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**>> Public Prize of the 4th European eGovernment Awards 2009 - Online Voting closes tomorrow at 6:00 pm CET!**

The European eGovernment Awards, ePractice.eu and the European Commission invite members of the ePractice.eu community to vote for their favourite cases among the [52 European eGovernment Awards 2009 finalists](#). The 4th European eGovernment Awards Public Prize is awarded to the finalist receiving the highest number of votes. All voters who cast their votes before 11 November 2009 - the final online voting deadline - will have a chance at winning some USB phone chargers and computer screen cleaners.

For additional information, please read the online voting rules at [www.eppractice.eu/en/awards/rules](http://www.eppractice.eu/en/awards/rules).

### **>> European Interoperability Strategy (EIS) Info Day**

This public and free event organised by the European Commission, Directorate General for Informatics, will take place on 1 December 2009 in Brussels. Participants will be informed on the draft version of the European Interoperability Strategy (EIS) currently being prepared within the IDABC programme, which will be submitted to public consultation in December 2009. A complement to the European Interoperability Framework, the EIS aims to contribute to achieving cross-border and cross-sector interoperability for better and more efficient delivery of electronic public services all around Europe.

Registration is open at <http://www.eppractice.eu/workshops/eisinfoday2009>.

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## A Healthy Way To Learn IT

In the Aston area of Birmingham the majority of residents are from ethnic minority groups and English for many is not their first language. There is also a health education need around diabetes awareness and control.

Working with partners that included a technical consultant, Adult Education, health professionals and a community partner, Digital Birmingham has developed a software tool that has not only helped develop the community's IT and language skills but has enabled them to understand more about the importance of a healthy diet and regular GP checks.

The software was developed using a multimedia authoring tool (Matchware, Mediator) which meant that it could be developed 'in-house'. Changes could therefore be made at all stages of client testing. This also means that other users, who have access to the multimedia tool, will be able to adapt it to their specific needs.

Initial trialing of this 'proof of concept tool' have found that users have gained IT and language skills, moved to a healthier diet, taken more exercise and been more willing to visit their doctor.

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## European Alliance of Government IT-Service Providers

**Objective** of this initiative is an evolving close collaboration cross-border for enhancing efficiency to the benefit of the public administration by

- Sharing of Best Practices in eGovernment
- Knowledge transfer in organisational matters and technology
- Adapting standards and identifying harmonisation potential for IT used in public administration
- Supporting IT service delivery by
  - Using approved methods and experiences
  - Exchanging highly-specialised experts in the areas of SAP, SOA, VOIP, Green-IT, portals, archiving, etc.
  - Trainings
- Working together on EU funded projects (like CIP ICT Large Scale Projects, 7th Framework Programme, Civil and Criminal Justice Programmes)

This platform is **open for all government IT-Service-Providers** that are public entities (regardless of legal status) owned and or supervised by any public administration authority in Europe.

The following government IT-service providers are currently partners of this network:

### Austria:

- BRZ - Bundesrechenzentrum GmbH
- IT des Landes Oberösterreich

### Germany:

- Dataport
  - DVZ - Datenverarbeitungszentrum Mecklenburg-Vorpommern GmbH
  - HZD - Hessische Zentrale für Datenverarbeitung
  - IZLBW - Informatikzentrum Landesverwaltung Baden-Württemberg
  - VITAKO - Bundes-Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Kommunalen IT-Dienstleister
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## Accommodative Intelligent Educational Environments for Dyslexic

The AGENT-DYSL project is developing an Intelligent Assistive Reading System which can help school-aged readers who have dyslexia to improve their reading.

Children using the reading system receive personalized attention by the system, with customized presentation of reading material, based on individual profiles built up through "observation" of each child reading the text on the system's viewing area and by recognizing their reading errors. These individual profiles are used in deciding how to optimise the text presentation for each child and situation.

In addition to being able to "listen to children reading", the AGENT-DYSL system can also "see" the children while they read. By employing image analysis techniques, the system can assess the child's emotional and physical state, and dynamically adapt the document presentation accordingly (a tired child or a child under emotional stress is more likely to have reduced reading performance). To improve its usability and acceptance by dyslexic children, the AGENT-DYSL system employ sage-appropriate and dyslexia-sensitive user interfaces.

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**Editor's Choice of the week:** [The Open University UK: Sharing code and content](#)

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### DE: Digital income tax card to be introduced from 2011 in Germany - 9 November 2009

**The introduction of an electronic data transfer mechanism in 2011 will bring about the abolition of the German paper income tax card, which will be issued for the last time in 2009.**

At the core of the new procedure are electronic tax calculation parameters (called "ELStAM") which employers will retrieve electronically from the Federal Central Tax Office (Bundeszentralamtes für Steuern, [BZSt](#)) via the existing tax declaration system "ELSTER". The parameters will contain information on marital status, religion, exemptions due to physical disabilities etc.

In 2010, this data, that until now has been held by local population registration authorities, will be transferred to the Federal Central Tax Office in preparation of the new system's rollout.

