent data management;

- Secure Technologies;
- eLearning
- eSociety;
- eHealth;
- eGovernance;
- eBusiness;
- eArt;
- eScience;
- Industrial developments;
- Research in progress.

The papers submission deadline is 15 February 2010. Details on the other important dates of the event can be found on the [event website](#).

[Registration](#) will open in January 2011 and early registration will be available until 15 February 2011.

Event email: info@i-society.eu

Event website: <http://www.i-society.eu/Home.html>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: Infonomics Society

UK: INSPIRE Conference 2011 - 27 June 2011 - 1 July 2011

INSPIRE Conference 2011 - 'INSPIREd by 2020 - Contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth'

The theme of the Inspire Conference 2011 is 'INSPIREd by 2020 - Contributing to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth'.

In 2010, the European Union renewed its commitment to 'knowledge-based' sustainable development by putting forward three mutually reinforcing priorities in the Europe 2020 Strategy:

- Smart growth: developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation;
- Sustainable growth: promoting a more resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy;
- Inclusive growth: fostering a high-employment economy delivering social and territorial cohesion.

This edition of the INSPIRE Conference offers an opportunity to explore INSPIRE's contribution to Europe's 2020 strategic goals and to root its further implementation and development in the EU 2020 follow-up programmes.

- INSPIRE for Sustainable Growth calls for ideas and demonstrations of INSPIRE's contribution to resource efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions, to the protection of the environment and prevention of biodiversity loss, as well as to the strengthening of resilience to climate risks and disaster prevention and response capacities;
- INSPIRE for Smart Growth explores INSPIRE's contribution to Europe's Digital Agenda and more in particular its role in eGovernment and the development of eEnvironment services;
- INSPIRE for Inclusive Growth - opens new avenues for INSPIRE in the context of New Skills for New Jobs. It calls for an exploration on the kind of jobs and the potential for job creation related to INSPIRE. What skills and competences are needed? What kind of education and training is needed? What kind of INSPIRE applications can help people integrate in the communities where they live?

In addition to these 3 exploratory chapters, the INSPIRE Conference will examine and report on the progress being made in the development and implementation of [INSPIRE Directive and Implementing Rules](#).

The Call for Papers is now open and the closing date for abstract submissions is 24 February 2011. Details about the submission guidelines and deadlines may be found [here](#).

The organizers are particularly interested in accounts of what works, and what does not work, what are perceived benefits for policy, public administration, citizens and the private sector. Proposals will be evaluated by the programme committee and those accepted will be included in programme and published in the on-line conference proceedings.

Registration is not yet open. Full details on registration and fees will be posted on the event's website in the coming weeks.

Event email: [karen.fullerton\[at\]jrc.ec.europa.eu](mailto:karen.fullerton[at]jrc.ec.europa.eu)

Event website: http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/conferences/inspire_2011/index.cfm

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Edinburgh

Organiser: European Commission – Joint Research Center

UK: SESERV Workshop: Building the Future Internet - 28 June 2011

SESERV Workshop: Building the Future Internet: The Social Nature of Technical Choices

During this workshop and seminar experts in Future Internet (FI) Technology will be engaging with researchers such as social scientists and economists, with policy experts, and with other stakeholders to discuss how the latest technology developments are encountering socio economic realities.

Particular attention will be given to the methods and approaches that facilitate the creation of multidisciplinary networks of collaboration and knowledge exchange. The specific topics will be announced soon, and will be based on the results of the [SESERV survey](#) currently being circulated to FI projects about socio-economic issues relevant to the realities on-the-ground in the FI community.

The event will offer an opportunity to analyse how to understand the future of the Internet as a platform that can foster innovation, collaboration and knowledge transfer. The results of this event will be collected in order to draft a whitepaper and will be considered for possible publication.

A preliminary agenda for the event can be found on the [event website](#).

Interested parties wishing to be considered for participation in the event should send an email at events@oii.ox.ac.uk.

