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>> New eInclusion workshop in September

Registration is already open for the eInclusion workshop "People with disabilities" which ePractice.eu will host in Brussels on September 25. This new free hands-on event will provide eInclusion professionals an opportunity to explore issues of relevance to ICTs and disability. In keeping with the current debates, the workshop will explore three themes: 1) e-Accessibility, 2) Designing for employability and 3) Design for living. For an in-depth presentation by Dr. Joe Cullen and registration, please visit the [dedicated webpage](#).

>> Call for papers: Key enablers for eTransformation?

The European Commission's eGovernment Action Plan considers innovations in eIdentification, interoperability and open source software to be eGov key enablers. Will these initiatives make possible the efficient and correct operation of public administration eServices? What does the evidence suggest? Against this background, the *European Journal of ePractice* invites contributions that marshal empirical evidence, such as case studies, surveys or ethnographic studies of the effectiveness of OSS. The deadline for article submissions is 1 October, 2008. For more information, please [visit the call for papers](#).

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IDABC e-Invoicing and e-Ordering project for public procurement

The IDABC e-Invoicing and e-Ordering project started in the summer of 2007 as a joint initiative from DG MARKET and DIGIT. The overall project objectives are twofold: a first objective is to contribute to the use of electronic invoicing in the public sector in line with the objectives of the i2010 e-Government action plan and the e-Procurement action plan. A second objective is to contribute to the establishment of the European Electronic Invoicing Framework (EEI), which is under the responsibility of the Expert Group on e-Invoicing (see http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/payments/einvoicing/index_en.htm for more information). On the one hand, business requirements for e-Invoicing in a public procurement context and cross-border environment are being gathered. As a result, an interim report with the identified business requirements was provided in spring 2008 and after the summer of 2008 a final report will be published by DG MARKET. On the other hand, a pilot project has been launched to setup an e-Invoicing and e-Ordering system between DIGIT and a number of suppliers. After having finalised the feasibility study, DIGIT recently started the development of the proof-of-concept, which will be run as a pilot in the beginning of next year. In the first phase suppliers will only send invoices and later on the dispute and credit note process will be implemented. It is estimated that by the end of 2009 the e-Ordering process will complete the pilot.

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EU: New Call for Papers open: eID, Interoperability and Open Source 15 July 2008

The European Commission's eGovernment Action Plan considers innovations in eidentification, interoperability and Open Source Software to be eGovernment's key enablers. Will these initiatives make possible the efficient and correct operation of public administration eServices? What does the evidence suggest? The European Journal of ePractice looks contributions on eID, Interoperability and Open Source. The deadline for submissions is 1 October, 2008.

The developers of eGovernment services are placing increasing resources on eidentification, or Electronic Identity Management (eIDM), in facilitating the provision of high impact services on regional, national and international levels. Successful eIDM in turn requires advances in interoperability, security, authentication and the protection of the privacy of personal data, demanding significant investment in software and systems.

There is therefore much optimism about Open Source Software (OSS) complementing proprietary solutions. It is argued that OSS can provide flexibility, collaboration, customisation and cost effective solutions. European public administrations have been among the early adopters of OSS and have been running OSS-based systems and applications since the late 1990s. What has been learned by these early initiatives? Has an evidence-base developed for guiding public choices?

Against this background, the European Journal of ePractice invites contributions that marshal empirical evidence, such as case studies, surveys or ethnographic studies of the effectiveness of OSS and other approaches to eidentification, authentication, security and interoperability.

Have these initiatives been key enablers of eGovernment? If not, what lessons have been learned? The submissions should provide points of view of usefulness and impact as well as interesting insights into the services and their success factors. One submission may address one or several key enablers. The following topics are given as an example:

eidentification:

- Interoperability of eID systems;
- Authentication and eSignature mechanisms;
- Security and privacy: how to prevent the misuse of personal data;
- Mobile IDs;
- Transnational eidentification systems.

