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OFFSHORE-WIND (Characterization of offshore wind energy in Spain)

OFFSHORE-WIND is a website created with the aim of facilitating the referral and consultation of comprehensive information documents Characterization of offshore wind area, according to the provisions of the law 11/2007. This procedure is especially relevant given the economic impact it represents in terms of cost savings. The website significantly reduces costs associated with paperwork processing and speeding up the procedure of consultation and information exchange.

Electricity generation from wind technology transforms the kinetic energy of air currents into electrical energy.

Offshore wind farms have significant advantages over onshore wind farms. The wind at sea is easier to use, being more consistent, with less turbulence and allowing more energy-efficient facilities. In turn offshore wind farms have drawbacks associated mainly to the increased complexity of installation and maintenance and environmental conditions that are extreme.

Roadmap on Future ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling

In order to support governments in designing policies, promising ICT tools are becoming available on the market. However, such tools are not widely adopted, and research is fragmented between academic fields, application areas and approaches to innovation.

The CROSSROAD project (www.crossroad-eu.net), an SSA funded by the European Commission (FP7-ICT-2009-4), aims to deliver a Research Roadmap on ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling, which will seek support by the contribution of the results deriving from other FP7 projects in this domain and by the involvement of the research community. Lasting the whole of 2010, CROSSROAD will create a shared vision to support policy and research in this domain.

The idea for CROSSROAD stems from the need for governments to regulate an increasingly interdependent and unpredictable world. As the current financial crisis has shown, future scenarios are likely to provide greater complexity, while citizens are becoming more vocal in monitoring and influencing policy decision.

M-Eco – Medical Ecosystem: Personalized Event-based surveillance

The health of a society's individuals is not isolated from the natural environment. Symbiotically we influence and are influenced by the ecosystem.

Public health officials are faced with new challenges for outbreak alert and response due to the continuous emergence of infectious diseases and their contributing factors such as demographic change, or globalization. Only the early detection of disease activity, followed by a rapid response, can reduce the impact of epidemics. Conflictingly, the time with which information propagates through the traditional channels, can undermine time-sensitive strategies. Faced with these limitations, the M-Eco project will help to complement traditional systems with additional approaches for the early detection of emerging threats.

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

Latest News

- [CH: 'Simap.ch' platform updated](#) | 30 August 2010 | Switzerland
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CH: 'Simap.ch' platform updated - 30 August 2010

An updated version the 'Simap.ch' platform, the information system for public procurement in Switzerland, was released on 28 July 2010.

The main changes consist of new or revised technical functionalities for the use of the representatives of the public contracting authorities and the bidders. They include, among other novelties:

- Establishment of a preliminary announcement form - in case bidders correspond to the search criteria, they will receive the preliminary announcements;
- The documents of the call for tenders can still be uploaded on the site after the publication of the call;
- In case the documents of the call are modified after the publication, the bidders registered for this call receive an email notification;
- Modification of the bidder registration and subscription processes.

'Simap.ch' is an electronic platform shared by the Swiss federal government, cantons and communes for public procurement purposes. It offers a simple procedure for public contracting authorities to post their call for tenders and, if need be, any relevant tender documents. Bidders and interested companies are thus given an overview of all existing calls for tender across Switzerland and they can download the documents relating to these calls. In addition, they can ask any questions they may have directly on a question/answer forum on the portal.

The platform provides the following services:

- Modern technology and customer-friendly user interface;
- The entire process from the issuing of an invitation to tender to the announcement of contract awarding is seamless, with no media discontinuity;
- Advanced search functions for publications;

- Online subscription service for bidders;
- Single platform for the Confederation and the cantons.

It is worth noting that eTendering has not been made available on the platform yet.

The aim of 'Simap.ch' is to facilitate business relations between the contract-awarding authorities, as well as between the bidders and the public sector and provide related services such as information, consultancy and training under the supervision of the [association simap.ch](#).

Further information:

- [Original news article - Simap.ch](#)
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EU: SEMIC.EU exceeds 500 interoperability assets available for download and reuse - 25 August 2010

In August 2010, the number of interoperability assets in the personal data exchange repository of the Semantic Interoperability Centre Europe (SEMIC.EU) surpassed 500.

With 1 090 registered users and 11 related repositories, SEMIC.EU as a service and its network for pan-European cooperation continues to be a cornerstone of the European Commission's efforts to increase semantic interoperability and reuse in pan-European data exchange. The total for this pan-European exchange model for data on persons currently stands at 502.

SEMIC.EU and more than 100 of its users developed a pan-European data exchange model for persons intended to be used as a core element for any person-related information sharing in eGovernment projects and public administration in Europe. In June 2010, the SEMIC.EU Core Person was the first asset to be implemented by the SEMIC.EU team.

Further Information:

- [Original news article - SEMIC.EU](#)
 - [Related ePractice news article - EU: Final draft of the SEMIC.EU Core Person model published](#)
 - [Related ePractice news article - EU: Developing a pan-European scheme for data on natural persons](#)
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EU: Guideline for public administrations on procurement revised - 25 August 2010

In June 2010, the study [Guideline on public procurement of Open Source Software](#), which contains information to explain the usefulness for public agencies in adopting open source, was updated based on recent procurement policies in Spain, Malta and Italy.

In addition to the guidelines for procurement of open source software, the study provides practical information on how to accomplish this within the existing legal framework of procurement regulations, as well as including ready-to-use templates for legal texts.

The guide stresses that the information contained therein is not legal advice, but merely practical information, as such law is still interpreted by the courts. Since there are no procurement policies at European level, it allows individual public agencies at regional, national or local levels to obtain open source software, even if there is no policy in place regarding open source. This guideline explains to public agency procurement stakeholders and IT managers how to go about doing this following European procurement regulations alone, with no need for any specific open source policies.