An extension of the well-established data standard for eGovernment in population registration, [OSCI-XMeld](#), defines messages and data structures for this transfer. XMeld is available in the [SEMIC.EU repository](#).

**Further information:**

- [Original source - Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe \(SEMIC\) Website](#)
  - [OSCI Website](#) (in German)
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## **EU: Commission proposes EU-wide Internet innovation strategy - 6 November 2009**

In a [Communication](#) released on 28 October 2009, the European Commission unveiled a strategy aiming to put Europe at the forefront when it comes to the development of smart Internet-powered infrastructures.

It calls on Europe's governments and its ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) sector to take advantage of the increasing demand for innovative Internet applications to make existing infrastructures like healthcare systems, energy grids or traffic management 'smart'.

The European Commission will launch a partnership between public authorities and major ICT players with a budget for 2011-2013 of €300 million available for projects to be selected in the near future, to complement the €200 million yearly ICT support to ongoing research for underlying Internet technology.

This Communication forms part of the preparations for a European plan for innovation and research, called for by the European Council in December 2008. It is also part of the Commission's response to the recommendations of the Aho Panel's call for European ICT research to become more risk-friendly and do more to commercialise its results.

**Further information:**

- [Full, original press release - Europa](#)
  - [Communication of the Commission - 'A public-private partnership on the Future Internet'](#)
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## **TR: Social Assistance Information System presented to the public - 6 November 2009**

The "Social Assistance Information System" (SAIS, known as SOYBİS in Turkish) was presented to the public on 27 October 2009 by State Minister Hayati Yazıcı in the General Directorate of the Social Assistance and Solidarity.

This system is a replacement of the "One Step Offices" and it has as its slogan "From one step service to one click service".

Before SAIS, the government used to demand that the applicants prove that they are in need of social assistance. But now, the applicants only need to bring their ID cards.

Thanks to SAIS, the government can access the applicant's personal information from central databases that are stored in several government institutions. The system receives information from 10 different institutions. The system has already been used by over 2 600 registered users

Before the presentation, the State Minister provided information about the Social Assistance and Solidarity General Directorate and its activities.

**Further information:**

- [Official press release - Social Assistance and Solidarity General Directorate \(in Turkish\)](#)
  - [SAIS in the ePractice library](#)
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**BE: Walloon public procurement portal wins Bronze Public Tender Award 2009**  
**- 5 November 2009**

**On 21 October 2009, the Walloon Region, represented by its eAdministration and Simplification Unit, the Commissariat EASI-WAL, received the Bronze Award for '[marchespublics.wallonie.be](#)', the public procurement portal it shares with the French-speaking Community.**

The Public Tender Awards 2009 were awarded during the annual event dedicated to public procurement in Belgium, the "National Tender Day".

The purpose of this event is to draw attention to the constructive efforts made by the public authorities to optimise the integrity and effectiveness of their procurement procedures.

The National Tender Day is primarily an exchange and meeting place for experts and practitioners from the public and private sectors alike to update their knowledge and explore the new possibilities offered by the public procurement rules. The National Tender Day ends each year with the awards ceremony.

Two other Walloon projects were also nominated:

- The PURE project - a tool for the automatic generation of standard documents (specifications, screening reports, purchase orders, etc) in various stages of public procurement processes;
- A project for the optimisation and simplification of public procurement processes in close collaboration with the Walloon administration (SPW: Service Public de Wallonie).

Successful projects in the Public Tender Awards must meet the following criteria:

- Compliance: The project ensures that the service is compliant with the requirements of the law on public procurement.
- Performance: The procedures are effectively implemented to achieve the best purchases (in the interest of the administration) and the systems are put in place to promote maximum collaboration with the supplier companies.
- Risk Management: everything is in place to contain and eradicate the potentials risk to integrity characterising procurement procedures.

The National Tender Day and Public Tender Awards are organised under the initiative of a company specialised into assisting both private companies and government in procurement processes.

The Public Tender Awards competition is open to any institution, government and company subject to the Belgian regulations on public procurement.

**Further information:**

- [Original press release - EASI-WAL \(in French\)](#)
  - [Public Procurement Portal of the Walloon Region and the French-speaking Community \(in French\)](#)
  - [National Tender Day](#)
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## **EU: INSPIRE - Call for Expression of Interest for participation in development of INSPIRE Data Specifications for Annex II and III - 5 November 2009**

The Call is addressed to registered INSPIRE stakeholders. The Commission is seeking voluntary contributions of stakeholders, asking them to propose experts (domain experts, Facilitators, Editors) for the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) and reference materials to be taken into consideration for the data specifications for the themes listed in the Annexes II and III to the INSPIRE Directive.

The [Directive 2007/2/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2007 establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) was published in the official Journal on 25 April 2007. The INSPIRE Directive entered into force on the 15 May 2007.