Interoperability:

- Key success factors and/or key barriers of local and regional interoperability;

- Technical, semantic and/or organisational interoperability;
- Political, legal and structural conditions relevant for developing and using interoperable applications;
- Open Standards (usage, policy, compliance).

Open Source:

- OSS and interoperability;
- OSS impact on choice of solutions;
- Socio-economic consequences of OSS;
- OSS vs. proprietary software;
- Open source and custom built software;
- Open source as part of the software ecosystem.

Further information:

- [European Journal of ePractice – Call for papers “Key enablers for eTransformation? eID, Interoperability and Open Source”](#)

NO: Launch of ANIME Project – A new paradigm for inclusive identity management 15 July 2008

The goal of the ANIME project is the identification of issues that need to be resolved to ensure that exclusion does not start on the login screen or user management component of information systems. The project started on 1 July 2008 at the Norwegian Computing Centre.

The purpose of ANIME is the structured research into the state and new strategies in providing inclusive identity management to service providers and users.

ANIME will provide a closer analysis of identity management systems (IMS) with respect to eInclusion. It may result in a number of open issues concerning security and privacy technologies, as well as profiling in adaptive systems.

ANIME started on 1 July 2008 and will end on 31 December 2008. The project is funded by the Norwegian Research Council (Norsk Regnesentral).

Further information:

- [Norwegian Computing Center](#)
- [Contact: Lothar Fritsch](#)

PL: eGov platform faces delays 15 July 2008

Extended testing has delayed the full delivery of a much-awaited eGovernment platform in Poland.

The full launch of the Electronic Platform of Public Administration Services (ePUAP) has experienced some unforeseen delays owing to extended testing, reported IPSEC information service.

The ePUAP project was conceived to enable government authorities to open their own 'eWindows'. It will provide them with a technologically neutral platform to deliver eServices without having to develop their own infrastructure.

According to Dziennik Internautów, a Polish news publication, ePUAP was due to be launched on 9 April 2008. However, necessary system testing procedures were not completed before the deadline. As a result, the date was put back to 14 April, when the system was soft-launched.

“On 14 April 2008, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration experimentally launched the ePUAP system,” a representative said. “Testing procedures, which are essential for proper system functioning, are also responsible for temporary access breaks.”

The system has cost around €8 million, nearly €6 million of which was provided by the European Union.

Further information:

- [New article – Gazeta Technologie \(in Polish\)](#)
 - [News article – www.di.com.pl \(in Polish\)](#)
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EU: Consultation on the establishment of Public Procurement Networks 15 July 2008

The European Commission has launched an open consultation on the establishment of Public Procurement Networks in support of the Lead Market Initiative.

The Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission has launched this public consultation on the establishment of public procurement networks to stimulate innovation in key areas identified under the Lead Market Initiative, in particular construction, protective textiles, bio-based products and recycling. It is envisaged to establish networks of contracting authorities, including government organisations, which promote professionalism in public procurement (e.g. expertise centres).

The aim of these networks would be to enable contracting authorities to improve their knowledge about innovative solutions that are available or being developed by suppliers, to allow for a better coordinated and articulated dialogue with suppliers about the future needs of contracting authorities, and to realise the benefits of European cooperation in exchanging experience in procurement practices and in undertaking joint or coordinated actions.

The consultation document sets out proposals for objectives, scope, activities and modalities of the public procurement networks that could be supported by the European Commission.

All interested stakeholders, and particularly those organisations which are active public procuring authorities in the lead market areas, are invited to submit comments by **Friday 25 July 2008** to ENTR-LMI@ec.europa.eu using the [dedicated form](#). The comments received will be used to help the Commission services to specify the call for proposals that is due to be launched in the autumn of 2008.

Further information:

- [DG Enterprise and Industry – Public Procurement Networks](#)
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EU: 2nd CIO meeting report now available online 14 July 2008

The summary report of the 2nd European CIO meeting has been made available online on the website of the IDABC programme.