The study was commissioned by the European Commission as part of the 'Dissemination of good practice in Open Source Software (GPOSS)' measure under the 'Interoperable Delivery of European eGovernment Services to public

Administrations, Businesses and Citizens (IDABC)' programme. The initial version of the study was made available to the public in October 2008.

Further Information:

- [Original news article - OSOR.EU](#)
 - [Guideline on public procurement of Open Source Software](#)
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Latest Publications

- [PT: Simplex Programme 2010](#) | 1 May 2010 | Portugal
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PT: Simplex Programme 2010 - 1 May 2010

Description (short summary): The Simplex Programme 2010 (Simplex'10) includes a package of 129 measures that show the efforts towards the simplification of several sectors of public administration.

Of these, 85 measures are intended to facilitate citizens' lives in their day-to-day interactions with the public services; 57 are aimed to eliminate and/or to diminish the imposed bureaucratic burden on businesses. The remaining 11 are designed to improve the efficiency of the public services, to reduce the operating costs and to simplify interactions among public sector staff.

Number of pages: 62

Upcoming Workshops and Events

- [IE: Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society 2010](#) | 31 - 3 September 2010 | Ireland
- [NO: 22nd International Conference of the Society for Medical Innovation and Technology](#) | 2 - 4 September 2010 | Norway
- [DE: 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for medical informatics, biometry and epidemiology](#) | 5 - 9 September 2010 | Germany
- [US: 2nd International mHealth Networking Conference](#) | 8 - 9 September 2010 | North America
- [UK: International Conference on Ageing, Disability and Independence 2010](#) | 8 - 10 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [IL: MICS 2010](#) | 12 - 14 September 2010 | Asia
- [BE: INCLUSO 2010 Conference](#) | 13 - 14 September 2010 | Belgium
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- [DK: AAL Investment Forum 2010](#) | 14 - 15 September 2010 | Denmark
- [DK: AAL Forum 2010](#) | 15 - 17 September 2010 | Denmark
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- [NO: Euromontana's 7th European Mountain Convention](#) | 15 - 17 September 2010 | Norway
- [UK: E-invoicing essentials - Free Workshop and Seminar](#) | 16 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [BE: eHealth Strategies in European Countries: Study validation workshop](#) | 16 September 2010 | Belgium
- [UK: Conference on 'Internet, Politics, Policy 2010'](#) | 16 - 17 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [UK: Third annual itea and biscuits week event](#) | 20 - 26 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [FR: Smart Event 2010](#) | 21 - 24 September 2010 | France
- [UK: BCS Health Scotland Conference 2010](#) | 22 - 23 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [UK: Southern Institute for Health Informatics 2010 Conference on Digital Wellbeing](#) | 24 September 2010 | United Kingdom
- [DE: 8th Interventional MRI Symposium](#) | 24 - 25 September 2010 | Germany
- [BE: ICT 2010](#) | 27 - 29 September 2010 | Belgium

- [BE: Networking session on 'Identity management throughout life' in the 'ICT 2010' Conference](#) | 29 September 2010 | Belgium
 - [IT: HIMSS Europe Health IT Leadership Summit 2010](#) | 29 - 1 October 2010 | Italy
 - [UK: Driving Efficiencies in Public Sector IT 2010](#) | 30 September 2010 | United Kingdom
 - [BE: Virtual Physiological Human Conference 2010](#) | 30 - 1 October 2010 | Belgium
 - [ePractice workshop: "Procurement of eHealth solutions"](#) | 6 October 2010 | Belgium
 - [ePractice workshop: "eInclusion days-Digital Literacy"](#) | 12 October 2010 | Belgium
 - [ePractice workshop: "eInclusion days-Inclusive eGovernment"](#) | 13 October 2010 | Belgium
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IE: Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society 2010 - 31 - 3 September 2010

Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society (RSPSoc) 2010 Annual Conference with Irish Earth Observation Symposium, Visualising the World: From the Sea-bed to the Cloud-tops

In recent years the volume and diversity of imagery acquired by satellite, airborne, ground and ship-based sensors has grown enormously, and the number of application domains in which the images are used has similarly multiplied. At the same time, digital mapping tools and the media use of images, after natural disasters for example, have brought remotely sensed imagery into the public domain as never before. But how can the users best communicate the results derived from imagery, or from integrating images with other spatial data? How can they use these data to depict the world of today, as well as predict how it might change in the future? How can the world invisible to someone's eyes be made visible?

Some of the topics to be discussed at the conference are the following:

- Marine and coastal management
- Ocean governance and security
- Underground and underwater
- Climate adaptation and mitigation
- Polar and high altitude regions
- Forests, food and vegetation
- Atmosphere and weather
- Vertical profiling
- Close range sensors
- New sensors and processing technologies

The expected number of participants in the event is around 250-300. The registration can be performed with the payment of a fee. Registration and the accompanying payment at the early bird rate are due by June 30th 2010, and the deadline for registration is August 27th 2010, after which a surcharge will be applied.

Event email: rspsoc@rspsoc.org

Event website: <http://www.rspsoc2010.org/>

Country: Ireland

City/Location: Cork

Organiser: University College Cork and the National Maritime College of Ireland

NO: 22nd International Conference of the Society for Medical Innovation and Technology - 2 - 4 September 2010

22nd International Conference of Society for Medical Innovation and Technology - SMIT 2010

The 2010 SMIT international Conference will focus on the following topics:

- Image Guidance/ Therapy Monitoring
- Forefront in Ultrasound Imaging
- Future OR Logistics and Workflow

- Simulation and Training
- Minimally Invasive Therapy
- Medical Imaging
- Nanotechnology/ Nanomedicine
- Robotics and Sensors
- Communication and Telemedicine

These topics will be presented by an international forum of endoscopic surgeons, interventional radiologists, researchers in medical technology and industrial manufacturers.