To ensure that the spatial data infrastructures of the Member States are compatible and usable in a Community and trans-boundary context, the Directive requires that common Implementing Rules (IR) are adopted in a number of specific areas (Metadata, Data Specifications, Network Services, Data and Service Sharing and Monitoring and Reporting).

These IRs are adopted as Commission Decisions or Regulations, and are binding in their entirety. The Commission is assisted in the process of adopting such rules by a regulatory committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission (this is known as the Comitology procedure).

It is recommended to carefully read the following documents before responding to this call:

- [Call for Expression of Interest for participation in development of INSPIRE Data Specifications for Annex II and III](#)
- [Terms of Reference for developing Implementing Rules laying down technical arrangements for interoperability and harmonisation of spatial data sets of Annex II and III themes](#)

Stakeholders can participate by registering / [logging in](#) and completing the required forms.

### **Further information:**

- [INSPIRE website - European Commission](#)
- [Text of the INSPIRE Directive 2007/2/EC](#)

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## **EU/INT: European Commission assists UN Food and Agricultural Organisation's global forest monitoring - 4 November 2009**

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) collects key up-to-date information on forest resources for all nations worldwide through its Global Forest Resources Assessment 2010 (FRA-2010) programme. Part of FRA-2010 involves the Remote Sensing Survey (RSS) project which is carried out in collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and regional/national organisations.

The RSS is also able to support countries who want to develop or improve their national systems for monitoring deforestation, helping them to take part in international efforts of mitigation of climate change through the UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change).

Scientists at the JRC [Institute for Environment and Sustainability](#) (IES) are developing methods for monitoring forest cover resources from a global perspective. With the TREES-3, MONDE and FOREST projects, the IES will produce estimates of tree cover changes at continental and regional levels covering the Tropics and Europe for the periods 1990-2000-2005 based on a systematic sample of satellite imagery at 30 m resolution. An operational system is being developed by the JRC for the processing and tree cover change assessment of this large set of multi-

temporal imagery (e.g. 4 000 sample 20 km x 20 km sites for the tropics and 2 000 sample 10 km x 10 km sites for the European continent).

### **First training and validation workshops take place with FAO**

Draft tree-cover results for a number of sample sites in the tropical countries (around 400 for Central Africa, 800 for Eastern and Southern Africa, 700 for Brazil and 150 for Indonesia) delivered by the JRC monitoring system provided the basis for a first set of workshops to train forestry and remote sensing experts from these countries on how to interpret the maps.

The first regional training and validation workshops in Africa were organised by IES with support from FAO in Kinshasa and Nairobi at the end of September and beginning of October 2009. Participants from eight countries in Central Africa came for the two-week workshop in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo DRC (co-organised by University of Louvain, Belgium) and nine participants from countries in Eastern and Southern Africa took part in the one-week workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

In October 2009, workshops were held at the JRC's Ispra site in Italy with experts from the Forest Services of Indonesia and with experts from the Brazilian Agricultural Agency. The next workshop is to be held in Campinas, Brazil in November 2009, and other countries will be involved in training later in 2009 and 2010.

The description of the methodology is available on the respective websites of the 'TREES-3' and 'FOREST' projects.

#### **Further information:**

- [Original press release - Joint Research Centre, European Commission](#)
- [JRC Institute for Environment and Sustainability \(IES\)](#)
- [TREES-3 project](#)
- [FOREST project](#)
- [FAO news article](#)

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## **EU: EEA launches the first map of Europe's noise exposure - 4 November 2009**

**The European Environment Agency (EEA) has launched a comprehensive map of noise exposure, revealing the extent to which European citizens are exposed to excessive acoustic pollution.**

Compiling information from 19 of the 32 EEA member countries, the [Noise Observation and information Service for Europe \(NOISE\) database](#) represents a major step towards a comprehensive pan-European service. It provides, at the click of a mouse, a picture of the numbers of people exposed to noise generated by air, rail and road traffic across Europe and in 102 large urban agglomerations.

Just over 41 million Europeans are exposed to excessive noise from road traffic alone in the largest cities. As estimated from the noise exposure map, half of the population in urban areas with more than 250 000 inhabitants endure levels above 55 dB  $L_{den}$  (the lower EU benchmark for an average 24-hour period) as a result of ambient road noise.  $L_{den}$  is an indicator of the overall noise level during the day, evening and night, which is used to convey the annoyance caused by noise exposure.

Following the adoption of the [Environmental Noise Directive \(END\)](#) in 2002, Member States were given until December 2007 to deliver relevant data. The Directive covers noise in public parks or other quiet areas in an agglomeration, in quiet areas in open country, and near schools, hospitals and other noise-sensitive buildings and areas. Users of the NOISE database can view the extent of data reported in accordance with the directive on a colour-coded map.