Held in Brussels on 13 June 2008 under the chairmanship of Mr. García Morán, Director General of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Informatics, the 2nd European CIO meeting brought together Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and national representatives from 25 European countries.

The summary report comes back on the experiences shared, the meeting presentations and the issues discussed by the participants with regard to the meeting’s major outcome; the agreement to work together in developing a European Interoperability Strategy (EIS) whose preparation and priorities will be steered and decided by CIOs.

The report furthermore presents the next steps which have been agreed upon, namely:

- CIOs to nominate their strategy experts to start developing the EIS;
- Launch of the development of the EIS;

- Proposals for priorities and drafts of the EIS to be made to CIOs;
- Endorsement of the EIS in the Ministerial Declaration in Malmo during the Swedish Presidency 2009.

It is worth noting that the speech made during the meeting by the French CIO regarding the eGovernment priorities of the French Presidency of the European Union has also been made available on the IDABC website.

Further information:

- [Official press release – IDABC website](#)
- [ePractice Library – 2nd European CIO meeting – Summary report](#)
- [Additional information](#)
- [ePractice news – ‘European CIOs agree to develop a European Interoperability Strategy’](#)
- [Speech of the French CIO](#)

LV: Electronic pages out of Latvian history 14 July 2008

The Latvian National Library’s new digital collection literally provides the curious reader with pages out of history.

On 2 July 2008, the Latvian National Library launched its new [digital collection](#) of newspapers and magazines published from 1895 to 1957. The collection currently contains more than 300 000 pages from 39 newspapers, magazines and other periodicals in Latvian, Russian, German and English.

The archive provides a tour of the events, concerns and ideologies of different decades through the prism of newspapers and magazines: the pre-revolutionary Tsarist Russia empire, Latvia’s interwar independence, the Nazi occupation during the World War II and the post-war Soviet occupation. Visitors can not only read popular newspapers of the time, but also transcripts of parliamentary sessions and periodicals published by ministries – this option is particularly interesting for students, historians, lawyers and politicians.

Owing to copyright issues, only works over 70 years old are publicly available online. The rest of the collection can be accessed using computers located at the National Library.

This is only the first step in an ambitious project to digitise and make accessible all periodicals that have been published in Latvia and abroad by Latvian exiles, amounting to an impressive 6 million pages in total. The work will continue with the digitisation of art magazines published until 1945, and other interesting materials.

The Latvian National Library is one of the founding members of the European Digital Library. Digitising its collection started in 1999. The digital library also holds digitised collections of pictures, maps, books, sheet-music and audio recordings.

Letonica, the National Digital Library, is a long-term state-run programme which was launched in 2006 with the objective of promoting knowledge of Latvian culture, history, geography, economy, etc. The National Digital Library is a user-oriented digital resource which will form a part of Europeana, the Europe-wide digital library, museum and archive.

Further information:

- [News article - E-pārvalde \(in Latvian\)](#)
- [New digital collection of the Latvian National Library \(in Latvian\)](#)

SK: Slovak Ministry of Interior gets new online public face 14 July 2008

The Slovak Ministry of the Interior has launched a new portal which offers comprehensive information in nine main areas, including the police, the fire service, civil protection, immigration, sports, education, and culture.

The [portal](#) outlines the various areas of competences of the ministry: police, fire department and rescue, civil protection and crisis management, asylum and immigration, sports, education, and career development. According to the ministry, the portal contains information of interest to citizens, specialists, entrepreneurs, journalists, foreign residents and visitors.

Visitors can also find information on the terms of reference and functioning of the different sections. At the same time, two new domains for the Slovak police have come online, www.policiasr.sk and www.policiasr.eu.