The tentative programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: toril.n.hernes@sintef.no

Event website: <http://www.trondheim.cc/smit2010/index.htm>

Country: Norway

City/Location: Trondheim

Organiser: SINTEF Group and St. Olavs Hospital

DE: 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for medical informatics, biometry and epidemiology - 5 - 9 September 2010

55th Annual Meeting of the Association for medical informatics, biometry and epidemiology

The subjects of this year's meeting are the current research and application areas of computer science departments of Medicine, Medical Biometry and Epidemiology as well as the medical documentation department.

More specifically, the topics that will be discussed include but are not limited to:

- Electronic medical and health records
- Assistive technologies and mobile health
- eHealth
- Modelling and implementation of treatment processes
- Medicines and Patient Safety
- Integration of patient care and clinical research
- Medical computer science in health services research
- Medical image and signal processing
- Ensuring high quality of data
- Standards and ontologies
- Digital media
- IT-Management
- Medical informatics and medical technology
- Legal and ethical framework
- Economic studies and health economics
- Workshop on 'Secure Information Technology'

The programme of the event can be viewed [here](#).

Event email: info@gmds2010.de

Event website: <http://www.gmds2010.de/>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Mannheim

Organiser: Association for medical informatics, biometry and epidemiology in cooperation with the University of Mannheim, Institute of Medical and computer science and Hospital of Ludwigshafen am Rhein gGmbH - Information Technology

US: 2nd International mHealth Networking Conference - 8 - 9 September 2010

2nd International mHealth Networking Conference

This 2nd conference in 2010 will focus on new developments, implementations, and experiences related to new communication patterns in healthcare, the expanding use of smartphone and tablet apps by clinicians, institution-wide implementations, and the expanding integration of patient communications into the healthcare process.

The 1st edition of the conference in September 2009 only addressed some of the far-reaching issues of mhealth, which is a complex field that will have a major impact on all stakeholders in healthcare.

The preliminary conference programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: info@mobih.org

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

Country: North America

City/Location: San Diego, California, USA

Organiser: mHealth Initiative

UK: International Conference on Ageing, Disability and Independence 2010 - 8 - 10 September 2010

International Conference on Ageing, Disability and Independence (ICADI) 2010 - 'Advancing Technology and Services to Promote Quality of Life'

ICADI will focus on approaches to support people as they age in maintaining independence in daily living at home, at work and in the community.

A wide range of issues relating to ageing well will be addressed in [nine ICADI tracks](#) by an international cadre of presenters representing research and development, policy, practice and services, business, and consumer perspectives.

In particular, the Telehealth and Telecare track entitled 'Touch-based interaction for older users' will address the use of telecommunications technology to enhance clinical services, patient monitoring, and the exchange of health information and education to support independent living and improve access to remote healthcare and rehabilitation services.

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: icadi@php.ufl.edu

Event website: <http://conferences.ncl.ac.uk/icadi/index.php>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Newcastle

Organiser: University of Florida and University of Newcastle, Newcastle Business School

IL: MICS 2010 - 12 - 14 September 2010

MICS 2010 - 5th Mediterranean Conference on Information Systems - 'Globalisation, Knowledge Sharing and Inclusion: Building on the Mediterranean Ethos'

MICS 2010 aims to bring together researchers, educators, policy makers and practitioners from the region for a high quality Information Systems (IS) conference with solid academic and practitioner foundations.

The conference intends to:

- Inspire innovative and informative IS research that is relevant to the social, economic, and cultural particularities of the Mediterranean region;
- Foster ground breaking IS research to improve the quality of life in the Mediterranean region through further development of the regional knowledge base and its emerging collaboration infrastructure;

- Raise the visibility of IS-related research, education, policy and practice carried out in the Mediterranean region.

Further information about the topics to be discussed as well as the programme can be obtained from the event's [website](#).

Registration can be performed either [online](#) or by completing the respective [form](#) which should then be sent via [email](#).

Event website: <http://www.mcis2010.org/>

Country: Asia

City/Location: Tel Aviv - Israel

Organiser: Paragon Conventions

BE: INCLUSO 2010 Conference - 13 - 14 September 2010

INCLUSO 2010 Conference - 'Social Software for the Social Inclusion of Marginalised Youngsters'

Social software can diversify the network of young people, help them acquire autonomy, contribute to increasing a positive self-image, create job opportunities, etc. This was recognised by the European Commission that organised in 2007 a special Framework Programme 7 call for projects on this subject.

The collaborative INCLUSO project (Sept. 2008- Sept. 2010) responded to this concern as it aims to deliver a verifiable proof that ICT, and more precisely, social software tools, can facilitate social inclusion of youth at risk. INCLUSO, after an initial phase of desk research, currently has four pilot projects running in 4 countries.

Nine European partners, technical experts and educational experts, studied in various practical environments of disadvantaged youngsters how to work with these social online networks and how to monitor outcomes. INCLUSO complies with action line 3.7 'ICT for independent living and inclusion' and carries out activities put forward in the call ICT-2007.7.2 'Accessible and inclusive ICT', sub item 'stronger RTD capacity through delivery of proof of concept for ICT solutions facilitating social inclusion of marginalised young people'.

The present conference will introduce the experience and the practice of scientific and educational institutions on this subject. Public and community services, schools, training centres will also be invited to give their contribution. The call for papers, along with background information about the INCLUSO project can be found [here](#).

During the conference the "White Paper on the use of Social Software with young people from difficult backgrounds" will also be presented; this book contains practical tips based on a year of fieldwork in Belgium, Scotland, Poland and Austria.

Around 120 persons are expected to take part; registration can be performed [online](#) following the payment of a fee.