**Further information:**

- [Original source, European Environment Agency's \(EEA\) Website](#)
  - [Noise Observation and Information Service for Europe, webpage](#)
  - [The European Commission's pages on noise, Europa webpage](#)
  - [World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe's pages on noise, webpage](#)
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**UK: Online map provides local crime figures at the touch of a button - 4**  
**November 2009**

**A new interactive national map gives access to local crime statistics and neighbourhood policing details. The website was developed by the [National Policing Improvement Agency](#) and police forces across England and Wales, on behalf of the [Home Office](#).**

The [online map](#) allow residents to view figures for all crimes as well as burglary, robbery, violence, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour in their area, at the touch of a button. The public will be able, for the first time, to compare one police area with another, compare figures over a three-month period against the same period of the previous year, and see annual crime rates.

Details of citizen's neighbourhood police teams, local policing priorities and information about forthcoming local events such as crime prevention meetings and local surgeries, are also available.

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**Further information:**

- [Original source - Home Office Website](#)
  - [Local Crime mapping Website](#)
  - [National Policy Improvement Agency Website](#)
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**IT: Open source GIS for government, libraries and healthcare in Tuscany - 3**  
**November 2009**

**The administration of the Tuscany region in Italy published in October 2009 a new version of Sagadb, an open source Geographic Information System (GIS) application.**

The software allows users to view a map to access available public information. The system is also being used by the museums, libraries, courts of law and healthcare organisations in the region.

In fact, any organisation can use Tuscany's system to publish their own combination of geo-referenced databases and maps, says Viviana Cossi, one of the developers, based in the city of Florence.

The Tuscany regional administration started working on the development of Sagadb (*Sistema di Accesso Georeferenziato alle Banche Dati* - 'geo-referential access to data banks' in English) in 2001, says Cossi.

"The region started working on an application based on Grass GIS, one of the oldest open source GIS applications available. We used it to read and process our sets of geographic data."

The Tuscany region set-up offers a server to generate maps, which can be accessed by clients using Javascript and a web browser.

"Different needs in our administration required us to develop a flexible system. It needs, for instance, to support the creation of dynamic or pre-processed maps, where the graphic attributes can be processed by either the client or the server."

Over the years the Tuscany developers added support for other data formats, which made their application more and more independent of Grass, she says. "But we owe to it the start of our application."

According to Cossi, the Tuscany regional administration decided to publish Sagabd as open source for two reasons. "Making it available as open source makes it easy to incorporate existing code into a project", she says. Secondly, the region as a matter of principle has a policy to select open source software wherever possible.

Sagabd is published using the GPL open source licence. "Most of the software we use is published with that licence."

The region hopes that Sagabd will become used and redistributed by other administrations.

#### **Further information:**

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU](#)

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## **FR: Existing open source portal to be used by Paris region schools - 3**

### **November 2009**

**The 471 schools of the Paris region (officially referred to as 'Île-de-France region') that are to be involved in the portal project that was announced in October 2009 will be using Eliot, a web-based workflow software that was originally developed for three schools of the region.**

On 19 October 2009, the government of Île-de-France signed a €19.6 million six-year contract with several IT services providers for the design, implementation and management of the workflow portal.

The portal will be accessed by about one million users, including 400 000 schoolchildren. This makes it one of Europe's biggest open source projects, one of the IT services providers said in a statement.

The portal software Eliot is developed by about seventy developers. Eliot is built on top of open source components such as the relation database management system PostgreSQL, the Apache web server and the Tomcat Java application server.

The workflow portal can be accessed using no more than a web browser. It allows the system to be up to date, in technology as well as in applications, explained Olivier Vigneau, project manager at one of the IT services providers, in the statement published by the company. "The majority of applications used five years from now, are yet to be imagined."

#### **Switzerland and Germany**

Using Eliot will allow teachers, students, school staff and parents to have secure access to all resources and services related to education. The portal will list student grades and their class attendance/absence. It offers access to documents, forums and library resources.

Teachers can add newsletters, publish their notes online and parents can see how their children are progressing, according to reports in the French media this week. "The portal will ease the exchange of information between all those involved in the schools", says Vigneau.

In early 2010, the portal will be implemented in sixty schools that were the first to respond to the region's call for participation. The other schools will be included in the next four years.

Project manager Vigneau expects that the schools of the Paris region will be cooperating with a comparable workflow project used by some 200 000 students in schools in the French Picardie region. This project is not using Eliot, but Vigneau says some of the experiences can be shared.

According to Vigneau, Eliot is also being used by schools in Strasbourg and some schools in Switzerland and Germany.

**Further information:**

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU](#)
- [Previous related article featured in ePractice - 'Paris region to launch open source workflow portal for schools'](#)

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## **DE: Rate of government adoption of their software surprises Mozilla - 3 November 2009**

**Representatives of the open source Mozilla project were pleasantly surprised when they found out that the city of Munich is making far more use of their software.**

On 27 October 2009, the LiMux project team at the municipal administration of Munich met with Dan Mosedale, Chief Technical Officer (CTO) at Mozilla Thunderbird, and David Ascher, CEO of Mozilla Messaging, in Munich to discuss the implementation of open source software in the municipality.