The links contained on the new site include guides on the issuing of documents and papers, a database of lost and stolen passports and identity cards, a database of stolen vehicles, events and much more. The site also offers an option to find out the status of processing of the application for passports or driving licences. The new site complies with web accessibility standards for the visually impaired.

The 50 editors working on the site received extensive training on its content management system. The CMS was tested by the ministry for over ten months, and the editors spent three months preparing for the launch. The site is so far available only in Slovak, but the English version is under construction.

Further information:

- [New portal of the Slovak Ministry of the Interior \(in Slovakian\)](#)
- [News article – ITAPA \(in Slovakian\)](#)

BG: Inflation calculator now online 11 July 2008

A useful new tool developed by Bulgaria's National Statistics Institute allows citizens to calculate inflation rates for any given period.

In June 2008, the [National Statistics Institute](#) (NSI) launched an electronic calculator which allows citizens to check inflation rates in Bulgaria during periods of their choice. For example, those who need to know the inflation rate between September 2006 and March 2008 will easily find that it was 20.8 %. Historical rates are available back to May 1990.

The calculator actually shows the behaviour of the aggregated Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the selected period. The technology is based on the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) standard.

The Inflation Calculator and related methodological information is also available in [English](#).

The Inflation Calculator is only part of the rich statistical information available from NSI. Together with key economic, demographic and social indicators at national and regional level, the institute publishes statistics on issues of public concern, such as road accidents.

The Information Society section shows that businesses are increasingly using eGovernment services. In 2007, 60.4 % of all companies with access to the Internet were using the electronic facilities provided by public institutions, against 51.7 % in 2005. Uptake of eServices increases with company size: 81 % of large companies were interfacing electronically with government agencies in 2007, against 56.7 % of small enterprises.

For users of Eurostat information, there is also a European Statistical Data Support (ESDS) helpdesk.

Further information:

- [National Statistics Institute of Bulgaria](#)
- [Inflation Calculator of the National Statistics Institute](#)

LT: Lithuanian premier pushes eGov agenda 11 July 2008

As Lithuania takes its latest steps on providing electronic services to its citizens, the prime minister has promised to step up eGovernment in the country.

The eNotification Delivery System will soon be available. It will inform citizens of the public services provided by public institutions and local authorities. This will count as the first step in the development of an eSignature delivery system and will help facilitate eCommunications between public authorities, citizens and businesses.

This announcement was made at a meeting arranged by Lithuania's Prime Minister Gediminas Kirkilas to discuss steps towards improving the delivery of eGovernment services in Lithuania.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the ministries of justice, communication and the interior, as well as the Information Society Development Committee, the Lithuanian Archives Department, the Communications Regulatory Authority, the Public Institution Centre of Registers and the Lithuanian Post Office.

In its agenda before the parliamentary elections, the party of Mr. Kirkilas indicated that it would encourage the use of information technologies by developing the networks of public hot spots and improving the affordability of computers and Internet access through tax incentives. Both of these pledges were successfully implemented.

Further information:

- [Press release – Information Society Development Committee under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
- [Press release – Government of the Republic of Lithuania \(in Lithuanian\)](#)
- [News article – Alfa.lt \(in Lithuanian\)](#)

EU: Draft CAMSS available for comments 9 July 2008

CAMSS, an initiative of the European Commission's IDABC programme, aims to initiate, support and coordinate the collaboration between volunteer Member States in defining a "Common Assessment Method for Standards and Specifications", and to share the assessment study results for the development of better pan-European eGovernment services.

Member States are currently organising the assessment of standards and specifications, e.g. within the context of their National Interoperability Frameworks. The aim of the CAMSS initiative is to improve interoperability through: sharing of information and knowledge about the assessment processes, alignment of national processes, and re-use of best practice, so as to speed up these processes while reducing inherent costs for European Administrations.

In its first phase, which is still ongoing, the CAMSS initiative identifies and defines a set of assessment criteria and guidelines, with the aim to allow for transparency in the choice of eGovernment solutions and standards.