Event email: information@incluso.org and Jacqueline.Debruyne@esat.kuleuven.be

Event website: <http://www.incluso.org/conference>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Herverlee - Leuven

Organiser: The INCLUSO project partners

DE: eHealth Conference 2010 - 14 - 15 September 2010

eHealth Conference 2010 - 'Telematics brings added value'

The aim of the conference is to promote understanding, consensus and acceptance of how useful (value-added) applications of information and communication technology are in health systems. Organisations that sponsor the German health system will also be promoted in their effort to continuously improve quality, efficiency and acceptability of health care.

On the first day of the conference, there will be presentations from governments and the political arena in general, high-level discussions with representatives from academia, and industry, as well as for from the patients side. On the second day, four parallel thematic areas about value-added applications will be presented in order to examine different perspectives and offer further discussion. In addition, international case studies will be incorporated into the

conference. Also, presentations will demonstrate how patient-and citizen-useful technology applications in different areas of life might contribute to the promotion and preservation of health.

The detailed conference programme can be viewed [here](#).

Event email: ehealth@gvg-koeln.de

Event website: <http://ehealth.gvg-koeln.de/>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Hannover

Organiser: The Federal Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Women, Family, Health and Integration and the Association for Social Security Policy and Research (GVG)

DK: AAL Investment Forum 2010 - 14 - 15 September 2010

Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Investment Forum 2010 - Integrating Innovation and Investment

This year, for the first time, the Ambient Assisted Living Forum (AAL Forum) 2010 will be preceded by the AAL Investment Forum. AAL products and services are ICT-based solutions, such as in-home monitoring devices or telemedicine systems, which help seniors remain independent, active and socially connected for a longer time.

The AAL Forum aims to stimulate more innovation and investment in AAL by bringing together innovative ICT enterprises in the Ageing Well market with potential public and private investors.

Further information about the event can be found in the [programme](#).

Event email: christina@newventures.be

Event website: <http://www.aal-invest.eu/>

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Odense

Organiser: AAL Joint Programme, the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the Region of Southern Denmark and the City of Odense

DK: AAL Forum 2010 - 15 - 17 September 2010

Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) Forum 2010 - 'Active Ageing: Smart Solutions, New Markets'

The AAL Forum is an annual international conference under the Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme (AAL JP). The Forum provides an international platform for discussions about future challenges and possibilities within AAL in Europe. Exhibitions will present companies, institutions and AAL projects and provide an opportunity for 'hands-on' experience with existing and future technologies.

The preliminary programme of the forum may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: cfn@delta.dk

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

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Odense

Organiser: Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme, the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the Municipality of Odense and the Region of Southern Denmark

MK: Conference On Spatial Data Infrastructures 2010 - 15 - 17 September 2010

International Conference on Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI) 2010

The main theme of the Conference will be the development and use of Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI's) and all their aspects - technology, criteria and standards for organizing and sharing spatial data. The realization of the European INSPIRE directive in the countries of South East Europe is expected to be an important part of the conference.

The conference will show the importance of SDIs and their use, on local, national or regional level in the region of South East Europe and its relation to global initiatives. It targets the process of spatial data sharing through the Internet, as a tool for faster, easier and simpler access to spatial data by all stakeholders, customers and clients; the implementation of International/Global and European criteria for organizing digital spatial data; the impact of SDIs on all application fields; cooperation between stakeholders such as state institutions responsible for collecting, structuring, archiving, updating and analyzing spatial data according to their legal mission and obligation.

The conference will bring together stakeholders interested in the development and use of SDIs, with a focus on the region of South-East Europe; participants from other countries-continent would contribute with their research and experience. Scientist, researchers, industry and data owners from public or private sector are expected to contribute to increased understanding and awareness of SDIs in the region and to the identification of new ways of their implementation and use; around 200 persons are expected to take part to this event.

Further information on the conference themes could be found [here](#).

Useful information on deadlines is available [here](#); registration to this event can be performed online via the payment of a fee.

Event email: sdiconf2010@gmail.com

Event website: <http://sdi2010.evkartenn.com>

Country: FYR of Macedonia

City/Location: Skopje

Organiser: State University of Tetova, Skopje, Former Yuogoslav Republic of Macedonia; President of the Association for Geospatial Information in South East-Europe (AGISEE), Sofia, Bulgaria; Real Estate Cadastre Agency, Skopje, former Yuogoslav Republic of Macedonia

NO: Euromontana's 7th European Mountain Convention - 15 - 17 September 2010

Euromontana's 7th European Mountain Convention "European Mountain Regions- A spirit of Innovation"

Euromontana is a multi-sectoral association with 66 members from Europe (EU and beyond): authorities, development agencies, agricultural and environmental organisations, research institutes, schools, etc. Its aim is for mountainous regions to overcome their weaknesses and ensure their development taking into account all three dimensions of sustainability (economy, social and environment. Euromontana's mission is to promote living mountains, integrated and sustainable development and quality of life in mountain areas.

In order to achieve this, Euromontana facilitates the exchange of information and experience among these areas by organising seminars and major conferences, by conducting and collaborating in studies, by developing, managing and participating in European projects and by working with the European institutions on mountain issues.

This years' theme for the European Mountain Convention is "Innovation as a key driver for the development of mountain areas". Innovation, in conjunction with research, is part of the "EU 2020 strategy" the European Union and its Member States recently chose to respond to the economic crisis and to energize European businesses:

Every two years, since 1998, the European Mountain Conventions organised by Euromontana gather European, national, regional and local key stakeholders, scientists and entrepreneurs. During 2.5 days, the participants discuss important issues for the development of mountain areas and communities.

The work of this convention will focus on two different themes: during the first workshops the innovation process will be treated: how to innovate in mountain areas and what are the main factors required. In a second session of workshops the sectors in which mountain areas can use best their specificities in order to innovate will be considered. Best practices from mountain areas will be presented and the main focus will be put on the transferability of these identified examples.

A provisional agenda for the event can be found [here](#).

The event is open to all following the payment of a fee. Attendance is expected to reach 300 persons. More details on registration and fees will be announced shortly.