The developers were surprised to find that, alongside their Firefox browser, Mozilla's email application Thunderbird has been a basic component of LiMux's open source clients since it began. In fact, Thunderbird is used on around 15 000 municipal PCs. And LiMux project leader Peter Hofmann explained he wants the coming third version of Thunderbird to be integrated into the city council's workstations.

Hofmann said that the migration was going according to plans and dismissed any reports of the contrary.

"Our goal is not limited to rolling out Linux desktops. At the moment we are busy installing OpenOffice, with which some 14 000 workstations have now been equipped. And along side, we also have finished some two thousand Linux PCs."

The migration to the GNU/Linux distribution Debian is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by 2010. Hofmann: "We want 80 percent of our PCs running on Linux by 2011. It will still take a lot of work, but it is a realistic goal."

The LiMux team expressed being interested in using other applications from the Mozilla suite: "Messaging would be an interesting application, but that will be integrated by independent contractors."

Munich's councillors also wanted to learn more about the Mozilla calendar, Lightning. Mosedale and Ascher said they had been working in close cooperation with the French Gendarmerie, where around 140 000 PCs are being migrated to open source software.

Information gleaned from the municipal application work experience will flow back into the Mozilla project, Hofmann expects. He pointed the open source client Wollmux, spawned directly from the Munich project, as an example of open source software connecting the LiMux project with the Mozilla applications.

The Mozilla developers wanted to find out if government organisations have different needs than other users. Hofmann replied that government bodies often have more sets of security rules in place, but agreed with Mozilla that governments' needs do not differ much from enterprise users.

The Mozilla team were especially interested in the reasons for the City of Munich's migration to free software. The LiMux project leader answered that the main argument is vendor-independence.

He added that public administrations in particular should be using open source. "Governments care a lot about independence, for themselves and for their citizens. These should not be forced to use a vendor-specific format when communicating with their administrations or governments."

A third reason is, he said, that through the choice for open source, small and medium enterprises from the region can be supported, because they become the government contracts. The city of Munich has hired an additional 1 200 people for the project.

Saving on license costs is part of the decision, but not the main driver.

**Further information:**

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU](#)

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## Latest Publications

- [EU: The eProcurement map - Second edition](#) | 5 November 2009 | EU Institutions
- [DE: Report on the application of Directive 2003/4/EC](#) | 31 October 2009 | Germany
- [TR: eJustice project, 'UYAP'](#) | 31 October 2009 | Turkey

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## EU: The eProcurement map - Second edition - 5 November 2009

**Description (short summary):**

The strategic objective of the eProcurement Forum, which together with IDABC promoted the production of the current document, is to make the eProcurement experts aware about what is happening in the complex European scenario. A number of activities are running contemporaneously, addressing different aspects and adopting different approaches. The risk is that they proceed on their own, with no, or limited, contacts with the other ones, sometimes spending precious effort and time towards the same objectives. There is a strong need to make all these initiatives aware of the possibility of cooperation and sharing actions.

Therefore the eProcurement Forum took the initiative to compose the whole picture and make it available for consultation, revision and integration to as much eProcurement practitioners as possible.

This version is an update of the first map edition available [here](#), and introduces new initiatives and documents. Any comments, suggestions or contribution should be sent to [eprocurement@epractice.eu](mailto:eprocurement@epractice.eu).

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## DE: Report on the application of Directive 2003/4/EC - 31 October 2009

**Description (short summary):**

On 22 December 2004, action was taken regarding the implementation of the Environmental Information Act (Umweltinformationsgesetz, UIG). The Directive has been implemented on federal and state level.

On a federal level, the Act which came into force on 14 February 2005, addresses the Information Agencies of the federal government. According to the Environmental Information Law, the cost for providing information depends on the Official Acts of each separate Information Agency dealing with the implementation of the Environmental Information Act (UIG, Cost Regulation) adopted based on §12 of the Act.

On state level, the amended Directive has been implemented by the Environmental Information Provinces and it addresses the Information Agencies of both the states and municipalities. The states share the cost of access to information in each separate case. More information can be found at section 6.

In particular the Directive has been implemented through the following laws and regulations:

- Bavaria: Environmental Information Act (BayUIG), 8 December 2006
- Baden Wuerttemberg: Law on Access to Environmental Information, 7 March 2006 Artikel 1 March 2006 (Journal of Laws, p. 50), Article 1 Environmental information contains that Country Environmental Information
- Berlin: Environmental Information Act, 19 December 2005
- Bradenburg: Environmental Information Act (BbgUIG), 26 March 2007
- Bremen: Environmental Information Act (BremUIG), 15 November 2005
- Hamburg: Institute of Environmental Information (HmbUIG), 4 November 2005
- Hesse: Environmental Information (Huig), 14 December 2006
- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: National Environmental Information (LUIGE MV), 14 July 2006
- Lower Saxony: Lower Environmental Information (NUIG), 7 December 2006
- North Rhine-Westphalia: Environmental Information North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW UIG), 29 March 2007
- Rhineland-Palatinate: State Environmental Information Act (LUIGE), 19 October 2005
- Saarland: Environmental Information (SUIG), 12 September 2007
- Saxony: Environmental Information (SächsUIG), 1 June 2006
- Saxony-Anhalt: Environmental Information (LSA UIG), 14 February 2006
- Schleswig-Holstein: Environmental Information (UIG-SH), 2 March 2007
- Thuringia: Environmental Information (ThürUIG), 10 October 2006

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## **TR: eJustice project, 'UYAP' - 31 October 2009**

### **Description text (short summary):**

The Turkish Judiciary Information System (Ulusal Yargi Ağı Projesi, UYAP) is an eJustice system as a part of eGovernment project, which has been developed in order to ensure fast, reliable, and accurate judicial system.