A [draft CAMSS](#) has been elaborated in close cooperation with EU Member States by collecting and analysing existing assessment methods developed by several countries in the scope of their National Interoperability Frameworks. In the draft, each assessment criterion is described with a series of questions and suggestions on how to implement the assessment.

This draft CAMSS is now available for comments. Everyone who sees interoperability and in particular the assessment of standards and specifications as an effective means to come to better pan-European eGovernment services, is invited to read this proposal and to provide feedback on its content by sending her/his comments to CAMSS@ec.europa.eu **by 15 September 2008 at the latest**. A summary of reactions will be published on the [IDABC website](#) and will constitute another input into the CAMSS finalisation.

The second phase of the CAMSS initiative will aim at (1) setting up proposals for assessment studies to be carried out and subsequently shared, and (2) disseminating the assessment study results and conduct specific studies, if needed. The anticipated outcome is an 'IDABC registry', accordingly updated, containing methods and aspects used as a reference by Member States and the European Commission, either as a whole or in part, with the goal to create re-usable and comparable interoperability ICT investigations, with improved quality as well as reduced time and resources.

Further information:

- [Website of the IDABC Programme – homepage](#)
 - [Web page of the CAMSS initiative](#)
 - [Draft CAMSS available for comments](#)
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Latest Publications

- [EU: “Analysis of Member States’ Activities” towards the IT implementation of the Services Directive](#) 9 July 2008 | EU Institutions, Pan European
 - [EU: 2nd European CIO meeting – Summary report](#) 8 July 2008 | EU Institutions
 - [EU: Final Evaluation of the eTEN Programme](#) 4 July 2008 | EU Institutions
 - [EU: Handbook on implementation of the Services Directive](#) 31 July 2007 | EU Institutions, Pan European
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EU: “Analysis of Member States’ Activities” towards the IT implementation of the Services Directive

Complete title:

Services Directive Support – Analysis of Member States’ Activities

Description (short summary): The “Analysis of Member States’ Activities” provides an analysis of those activities in relation to the [Services Directive](#) and its preparation. The aim of the report is to identify, revise, analyse and follow up the current and upcoming activities as well as the related documents from the identified players – specifically, the Member States, in this case – that underline the relevant parts of the work necessary to prepare for the Services Directive.

Disclaimer:

The opinions expressed in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Commission.

Number of pages: 51

EU: 2nd European CIO meeting – Summary report

Complete title:

2nd European CIO meeting

Description (short summary): This report provides a summary of the discussions held on the occasion of the 2nd European CIO meeting held in Brussels on 13 June 2008, where CIOs and national representatives from 25 European countries agreed to develop a European Interoperability Strategy and to steer its preparation.

Original URL: <http://ec.europa.eu/idabc/en/document/7718>

Related article: [2nd CIO meeting report now available online](#)

Number of pages: 32

EU: Final Evaluation of the eTEN Programme

Complete title:

Final Evaluation of the eTEN Programme

Description (short summary): The final evaluation of the eTEN Programme covers the period starting from 2002 until the end of the programme in December 2006. This document assesses the programme with regard to its relevance, priorities and means of implementation, effectiveness and impact, efficiency and cost effectiveness, utility and sustainability, as well as causal links from resources used through its implementation to activities and presumed impacts.

Original URL:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/eten/library/index_en.htm#news_programme0

Number of pages: 38

EU: Handbook on implementation of the Services Directive

Complete title:

Handbook on implementation of the Services Directive

Description (short summary): This Handbook endeavours to give EU Member States technical assistance in the implementation of the [Services Directive](#).

Original URL: http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/services/services-dir/proposal_en.htm

Number of pages: 64

Languages: Svenska, Suomi, Slovenčina, Slovenščina, Romanian, Português, Polski, Nederlands, Malti, Magyar, Lietuvių kalba, Latviešu valoda, ελληνικά, Italiano, Français, Español, English, Eesti keel, Deutsch, Dansk, Bulgarian, Čeština

ePractice Workshops

ePractice.eu combines online and offline activities. Workshops are held on a monthly basis, giving participants the opportunity to discuss the latest issues and cases face-to-face.