Event email: info@euromontana.org

Event website: http://www.euromontana.org/English/what_do_we_do3.html

Country: Norway

City/Location: Lillehammer

Organiser: Euromontana, the European association of Mountain Areas in collaboration with the Norwegian Mountain Regions Cooperation

UK: E-invoicing essentials - Free Workshop and Seminar - 16 September 2010

E-invoicing essentials - Free Workshop and Seminar

With benefits such as paper elimination, error reduction and 60 % cost savings on processing, e-invoicing adoption amongst corporates is growing rapidly throughout Europe. E-invoicing, e-billing, Accounts Payable (AP) automation and invoice imaging/scanning are terms that have probably been discussed in organisations, and this event will give participants an opportunity to find out as much as possible on these subjects in one day.

This informal event, run by friendly experts with years of experience in the field of e-invoicing, comprises of morning presentations and afternoon workshops. There will also be time throughout the day for networking and one-to-one demos of e-invoicing systems.

Registration can be performed [online](#).

The event's agenda, along with additional details may be found in the [event flyer](#).

Event email: [Tamara Ryall-Harvey](#)

Event website: <http://www.accountis.com/news-events/2010/06/04/e-invoicing-essentials-seminar-workshop>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Manchester

Organiser: Accountis Europe Ltd

BE: eHealth Strategies in European Countries: Study validation workshop - 16 September 2010

eHealth Strategies in European Countries: Study validation workshop

At this workshop the European Commission (EC) and empirica, in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union will present the final results of the eHealth Strategies study to a wider public.

Commissioned by the EC in 2008, the eHealth Strategies study has surveyed the status-quo and assessed the progress made by EU Member States and European Economic Area (EEA) countries towards realising the goals of the European eHealth Action Plan of 2004.

The workshop will summarise key outcomes and feature presentations by representatives of national eHealth programmes on lessons learned from eHealth strategic planning and implementation. After a networking lunch and the presentation of good practice cases, policy recommendations for further eHealth diffusion will be discussed.

The event is by invitation only; those interested in participating are invited to send a short note to Ms [Uta Walossek](#) stating their specific interest, full name and affiliation.

Event email: [Uta Walossek](#)

Event website: <http://www.ehealth-strategies.eu/>

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: The European Commission and empirica, in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

UK: Conference on 'Internet, Politics, Policy 2010' - 16 - 17 September 2010

Conference on 'Internet, Politics, Policy 2010: An Impact Assessment'

This academic conference subjects the relationship between the Internet, Politics and Policy to multi-disciplinary scrutiny. It will be organised in twin tracks:

- Papers in the Politics track will consider the use of the Internet by political organisations, examining the impact on policy of (for example) online interest group activity and political mobilisation, eVoting, political parties and campaigning and eGovernment.
- Papers in the Policy track will look at policy responses to Internet-driven social change, including eHealth, online education, cybercrime, security, privacy and digital inclusion.

Conference panels, although they have not been finalised yet, will probably be on: the 2010 UK Election, Comparative Campaigning, Agenda Setting, Political Participation, Petitions, Representation, Terrorism, Digital Divides, Internet Governance, Commercial Players, the Internet in China, Personal Data and the Future Internet, the Nation State, Development, Citizenship, Collective Action, Participation and Policy Making, Comparative eGovernment, Values of eGovernment, Digital Roadmaps, Electronic Voting.

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

Event email: ipp2010@oii.ox.ac.uk

Event website: <http://microsites.oii.ox.ac.uk/ipp2010/welcome>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Oxford

Organiser: Oxford Internet Institute

UK: Third annual itea and biscuits week event - 20 - 26 September 2010

Third annual itea and biscuits week event

Itea and biscuits is an annual event designed to give seniors the opportunity to learn to use computers, mobile phones and digital cameras at a 'taster session'. The one-week event is part of 'Connect with IT', a digital inclusion campaign organised by Age UK.

The target audience consists of those seniors who are confused by computers and troubled by technology.

In 2009, 247 events were held across the United Kingdom. Those interested in participating in the 2010 edition will find on the [dedicated page](#) of the Age UK website the details of the local events taking place during August 2010, but new events will continue to be added in the run up to the week, so it is advised to check back again in early September.

Likewise, it is possible to [run a tester event](#) or to become a [volunteer IT trainer](#). Those wishing to hold an event are invited to register their event [here](#). The registration form has been designed to capture essential information about one's event(s) so that Age UK can promote it to the public through their website and call centre. The form also lets the event runners order promotional materials and participant packs for their event(s).

Event email: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/contact-us/>

Event website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/work-and-learning/technology-and-internet/itea-and-biscuits/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: N/A

Organiser: Age UK

FR: Smart Event 2010 - 21 - 24 September 2010

SMART Event 2010 - The Innovation Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services

Smart Event is as an international forum of knowledge-sharing, learning and networking in the fields of eID, eMobility and Smart Security. It features contents combining scientific and strategic presentations of Industry experts, researchers and academics, as well as governmental and institutional representatives.

The event encompasses 3 international conferences covering complementary areas:

- The future of digital security technologies - [e-Smart](#).
- The building of trusted mobile applications - [Smart mobility](#)
- The next generation of eID management technologies and services - [World e-ID](#).

EU-funded projects such as [BioP@ss](#), [PEPPOL](#), [STORK](#) and [TURBINE](#) will be featured.

Smart Event will be preceded by an eHealth pre-conference workshop (21 September 2010) which will focus on the security and privacy of data provided by eID management solutions and trusted eHealth applications. Experts from the industry and the public sector will present innovative solutions for eID management in the ehealth domain. Smart cards based solutions and their challenges will be highlighted.

The [Smart University](#) advanced educational programme as well as a series of workshops and meetings complete the agenda.