UYAP is developed by the IT Department of the Ministry of Justice of Turkey by using the most updated technology and methodologies. As a central information system it covers all of the judicial institutions and other governmental departments. All judicial units have already been fully equipped with computers, case and document management software and other updated hardware. Each judicial unit is connected to the others by a secure network and given access to legal sources such as legislation, case law, bulletins and circulars.

UYAP has been designed in order to improve the functioning and efficiency of the judiciary and to create an effective and less bureaucratic judicial system for the institutions and individuals concerned. All of the judicial units and agencies currently make use of ICT in their daily routines as all processes and transactions were transported to an electronic environment.

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## ePractice Workshops

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- [eGovernment: Innovative Measurement Approaches](#) | 30 November 2009 | Belgium
- [European Interoperability Strategy \(EIS\) Info Day](#) | 1 December 2009 | Belgium
- [Benchlearning: Final Conference](#) | 1 December 2009 | Belgium
- [eProcurement for SMEs](#) | 4 December 2009 | Italy

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## Upcoming Events

- [CH: eGovernment Symposium 2009](#) | 17 November 2009 | Switzerland
  - [SE: 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference](#) | 18 - 20 November 2009 | Sweden
  - [BE: ICT that makes the difference](#) | 22 - 25 November 2009 | Belgium
  - [FR: Conference on the Internet in the Public Administration sector](#) | 24 November 2009 | France
  - [DE: Online Educa Berlin 2009](#) | 02 - 04 December 2009 | Germany
  - [ES: gvSIG Conference 2009](#) | 02 - 04 December 2009 | Spain
  - [UK: HUWY, Young people's experience and advice on Internet Policies](#) | 03 December 2009 | United Kingdom
  - [FR: ETSI Security Workshop 2010](#) | 20 - 22 January 2010 | France
  - [UK: Healthcare IT Exchange 2010](#) | 31 January - 02 February 2010 | United Kingdom
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## CH: eGovernment Symposium 2009 - 17 November 2009

The symposium will review eGovernment topics that are currently top in the agenda in Switzerland and abroad, with priority to be given to science, policy and applications. This conference is aimed at cyber-administration leaders from the federal government, cantons and municipalities, parliamentarians, representatives from science and research, interested members of the association and industry representatives.

Further information about the programme of the symposium can be found [here](#).

The event is expected to host about 300 participants. Registration can be performed [online](#) with the payment of a fee.

Event email: [info@egovernment-symposium.ch](mailto:info@egovernment-symposium.ch)

Event website: [http://www.egovernment-symposium.ch/default.asp?V\\_ITEM\\_ID=4594](http://www.egovernment-symposium.ch/default.asp?V_ITEM_ID=4594)

Country: Switzerland

City/Location: Bern

Organiser: The eGovernment Symposium Society - Computer science of the Federal Strategy Unit (Informatikstrategieorgan Bund-ISB), the Bern University of Applied Sciences (Berner Fachhochschule - BFH), the Association of Swiss ICT, the eCH, the parliamentary economic initiative ePower for Switzerland, the Foundation Productive Switzerland (Stiftung Produktive Schweiz - SPS), Informatics Group Romand (Groupement Romand de l'Informatique - GRI)

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## SE: 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference - 18 - 20 November 2009

The 5th Ministerial eGovernment Meeting and Conference will be one of the major events of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

It will include a Ministerial Meeting of ministers responsible for eGovernment, a Ministerial eGovernment Conference and an exhibition of the [eGovernment Awards](#) finalists.

Member State ministers responsible for eGovernment will meet on the eve of the Conference, on 18 November 2009, to agree on a Ministerial Declaration that will set out the path for eGovernment up until 2015. The Ministerial Declaration will be presented jointly by the Swedish Presidency and the European Commission on the first day of the Conference (19 November 2009).

At the Ministerial Conference (19-20 November 2009), high-level speakers and 1 000 delegates representing Member States, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and candidate countries, the European Commission, international and regional organisations such as the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), leaders of the ICT industry and its main organisations, as well as academia and others, will meet in more than 20 sessions to discuss topics of particular interest to the eGovernment actors.

The five prestigious eGovernment Awards will be handed out to the winning cases on the occasion of the Awards ceremony to take place on the first evening of the Ministerial Conference.