- [eInclusion: People with disabilities](#) 25 September 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [Administrative burden](#) 8 October 2008 | Bremen (Germany)
- [FASTeTEN secure infrastructure workshop](#) 15 October 2008 | Issy-les-Moulineaux (France)
- [European eInclusion initiative: results and future steps](#) 13 November 2008 | Brussels (Belgium)
- [eGov services to business: the state of the play](#) 17 November 2008 | Cork (Ireland)
- [Service Deployment](#) 9 February 2009 | Brussels (Belgium)

Co-branding your event with ePractice.eu is possible. Please read our terms at epractice.eu/workshops

Upcoming Events

- [UK: 3rd Annual 'Building the Perfect Council Website' Event](#) 16 July 2008 | United Kingdom
- [UK: Access IT Awards 2008](#) 18 July 2008 | United Kingdom
- [DE: TEN4Health Workshop at the "eHealth Conference 2008"](#) 9 September 2008 | Germany
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008](#) 16 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) 17 - 19 September 2008 | France
- [DE: E-Invoicing & EBPP – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008](#) 29 - 30 September 2008 | Germany
- [IT: ESIIIG 2 – 2nd European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment](#) 20 - 22 October 2008 | Italy
- [DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition](#) 4 - 6 November 2008 | Denmark

UK: 3rd Annual 'Building the Perfect Council Website' Event

16 July 2008

3rd edition of the 'Building the Perfect Council Website' Event

A wide range of leading experts and practitioners will offer their view of how to create the perfect council website, that is, easy to use, working first time, compelling and engaging.

The event will draw on the collected wisdom of a decade of Socitm's annual 'Better Connected' review of all UK council websites. Interactive workshops will cover issues in detail including boosting web service take-up, and the procurement of third party software.

The programme will cover, among other topics:

- 'Citizen focus: The best thing local government can do on the web is get out of the way';
- Presenting Better Connected 2008 - this year's lessons, next year's plans;
- Plenary Debate: 'Lies, Damned Lies and Website Statistics:' the truth about hits, pages views and visitor analytics;
- The wow factor: online communities and the website as a reflection of place.

The registration fees are as follows: £175 +VAT (approx. €220 + VAT) for Socitm Insight Subscribers; £195 +VAT (approx. €245 + VAT) for public sector delegates; £295 +VAT (approx. €371 + VAT) for private sector attendees.

Registration can be performed [online](#).

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: E-Government Bulletin and the Socitm Insight Programme

Event website: <http://www.headstar-events.com/council08/>

Contact Email: nicola@entevents.co.uk

UK: Access IT Awards 2008

18 July 2008

Celebrating achievements in Assistive Technology and Digital Inclusion Access – IT Awards 2008

The Access-IT awards 2008 (in association with eAbilities, the Platinum sponsor of 2008), jointly organised by e-ISOTIS and AbilityNet are aimed at identifying and promote the impact to quality of life and independent living being made by Public, private voluntary groups and/or individuals to an inclusive society through ICT and Assistive Technology.

The Access IT awards aim to recognise the following categories:

- Nomination for Assistive Technology Use Award: This award aims to recognise an individual or an organisation that through their efforts, commitment and advocacy, have advanced the availability of assistive technology to people with disabilities;
- Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award in transportation: This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and the support in the development of assistive technologies has enhanced the quality of transportation of people with disabilities;
- Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award at work: This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and their support in the development of assistive technologies have enhanced the quality of the working conditions of people with disabilities;

- Nomination for Assistive Technology Innovation Award at home: This award will recognise an organisation or individual that through innovation and their support in the development of assistive technologies have enhanced the quality of the living conditions of people with disabilities especially in their home environment.