Registration is now open. It is to be performed [online](#) and requires the payment of a fee. Over 600 attendees are expected to take part. Regardless of their activity - Academia, eGovernment, Institutions, Standardisation, Research, Integrators/Consultancy, Manufacturer/hardware, Security Solutions Providers, Content Service & Telecoms Operators - they all play an important and crucial influence on major decisions in the mobility, trusted technologies and services marketplace.

Event email: info@strategiestm.com

Event website: <http://www.smart-event.eu/>

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis, French Riviera

Organiser: Strategies Telecoms and Media

UK: BCS Health Scotland Conference 2010 - 22 - 23 September 2010

British Computer Society - BCS Health Scotland Conference 2010

The three main themes to be addressed at the BCS Health Scotland Conference 2010 are Quality, Innovation, and Efficiency. International speakers from Australia, Canada, Sweden, America, Ireland, Wales and numerous UK speakers will position themselves on current relevant issues such as patient safety, the quality strategy, efficiency gains from IT and more.

For the first time, the **NHS Scotland eHealth Awards** will be presented to eHealth teams in Scotland. These awards will be presented by Scottish Government and by BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT, to help boost the status of the IT profession in NHS Scotland at a time of significant change.

Moreover the new Vidiowiki delegate social networking tool will be used for linking up delegates before and after the event. Users can navigate a mind-map of delegates, speakers and exhibitors to create linkups and watch short clips about presentations and demos. This will help planning and networking before coming to the event.

A selection of posters will be available to view during the conference:

- A novel security risk assessment model - Napier University
- Clinical content modeling - NHS National Services Scotland
- Trans-national exchange of eHealth innovations in northern Europe- Aberdeen University
- A Study to evaluate the effectiveness of an electronic dashboard - Ulster hospital
- A Study to evaluate the response times for alerts - Ulster hospital

Around 250 participants are expected to take part in this open event. Online registration is possible [here](#). Details about fees and early bird registration can be found [online](#).

A [draft programme](#) for the event can be found online at the event website.

Event email: neil@scottishhealthcare.co.uk

Event website: <http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/his/events/bcs-health-scotland-conference-2010.aspx>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Glasgow

Organiser: BCS Health Scotland

UK: Southern Institute for Health Informatics 2010 Conference on Digital Wellbeing - 24 September 2010

Southern Institute for Health Informatics (SIHI) 2010 Conference on Digital Wellbeing - 'Digital Wellbeing - For Patients, Caregivers and Citizens'

The SIHI 2010 conference will focus on topics such as home telecare, the impact of the ageing society, assisted living, personal health records and workplace wellbeing.

In a challenging economic climate and a time of political change, the need for innovation, fresh thinking and practicable solutions is stronger than ever. The conference will explore ideas such as:

- How are new models of care evolving?
- What does this mean for continuity of care and information sharing?
- Can personal health records help to empower citizens to improve their wellbeing?
- How can informatics help to integrate healthcare, social care and self-care?
- How do technology and interoperability and information standards need to develop to make this workable?
- Can informatics facilitate reduction in operational costs in health and social care?
- What is the role of employers and professional bodies in promoting good health?
- What is the evidence base for developments in this field? Where is further research needed?

The conference will address these and related issues and showcase some recent developments (locally, nationally and internationally) that will contribute to improving the wellbeing of patients, caregivers and citizens.

The detailed event programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: sihi@port.ac.uk

Event website: <http://www.chmi.port.ac.uk/sihi/sihi2010/>

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: Portsmouth

Organiser: Southern Institute for Health Informatics (SIHI)

DE: 8th Interventional MRI Symposium - 24 - 25 September 2010

8th Interventional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Symposium

Upon completion of the Scientific Meeting participants are expected to be able to:

- Identify new findings in interventional and intraoperative MRI most relevant to their own fields;
- Explain the impact of newly developed methods in interventional MRI;
- Describe possible future trends and developments in interventional MRI and evaluate the possible impact of these trends and developments on their own clinical and scientific work in the future;
- Assess the state-of-the-art in interventional MRI.

The programme of the symposium can be viewed [here](#).

Event email: interventional.mri@medizin.uni-leipzig.de

Event website: <http://radiologie.uniklinikum-leipzig.de/imri2010.htm>

Country: Germany

City/Location: Leipzig

Organiser: The Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at the University of Leipzig, in cooperation with the Department of Radiology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, and the Department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore

BE: ICT 2010 - 27 - 29 September 2010

ICT 2010 for ICT research and innovation - 'Digitally Driven'

ICT 2010 is Europe's most visible forum for ICT research and innovation. Hosted by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union for its 2010 edition, the biennial event has become a unique gathering point for researchers, business people, investors, and high level policy makers in the field of digital innovation. The present edition will focus on policy priorities such as Europe's Digital Agenda and the next financial programme of the European Union for funding research and innovation in ICT.

ICT 2010 event consists of a main conference, an exhibition and dozens of networking sessions. The conference will be a place for leading figures from business, academia and politics to discuss and debate around the following key themes:

- the potential of digital solutions to promote sustainable growth in a low carbon economy;
- the continuing constructive role of ICT in the daily life of citizens;
- the importance of public participation in the innovation process.

The conference will include special sessions presenting the European Union's funding priorities for the €2.8 billion of EU funding available for ICT research and development during 2011-2012. The draft programme has been made available [here](#).

At the exhibition, researchers from all parts of Europe and beyond will present their latest work in upstream ICT innovation as well as close-to-market projects. This is an opportunity to explore what is happening at the coal face in a given area of interest and to find potential future collaborators. Belgium's national pavilion will, in addition, showcase the innovation spirit of the host country through a range of Belgian digital solutions.

As for the networking sessions, they have been designed to facilitate contacts between researchers and innovators, engineers and investors from all fields of digital innovation. This is a chance for participants to build future partnerships with the right people in their field. The networking proposals received will be evaluated and an online forum will be open, inviting comments and suggestions from potential networking participants. Once the list of approved networking sessions is published, registered delegates will also be able to meet like-minded colleagues - online or off - contact other ICT 2010 participants with similar interests using ICT 2010 secure email facilities and find out who else is interested in their favorite topics.