Event email: events@oii.ox.ac.uk

Event website: <http://www.seserv.org/fise-conversation/seservworkshopbuildingthefutureinternetthesocialnatureoftechnicalchoices>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Oxford

Organiser: Socio-Economic Services for European Research Projects (SESERV) and Dissemination and Networks of Knowledge in Atlantic Area (KNetworks)

FR: pHealth 2011 - 29 June 2011 - 1 July 2011

pHealth 2011 - 8th international conference on wearable micro and nano technologies for personalised health

Organised with the collaboration of the EU's Microsystems and ICT for Health units since 2003, the personalised health forum seeks to identify and address the key challenges to successful 'pHealth' provision, challenges which hinder the commercialisation and clinical uptake of viable healthcare solutions. This is achieved through the strategic bringing together of key players in the healthcare provision chain - researchers, industrialists, medical doctors, hospital administrators, healthcare policy makers and other interested bodies. pHealth is therefore a forum for interaction, discussion and action.

Conference topics include but are not limited to:

- Clinical Applications, Needs and Challenges
- Ambient Assisted Living
- Sensors and Sensing Technology
- Smart Textiles, Wearable Diagnostics and Rehabilitation Technologies
- Point of Care Diagnostics
- Surgical Implants and Interventions
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Data Management
- Implementation and Evaluation of Personalised Health Systems: Lessons Learned
- Economics of Personalised Health
- Personalised Health solutions for the assessment and control of Nutrition and Environment

Further information on the conference programme may be found [here](#) while information on the registration is available [online](#).

Event email: joaquina.labro@insavalor.fr

Event website: http://www.insavalor.fr/phealth2011/index.php?page=welcome&location=p_contenu

Country: France

City/Location: Lyon

Organiser: European Commission - Information and Media Directorate General

BE: European Commission Conference on the Modernisation of European Public Procurement Policy - 30 June 2011

European Commission Conference on the Modernisation of European Public Procurement Policy - Towards a more efficient European Procurement Market

Commissioner Michel Barnier invites all stakeholders interested in public procurement to discuss the future orientations for the modernisation of the EU legislative framework for public procurement. At this Conference, the Commission will present the results of the ex-post evaluation of the existing legislation and the public consultation via the Green Paper launched in January 2011.

The various players of the European procurement market will discuss these findings and exchange views on the possible ways forward to a modernised EU public procurement policy. These discussions will provide a significant contribution to the preparation of the legislative proposal.

Participation in the event is free-of-charge but [registration](#) is required due to limited capacity of the conference room. A programme outline is available at the event webpage while the full programme will be available online shortly.

Event email: MARKT-CONF-PP-REFORM@ec.europa.eu

Country: Belgium
City/Location: Brussels
Organiser: European Commission

IT: MeTTeG 2011 - 30 June 2011 - 1 July 2011

MeTTeG 2011 - 5th International Conference on Methodologies, Technologies and Tools enabling e-Government

Public administrations made great effort to provide more sophisticated eGovernment services by offering, for example one-stop services and supporting personalisation. While strategies, methodologies and realisation of eGovernment services vary significantly between the various actors and stakeholders, the alignment of Information technology (IT) with the processes and objectives of the service providers plays an increasing role in service management.

The MeTTeG 2011 conference intends to bring together researchers and practitioners active in the area of electronic government with a focus on the role played by the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). It provides a forum for participants from different perspectives and disciplines to present innovative methodologies, technologies and tools, share experiences and lessons learnt from case studies and discuss challenges.

The main keywords are: methodologies, technologies and tools. Methodologies play an increasingly important role in the management and definition of eGovernment initiatives. Technologies improve their efficiency and effectiveness while tools allow new specific services and functionalities. The alignment of methodologies, technologies and tools plays an increasing role to enhance the dissemination, accessibility and acceptance of e-government by citizens and companies.

Topics of interest for the 5th International Conference on Methodologies, Technologies and Tools enabling eGovernment include, but are not limited to:

Methodologies: One-Stop Government and Services Integration; Better Distributed Services Provision; Enterprise Architectures; Business-IT-Alignment Modelling; Agility and Reaction on Change; Pro-Activeness; Greening Government; Open Government and Transparency; Governance and Policy Modelling; Smart and Personalised Inclusion; etc.

Technologies: Mobile Public Services; Web Services; Semantic Web Technologies; eGovernment Ontology and Metadata; Interoperability and Standards; Knowledge Management and Decision Process Support; Business Processes Management; Web 2.0 for E-Government; Emerging Technologies; etc.

Tools: Web Portals; E-Voting; E-Procurement; Benchmarking; Workflow Management Systems; Identity Management and Trust; Theory and Formal Methods; etc.

Details on important deadlines can be found on the [conference website](#). Registration will be made available in the dedicated section of the website.