Participation in the Conference is **upon invitation only**. It is to be noted however that the ePractice members voting online for the Public Prize of the European eGovernment Awards by 18 October 2009 might win a **free admission** to the event. In total, five free admissions will be awarded randomly to these online voters. More information on the online voting may be viewed at: <http://www.epractice.eu/en/awards/rules>.

Event email: N/A

Event website: <http://www.egov2009.se/>

Country: Sweden

City/Location: Malmö

Organiser: Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union along with the European Commission

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## BE: ICT that makes the difference - 22 - 25 November 2009

The conference provides a forum to present and discuss research results, policy plans, and new research problems and approaches.

- **The future of the computer:** Computers will become faster and more powerful. They will also become much smaller and be integrated in all objects in our environment.
- **The future of the internet:** The internet will grow and become more interactive. It will not only connect computers, but also things, tools and perhaps brains. Most objects (and human beings?) will be directly online.
- **The future of the relation between the virtual and the real:** User interfaces will become more intuitive and natural. They may also disappear to the extent that the real and the virtual will merge.
- **The future of ICT for human security:** Security is a social priority. Developments in ICT may become the best protection as well as the worst threat.

The event aims to address strategic thinkers and planners in the field of science and technology researchers in ICT, researchers in Ethical, Socio-economic, and Legal aspects (ESLA) of science, decision makers and advisors in industry and public policy, experts and other stakeholders involved in the development or analysis of biotechnology, biomedicine or other strategic developments.

The conference programme is available [here](#).

Registration to the event is open and can be performed [online](#) with the payment of a fee. The expected number of participants will be more than 100.

Event email: [info.TBM2009@theIFB.eu](mailto:info.TBM2009@theIFB.eu)

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

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: International Forum for Biophilosophy (IFB)

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## **FR: Conference on the Internet in the Public Administration sector - 24 November 2009**

During the conference, important public sector players will be gathered; Directorate General for the Modernisation of the State (DGME), Health Insurance, Paris Academy, Mayor of Bordeaux, Auvergne Region, Burgundy region, Autonomous Operator of Parisian Transport (RATP), among others whose feedback and advice will provide valuable support and answers to the following issues:

- the latest and priority projects in eGovernment;
- the innovations that will allow the web to go further in the dematerialisation of services, fostering a personal relationship with the user;
- how to integrate the Web into its communication strategy;
- the appropriate context and the purpose to use participatory platforms, social networks, blogs, etc;
- how political communication should evolve on the Internet;
- how to measure the magnitude and the scope of the signals activated on the Internet.

It is a forum for public administrations, local authorities and public enterprises that wish to learn from best practices in order to improve their relationship with the users.

The agenda of the conference may be viewed [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#). The attendance fee is €490 exc. VAT for the public sector and administrations, and €890 excl. VAT for private-owned-businesses. Expected number of participants will exceed 100.

Event email: [evenements@benchmark.fr](mailto:evenements@benchmark.fr)

Event website: [http://www.benchmark.fr/catalogue/forum/programme/394-forum-secteur-public-sur-internet/?f\\_partner=em](http://www.benchmark.fr/catalogue/forum/programme/394-forum-secteur-public-sur-internet/?f_partner=em)

Country: France

City/Location: Paris

Organiser: Benchmark Group

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## **DE: Online Educa Berlin 2009 - 02 - 04 December 2009**

ONLINE EDUCA BERLIN, a global e-learning conference for the corporate, education and public service sectors, is the key annual networking event for the international e-learning and technology-supported learning and training industry, attracting and bringing together experts in the vanguard of technology-enhanced learning from around the world. Participants forge essential cross-industry contacts and partnerships, thereby enhancing their knowledge and expertise.

Participants are high-level decision makers from education, business, and government sectors, the three areas driving e-learning adoption and innovation. The networking opportunities and quality of discussion surpass those of any other industry-related conference. The conference is aimed at anyone involved in technology-supported learning and training and also for those who want to find out more about this ever-evolving field.

More information about the programme of the event can be found [here](#).

Over 2000 delegates from more than 90 countries and every continent attend the conference to discuss the latest developments in the field. There is a registration fee for attending the event; registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: [info@online-educa.com](mailto:info@online-educa.com)

Event website: <http://www.online-educa.com/the-conference>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Berlin

Organiser: ICWE GmbH

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## **ES: gvSIG Conference 2009 - 02 - 04 December 2009**

In the light of the gvSIG conference, the Undersecretary of the Regional Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport stated the following: "gvSIG is a continuously evolving project that is constantly adapting to reality. As a result of this continuous process of transformation a non-profit organization, the 'Association for the promotion of free geomatics and the development of gvSIG' (Association gvSIG), has been established. [...] Using free software is not the same as adapting its philosophy of shared knowledge to the development of a new business model; a new model that opens opportunities to many companies in the sector, especially to small and medium sized companies."