Registration to the open to all event is to be performed [online](#). Registered delegates can attend the ICT 2010 exhibition and any conference or networking session on the days for which they are registered. The attendance fee is €225 per day and €450 for the full three days for those registering prior to 26 June 2010 (€550 for late registration). Participation is entirely free of charge for disabled people, students and journalists.

Event email: info-ICT2010@ec.europa.eu

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/index_en.htm

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission, Directorate General Information Society and Media

BE: Networking session on 'Identity management throughout life' in the 'ICT 2010' Conference - 29 September 2010

Networking session on 'Identity management throughout life - Solutions, trends, side effects' in the context of the ICT 2010 - 'Digitally Driven' Conference

How does a person manage his identity throughout his life, how does he take it with him across Europe, how does one keep it safe and private?

All these questions are at the heart of the session that will be held on the third day of the [ICT 2010 conference](#) focusing on privacy-aware identity management approaches presented by five on-going research projects: [PetWEBII](#), [Picos](#), [Primelife](#), [Semiramis](#) and [Turbine](#).

From privacy to the complete lifecycle of identity management throughout life and throughout Europe, this session will highlight specific approaches proposed to handle these issues in the context of different communities, opening up the debate to the audience and working towards new research directions identified in the new Work Programme.

This 90 minute session is divided into two parts: presentations and open discussion.

First section - presentations (50')

- Chair presentation: the identity management and privacy challenges addressed by the projects;
- PrimeLife: privacy throughout life;
- PETWeb II: risks in privacy;
- Turbine: privacy of biometrics based authentication;
- PICOS: privacy in mobile communities;
- Semiramis: take your identity with you across Europe.

Second section - Open discussion, questions and answers (30')

Event email: info-ICT2010@ec.europa.eu

Event website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/ict2010/item-display.cfm?id=3435

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Commission, Directorate General Information Society and Media

IT: HIMSS Europe Health IT Leadership Summit 2010 - 29 - 1 October 2010

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Europe Health IT Leadership Summit 2010

The HIMSS Europe Health IT leadership summit is a new, executive level forum for education, collaboration and dialogue. Leaders from healthcare, IT and government will convene to help advance the quality of healthcare delivery.

The event will feature conference and education sessions as well as a leadership summit designed to foster intensive knowledge exchange and networking opportunities at the most senior level. The detailed event programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

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

Country: Italy

City/Location: Rome

Organiser: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

UK: Driving Efficiencies in Public Sector IT 2010 - 30 September 2010

Driving Efficiencies in Public Sector Information Technology (IT) 2010: Meeting new demands

IT is at the heart of cost savings across the public sector, with the joint challenges of reducing costs in IT whilst enabling the organisation to deliver services more efficiently through IT. This one day conference will explore the fundamental changes needed in IT and it will challenge delegates to re-think how to plan, manage, design and deliver essential public services which exploit modern technologies.

The event is designed for senior IT professionals serious about delivering cost and efficiency savings. Attendees will hear short, sharp case studies and debate ideas in discussion sessions, working in small groups to consider how to implement ideas into their organisation.

The detailed conference programme may be found [here](#).

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: ross.easterbrook@guardian.co.uk

Event website: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/drivingefficiencies>
Country: United Kingdom
City/Location: London
Organiser: Guardian Conference Team

BE: Virtual Physiological Human Conference 2010 - 30 - 1 October 2010

The Virtual Physiological Human Network of Excellence (VPH NoE) is an umbrella project representing the [Virtual Physiological Human Initiative \(VPH-I\)](#) set up by the European Commission with a budget of approx. €350 million for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). VPH-I lists, as its main target outcome, patient-specific computer models for personalised and predictive healthcare and ICT-based tools for modelling and simulation of human physiology and disease-related processes.

VPH 2010 is the first one in a series of events designed to be a key resource for the VPH NoE to produce a '[VPH Vision and Strategy Document](#)' to inform the next European Commission calls for the VPH field for FP7, FP8 and for European large infrastructural actions.

The conference will be dedicated to VPH-I, bringing together key representatives from VPH groups, Industry and Clinics. It is designed to be a relatively small meeting up to a maximum of 200 participants with high profile key speakers and it will aim to contain the very best of VPH research.

Parallel sessions will be held on both days with proposed topics in five main themes; Organ Systems, Modelling Scales, Research Methodology, Application Domains and Data Access and Information Assurance.

The organisers anticipate increasing the size and scope of the VPH conference in subsequent years.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, unless applications exceed the meeting's capacity, in which case active participation (submitted abstract) will be considered. Registration can be performed [online](#).

Event email: tchapman@ulb.ac.be
Event website: <http://www.vph-noe.eu/vph2010>
Country: Belgium
City/Location: Brussels
Organiser: Virtual Physiological Human Network of Excellence (VPH NoE), with the support of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Information Society and Media

ePractice workshop: "Procurement of eHealth solutions" - 7 October 2010

This workshop, an initiative of the eHealth Procurers' community and supported by the European Commission will take place **October 7, 2010**.

The Procurement of eHealth solutions workshop aims to share experiences and best practices on procuring eHealth services. National and regional cases will be presented and discussed in depth.

The main objectives of the workshop are to:

- Facilitate the exchange of best practices for deploying sustainable eHealth services procurement strategies and specifications.
- Promote the creation of synergies to increase quality & interoperability of deployed solutions as well as to launch innovative services.
- Support the sharing of technical knowledge and expertise needed to deploy complex eHealth procurement tools & services.

Within the context of this event, the EC aims to bring together high-caliber professionals, with extensive expertise and knowledge in the cross-section of the eHealth and Procurement fields.