Event email: egov@unicam.it

Event website: <http://conferences.cs.unicam.it/metteg11/>

Country: Italy
City/Location: Camerino
Organiser: University of Camerino

Assisted Event: Creating Smarter Cities 2011 Conference - 30 June 2011 - 1 July 2011

Creating Smarter Cities 2011 brings governments, municipalities, academics and businesses together to study how cities and research centres can create 'smart cities', and how cities can deliver better electronic services to citizens.

Speakers from the cities of Amsterdam, Manchester and Edinburgh; IBM, Microsoft and CapGemini; Edinburgh Napier, Amsterdam and Manchester Universities; the EU and the Scottish Government will identify the key issues shaping the way ahead for cities in Europe.

The conference is hosted by Edinburgh Napier University as part of the Smart Cities Project.

The conference will examine:

- experiences of municipalities that have signed up to the smart city agenda,
- visions and storylines which are emerging to meet this agenda,
- scenarios and strategies that underpin the emergence of smart cities,
- agendas, visions, storylines and emerging scenarios which support Edinburgh, Manchester and Amsterdam as smart cities, and
- the open innovation systems, living lab experiments and electronic services associated with their development.

Building off this, the conference will split into two sessions: the first examines the emergence of smart cities as regional innovation systems; the second studies their electronic service developments across the North Sea region.

Examining the triple helix of smart cities and studying the customisation, business process mapping, co-design and user-profiling of their e-service developments across the North Sea Region, the Conference shall point towards the emerging e-government agenda, with a particular focus on the top level issues emerging from the open government-led, social media-driven and transformational orientated debate on the way ahead for Smart Cities.

Event website: <http://www.url.napier.ac.uk/smartcities>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Edinburgh

Organiser: Edinburgh Napier University

DE: 22nd biennial International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging (IPMI '11) - 3 July 2011 - 8 July 2011

22nd biennial International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging (IPMI '11)

This conference aims to provide an open international discussion on the latest developments in information processing applied to biological and clinical imaging.

IPMI presents various researches in the medical imaging field, including:

- Image Analysis and Signal Processing
- Shape Representation and Analysis
- Image Registration and Fusion
- Functional and Molecular Imaging
- Novel Image Acquisition Methods and Devices
- Computational Physiology
- Data Visualisation
- Statistical and Mathematical Models
- Image Reconstruction

- Image Interpretation and Computer Aided Diagnosis
- Objective Assessment of Image Quality
- Image Guided Surgery

Event email: support@ipmi-conference.org

Event website: <http://www.ipmi-conference.org/>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Irsee

Organiser: IPMI '11

IT: IADIS International Conference eDemocracy, Equity and Social Justice 2011 - 20 July 2011 - 22 July 2011

IADIS International Conference eDemocracy, Equity and Social Justice 2011

The conference is part of the [IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems \(MCCSIS 2011\)](#) taking place in Rome from 20 - 26 July 2011.

The International Association for Development of the Information Society (IADIS) conference in question aims to encourage and foster efforts of researchers and practitioners by sharing cutting-edge research, innovations, models, theories and strategies that address issues and challenges related to cultivating online communities for grassroots democracy, equity and social justice.

It will consist of invited talks and oral presentations. .

The main topics of the conference include but are not limited to:

- Citizenship: Unleashing the power of citizens in developing countries to use the Internet to drive their own social and political development agenda.
- Digital divide: Achievement of equity by bridging the digital divide and promoting critical and digital literacies.
- Participation: Provision of effective online platforms for meaningful participation of citizens
- Access: Optimization of wider access to democratic dialogues through successful community cultivation
- Community cultivation: Enhancing the benefits of social development interventions through the use of digital, wireless and mobile technologies for cultivating communities to conduct inquiry and socio-political action.
- Sustainability: Facilitation of sustainable grassroots, bottom up co-created solutions and approaches to leadership, human rights and civil society development
- eMentoring: Reports and reflections on the successes and failures of deploying eMentoring strategies for raising political awareness, civic consciousness and community cultivation
- Transference: North-South, South-South, and public-private partnerships and collaboration for co-creation of online communities
- Community Ownership and Strengthening: Studies of efforts of involving citizens as stakeholders in initiatives to promote democracy, social justice and equity by strengthening their capabilities and promoting their involvement in online communities.

The best papers will be selected for publishing as extended versions in the IADIS International Journal on WWW/Internet (ISSN: 1645-7641) and also in Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy Journal (ISSN: 1750-6166). The paper deadline submission is 29 April 2011.