The organisers are calling for nominations for the ACCESS IT awards 2008, which fit the criteria. These can be self nominations or nominations of others.

The nomination form can be downloaded at www.access-it-awards.org. It is to be returned by email to access-it-awards@e-isotis.org not later than 1 June 2008. Entries will be notified by 18 June.

The awards ceremony is free-of-charge. Those wishing to attend are invited to send an email to access-it-awards@e-isotis.org, detailing the following information:

- Name;
- Company Name;
- Field of Expertise;
- How they found ACCESS IT;
- Why they wish to attend: (No more than 100 words).

Country: United Kingdom

City/Location: London

Organiser: AbilityNet/Eisotis

Event website: www.access-it-awards.org

DE: TEN4Health Workshop at the "eHealth Conference 2008"

9 September 2008

"Citizen Services for Borderless Healthcare in the European Union: Current Situation - Vision – Solutions"

This event is the Pre-Conference Workshop of the "eHealth Conference 2008 – Telematik kommt an".

Travelling abroad for pleasure, education, or work has become a natural part of life for many European citizens. Products and services can be bought in another Member State when the need arises, but obtaining healthcare outside their residence country is still problematic for most European citizens.

The workshop focuses on concrete steps towards improving pan-European healthcare provision and on policy needs to accelerate European integration also in this field so close to the daily needs of many European citizens.

TEN4Health project contributes towards improved healthcare provision for mobile European Union citizens. Initiated by leading public health insurance providers, the TEN4Health service package assures access of citizens to healthcare in participating Member States' hospitals, based on a secure web service and its integration into developing European eHealth infrastructure networks.

The workshop is addressed to all of those interested in achieving an integrated European health services market, in sharing visions, experience and opportunities for cooperation.

There is no fee for attending this workshop. The registration steps to be followed have been made available [online](#) at the event website.

Country: Germany

City/Location: Kiel

Organiser: TEN4Health - Trans-European healthcare support network for Europe's mobile citizen

Event website: <http://www.ten4health.eu/workshop.html>

FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart University 2008

16 - 19 September 2008

Smart University 2008 Advanced educational programme – ‘Sharpening Skills in Smart Card, eID, Mobile Telecoms and Aml Technologies’.

‘Smart University Advanced educational programme 2008’ is part of the well established ‘Smart Event’, the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of ‘Smart University’, takes place within ‘Smart Event ’08’ on 16-19 September.

The event program addresses young engineers, researchers as well as executives willing to widen and deepen the scope of their knowledge on new technological and strategic issues of Smart Cards, e-ID, and Mobile Telecoms.

The program consists of 6 tracks of 2 days according to a workshop format which enables time for Q&A and for discussions, and a large interactivity between participants, teachers and lecturers. The schedule of these modules allows participants to attend successively 2 modules of their choice.

For each track participants will receive at the end a diploma signed by the teachers and certifying of their active participation to the course.

The 6 educational modules are as follows:

- The art of Java Card 3.0 Programming (Sept. 16-17);
- Identity Management (Sept. 16-17);
- Smart Card & Mobile Telecoms (Sept. 16-17);
- Secure devices: Smart Cards, RFID Tags and Pufs (Sept. 16-17);
- Security Certifications of Software Systems (Sept. 18-19);
- NFC - Near Field Communication (Sept. 18-19).

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €250 to €1320 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

‘Smart Event’ encompasses 3 other co-located events:

- [e-Smart Conference & demos 2008](#) – The future of digital security technologies (17-19 September 2008) – 9th edition
- [World e-ID Conference & demos 2008](#) – The next e-ID management technologies and services (17-19 September 2008) – 5th edition
- [Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) –The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/smartuniv/08/index.htm>

Contact Email: info@strategiestm.com

FR: Smart Event '08 – World e-ID Conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

World e-ID Conference & demos 2008 – ‘The next e-ID Management Technologies & Services’

‘World eID Conference & demos’ is part of the well established ‘Smart Event’, the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 5th edition of World e-ID takes place within ‘Smart Event ‘08’ on 17-19 September.