Therefore, this workshop is open to practitioners from European national and regional administrations, public and private organisations, academia and research centres. This variety of strong and diverse stakeholders will provide differentiated contributions and points of view, thus assisting to foster generalized principles and approaches on addressing the subject of eHealth services procurement.

Possible subjects of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Legal aspects of procurement of eHealth services.
- Assessment and classification of procurement patterns in the healthcare sector.
- Procurement of eHealth services – technology state-of-art.
- Procurement of eHealth services – empirical best practices.
- European legislation on the procurement of eHealth services.
- IT platforms and technology standards for the procurement of eHealth services.
- Use Case 1 – NHS
- Use Case 2 - TBD

Registration to this workshop can be easily facilitated by visiting the following page:
<http://www.epractice.eu/en/node/add/workshop-participate/305458>.

To be considered for a speaker placement, please submit your abstract to the event organisers at events@eurodyn.com. The event organiser will assist you promptly.

Thank you! We are looking forward to your contributions!

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: EUROPEAN DYNAMICS, SA

ePractice workshop: "eInclusion days-Digital Literacy" - 12 October 2010

The Digital Literacy community announces the organisation of a workshop on **October 12, 2010** in Brussels. This workshop will aim to encourage the sharing of good practice in the area of digital competences of intermediaries and social actors working in the field of economic, social and/or digital inclusion of groups at risk of exclusion such as the elderly, disabled, migrants, youth, unemployed and low educated people.

In addition, the workshop aims to identify and disseminate: ICT-enabled solutions (training, resources, tools, etc) for digital competences of social inclusion actors; good practices and current research carried out in this area; initiatives and funding programmes at local, national or European level.

Therefore, the focus will be on the necessity to improve the accessibility of ICT products and services by intermediaries and social actors and its application to their jobs.

The topics expected to be raised at the workshop include:

- Carers' digital literacy and targeted online training and job support
- Intermediaries training/eLearning on digital competences and eInclusion
- ICT tools and e-Skills to support end users looking for a job
- ICT enabled acquisition of management and operational competences

Particular attention should be paid to two main categories of social inclusion actors/ intermediaries who support groups at risk of social exclusion or needing support (e.g. dependent people, elderly, migrants, youngsters in difficulty, unemployed, lowly educated):

a) social inclusion actors/ intermediaries providing care and assistance to the referred social groups;

b) social inclusion actors/ intermediaries facilitating the learning, skilling and/or employability of the referred social groups.

Who should attend?

The workshop is open to public and private social care organisations, digital training institutions, NGOs and "third sector" organisations working in the field of eInclusion or social inclusion, researchers, ICT developers and others involved or interested in the topics indicated above.

Call for presentations:

Those interested in speaking should register to the workshop and submit an original and concise proposal, which should be based on one or more real cases (see **call for participation** in the section 'presentations & documents' below), by September 16, 2010.

Potential speakers are encouraged to submit the case(s) of their presentation to the ePractice case repository (<http://www.epractice.eu/en/cases>), if this has not been done yet.

All proposals for presentations should be submitted to events@eurodyn.com with a copy to vassilia.orfanou@eurodyn.com. Accepted formats of presentation submission are: .ppt and .pdf. To register for this event, prior registration to ePractice is required at <http://www.epractice.eu/en/user/register>, with subsequent registration to this workshop.

Important deadlines:

- Submission of draft presentations by **September 13, 2010**
- Speaker confirmation by **September 20, 2010**
- Submission of final presentations by **September 27, 2010**

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Dynamics, S.A.

ePractice workshop: "eInclusion days-Inclusive eGovernment" - 13 October 2010

This workshop will take place on **October 13, 2010** and is an initiative of DG INFSO, aiming to encourage the sharing of good practice in the area of Inclusive eGovernment.

In addition, this workshop will aim to disseminate current research and development activities carried out within the two eInclusion areas as well as other research initiatives within the European Union Framework Programmes.

Therefore, the focus will be on the necessity to improve the accessibility and availability of everyone to ICT products and services, in order to create new employment, education and equal living standards for all; connecting them to jobs, new forms of communication and participation, and to public services.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- eGovernment policies targeted at groups at risk of exclusion
- User segmentation in eGovernment services
- Inclusive eGovernment in healthcare
- Multichannel delivery services
- eGovernment services: the 'value chain' dimension
- Design, production, delivery, access and use of inclusive eGovernment services
- "Inclusive by design" versus specific assistance - tailored services
- Marketing, targeting and promotion of eGovernment services for specific disadvantaged groups

Ultimately, this workshop will aim to share good practice initiatives, knowledge and experiences on the field as a means of accelerating the uptake of eInclusion solutions and improving both policy-making and research for now and the future.

Who should attend?

Researchers and ICT developers, public and private social care, business representatives should attend. Through their participation, potential presentation and discussions in the workshop session, researchers, users and stakeholders will be able to learn about the current situation in inclusive eGovernment and also transmit their points of view for now and for the future.

Non-epractice members may register to the [portal](#) and thereafter register to the workshop here. Speakers are kindly invited to download the **call for participation** that can be found in the '**presentation and documents**' section and direct any questions or clarifications to events@eurodyn.com

Call for presentations:

Those interested to speak should register to the workshop and submit an original and concise proposal (a few slides or descriptive summary).

All proposals for presentations should be submitted to events@eurodyn.com with a copy to Vassilia.orfanou@eurodyn.com by **September 16, 2010**.

Accepted formats of abstract and presentation submission are: .doc, .ppt and .pdf. Prior registration to epractice is required at <http://www.epractice.eu/en/user/register> for people that are not current ePractice members.

Important deadlines:

- Submission of draft presentations by **September 13, 2010**
- Speaker confirmation by **September 20, 2010**
- Submission of final presentations by **September 27, 2010**

Country: Belgium

City/Location: Brussels

Organiser: European Dynamics, S.A.

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