Interested participants may register [here](#). Details about fees can be found on the [event website](#).

Event email: secretariat@edemocracy-conf.org

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

Country: Italy

City/Location: Rome

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

IT: IADIS International Conference eHealth 2011 - 20 July 2011 - 22 July 2011

IADIS International Conference eHealth 2011

The International Association for Development of the Information Society (IADIS) International eHealth Conference is part of the [IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems \(MCCSIS 2011\)](#) taking place in Rome on 20 - 22 July 2011.

The use of ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies) in Healthcare Services is the main mechanism to improve efficiency and effectiveness. This conference aims to draw together information systems, practitioners and management experts from all quadrants involved in developing computer technology to improve healthcare quality. The conference will consist of invited talks and oral presentations.

The topics of the conference include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- Research Issues
- Computers and Primary Care; Clinical Data Visualisation Standards; eHealth Architectures; Healthcare Data Architecture and Terminology Standards; Federated Electronic Health Records; Personalized Medicine; Health Informatics and Education; Human Computer Interaction; Infrastructure and Architecture; Internet and Medicine; Interoperability issues; IT and Patient Care; Nursing Informatics; RFID and localization techniques; Usability and Ubiquity in eHealth; eHealth Virtual Communities; Business Process Management Systems; Second Life for Healthcare Support and Education
- Management Issues
- Case Studies; Management Change; Confidentiality and Privacy; eHealth Collaborative Strategies and Techniques; eTraining; Healthcare Management Dashboards; Legal issues; Balanced scorecards models to improve Hospital Performance and Productivity; Business Intelligence in Healthcare; eHealth to improve Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety; Healthcare Information Systems Regulatory issues; Security in eHealth; Service Models; Social implications; Stakeholders involvement
- Applications
- Clinical Information Systems; Data Mining and Clinical Studies; Medical Guidelines; eHealth Decision Support Systems; eLogistics and ePharmacy; Intelligent Medical Systems; Mobile Applications; Patient Electronic Health Records; Healthcare Portals to inform and connect Patients with Physicians; Patients and Public Health; Social Networks in Healthcare contexts; eHealth Marketing; eProcurement and e-Commerce; Telemedicine; Automatic Identification and Data Collector Systems; Unified data processing and communication Systems; Web Based Applications; eHealth 2.0

The Call for Papers is open and will be concluded on 29 April 2011. More details on paper submission and important dates may be found [here](#). Details on fees may be found on the [event website](#) while interested participants may register for the event using the relevant [submission form](#).

Event email: secretariat@ehealth-conf.org

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

Country: Italy

City/Location: Rome

Organiser: International Association for the Development of the Information Society (IADIS)

BE: The AEGIS project Final Workshop and 2nd International Conference - 28 November 2011 - 30 November 2011

The AEGIS project Final Workshop and 2nd International Conference: 'Accessibility Reaching Everywhere'

The two events will bring together end-users (people with disabilities) as well as platform and application accessibility developers, representatives organisations, the Assistive Technology industry and policy makers. Since 2008, the AEGIS consortium has been developing an Open Accessibility Framework comprising open accessibility interfaces, user interface components, developer tools, end-user applications and prototype accessibility solutions for desktops, rich Internet applications and mobile devices.

The project's Final Workshop on 28 November 2011 will focus on the realisations of the AEGIS (Open Accessibility Everywhere: Groundwork, Infrastructure, Standards) project and provide attendees the opportunity to try out all outcomes of the project. The demonstrated products offer barrier-free access to desktop, mobile and web applications, are open source based and will be freely available.

The conference on 29 and 30 November 2011 will gather a wide array of experts and users in the area of Assistive Technology to discuss scientific and policy developments in accessible technology; showcase relevant projects and initiatives in the area of assistive technology.

This event comes ahead of the European Day of People with Disabilities that is marked by the European Commission via a policy conference in the first week of December each year, in close cooperation with the European Disability Forum (EDF).

An official invitation for registration, for submission of scientific papers and the participation of exhibitors will be issued in the near future.

Access to both events will be free, but places will be limited.

More information is available under www.aegis-project.eu.

Event email: julie.buttier@epr.eu

Event website: <http://www.aegis-project.eu>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: Open Accessibility Everywhere: Groundwork, Infrastructure, Standards (AEGIS) FP7 International Programme

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