The 5th edition of the gvSIG conference will also host the [eclipseDay](#). Organisations interested in collaborating in the event can find information [here](#). All presentations at the Conference will have simultaneous interpretation (Spanish-English and English-Spanish).

Registration is free of charge; however, since there is limited capacity for the conference, registration should be performed through the online [application form](#).

Event email: [contacto-jornadas-gvsig@gva.es](mailto:contacto-jornadas-gvsig@gva.es)

Event website: [http://jornadas.gvsig.org/home/view?set\\_language=en](http://jornadas.gvsig.org/home/view?set_language=en)

Country: Spain

City/Location: Valencia

Organiser: Regional Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (Conselleria de Infraestructuras y Transporte, CIT) and the gvSIG Association

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## **UK: HUWY, Young people's experience and advice on Internet Policies - 03 December 2009**

The HUWY project is an EU-sponsored eParticipation project, aiming to gather input from young people and channel IT to policy-makers, at a national and European level. The focus of the project are policies and laws which affect the Internet, e.g. cyberbullying, child abuse and child safety, freedom of speech and censorship, privacy and phishing, security, identity, hacking, e-commerce, file-sharing and copyright.

The morning of the launch will include short presentations from HUWY partners, policy-makers (including Hille Hinsberg from the [Estonian State Chancellery](#)) and youth groups (including [Young Scot](#) and [Jugendpresse Deutschland](#)).

In the afternoon, two workshops will take place:

- [Youth Work Ireland](#) will provide young people's perspective: Young people, the Internet and HUWY;
- A Workshop organised by [UK's Ministry of Justice](#) will provide a policy-maker's perspective: Making a difference - how to translate engagement into change.

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

Registration to the event is free and can be performed via the [e-Science Institute website](#).

Event email: [e.taylor-smith@napier.ac.uk](mailto:e.taylor-smith@napier.ac.uk)

Event website: <http://huwy.eu/uk/news-blog/2009/11/03/huwy-launch-3rd-december-edinburgh/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Edinburgh

Organiser: Edinburgh Napier University and the HUWY project

## FR: ETSI Security Workshop 2010 - 20 - 22 January 2010

The ETSI Security Workshop has become an annual international security standardisation workshop, bringing together international Standards Developing Organisations (SDOs) and security experts to discuss recent developments, share knowledge, identify gaps and co-ordinate on future actions and work areas. The workshop will include overviews of the work being done in the area of security across standards and technical bodies, along with presentations from major organisations involved in security initiatives.

Participants in the workshop will:

- Assess and spotlight ongoing work on ICT security standards
- Localise the gaps and duplication in security standardisation
- Start to define new work areas
- Sharing ideas and proposals on security innovation, prioritisation of efforts and implementation evaluation

Presentations should have a focus on Security Innovation, in particular:

- Next Generation Networks security
- Mobile Telecommunications systems
- ICT trustworthiness and integrity
- Research and Innovation
- RFID and NFC Security issues
- Internet of Things
- Identity Management and your Privacy
- Cryptography
- Smart Cards and future trends
- Quantum Key Distribution
- Machine to Machine communication
- Standards prioritisation and evaluation

Further details on the agenda of the event are available [here](#).

Attendance to the workshop is free and open to anyone interested upon registration which can be performed [online](#).

Event website:

[http://www.etsi.org/WebSite/NewsandEvents/2010SECURITYWS/2010\\_SECURITYWORKSHOP\\_HOME.aspx](http://www.etsi.org/WebSite/NewsandEvents/2010SECURITYWS/2010_SECURITYWORKSHOP_HOME.aspx)

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)

## UK: Healthcare IT Exchange 2010 - 31 January - 02 February 2010

The Healthcare IT Exchange has been designed to showcase the leading initiatives in Healthcare Services today, combining practical discussions on cutting edge technologies. The Healthcare IT Exchange has compiled speakers with brand new case studies from some of the largest trusts and experts across the UK and Europe.

Through the conference sessions, discussions will be facilitated on a wide array of strategically driven Healthcare IT issues such as:

### Strategy:

- An update on the Department of Health's plans for the National Programme for IT
- Forward Planning: Making efficiencies and maximising cost savings
- Innovation - selling your ideas to the board
- Engineering an innovative culture within your IT department
- Health IT: Learning from Europe

### Technology:

- Connecting health professionals for a collaborative NHS
- Securing patient information
- Capitalising on legacy systems
- Implementing and realising the benefits of shared services
- Mobile technologies for a mobile work force
- Digitising patient records
- Looking to the future: Does cloud computing have a silver lining?

Senior executives responsible for providing strategic IT guidance to overall business strategy for their trusts will be invited.

The conference programme for the event is currently being developed.

Participation to the event has not cost, however, registration is mandatory and can be performed through [event's website](#). The expected number of the participants is around 150.

Event email: [exchangeinfo@iqpc.com](mailto:exchangeinfo@iqpc.com) Event website: <http://www.healthcareitexchange.co.uk>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: International Quality and Productivity Centre (IQPC) Exchange

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