The 2008 edition of ‘World e-ID’, aims to be an opportunity to share vision, see new perspectives and opportunities in the field of eID based on new application standards such as ISO 18013, CEN TC 224, ISO 24727 and new technologies, identify new programs on national and international level and show lessons learned from implementations and projects running. The conference extends the network into the high security community, with all relevant stakeholders, like governments, industries and consultancies.

Again this year, the event features eGovernment representatives and cases from all over the EU. On the opening session, Research and Industry Leaders will address their vision and perspectives.

The event programme includes the following parallel tracks:

- Regional Strategies & Developments;
- eID Standardisation;
- eID Applications;
- Architectural Models & Solutions;
- Border Management Solutions;
- Biometrics.

Moreover, a panel discussion will focus on ‘New prospects on European eID interoperability’. EU funded projects (PrimeLife, STORK) will furthermore be presented by EU Institutions officials.

Registration can be performed [online](#). The [participation fees](#) range from €375 to €1050 depending on the participation option selected. Early Bird rates are available for registrations performed by 10 July.

Smart Event ‘08 encompasses 3 other co-located events:

- [e-Smart Conference & demos 2008](#) – The future of digital security technologies (17-19 September 2008) – 9th edition
- [Smart Mobility Conference & demos 2008](#) – The emergence of trusted mobile applications (17-19 September 2008) – 1st edition
- [Smart University 2008](#) – Advanced educational program on smart card, mobile telecoms, e-ID, designed by high level academics (16-19 September 2008) – 4th edition

Country: France

City/Location: Sophia Antipolis

Organiser: eForum, the Forum for European e-Public Services, along with Strategies Telecom & Multimedia

Event website: <http://www.strategiestm.com/conferences/we-id/08/index.htm>

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FR: Smart Event '08 - e-Smart conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

e-Smart Conference & demos 2008 – ‘The future of Digital Security Technologies’

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In the recent years, 'e-Smart' has been enlarged in such a way to embrace the changing landscape of the Smart Card market to cover the entire Smart Security domain. This ensures that the 'e-Smart Conference' platform will be dedicated to reflecting Industry trends.

In particular, the event is open to the participation of world-class security and technology experts from the wireless and contact-less industry leaders, research laboratories and universities, industry associations, international standardisation organisations, and governmental bodies.

The event agenda reflects the enlarging scope of the Smart Security Industry. It features a wide range of parallel sessions focused on the following aspects:

- Trusted Personal Devices;
- Smart Security Software Platforms;
- NFC & RFIDs;
- Evaluation Tools, Methodologies & Penetration Testing;
- Beyond Smart Security;
- Java Card
- Smart Security Breakthrough Innovations.

Moreover, a Common Panel Debate e-Smart & Smart Mobility will be held on the topic 'Towards trusted convergence?'

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FR: Smart Event '08 - Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008

17 - 19 September 2008

Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008 – 'The Emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications'

'Smart mobility Conference & demos 2008' is part of the well established 'Smart Event', the European Forum for Mobility and Trusted Technologies & Services. The 1st edition of 'Smart Mobility' takes place within 'Smart Event '08' on 17-19 September.

'Smart Mobility' has been established to focus on the emergence of Trusted Mobile Applications. since by 2010 and beyond, mobile and wireless communications, services and appliances will play a major role in all aspect of citizens and consumers existence, with the scope to improve their personal and professional

quality of life. Smart Mobility platform will be dedicated to reflecting Markets and Industry trends at the cutting edge of this new application domain.

In particular, the event is now open to the participation of world-class trustworthy mobility and e-mobility applications, R&D, business & marketing experts from the mobile telecommunication, finance, entertainment, health and transport industry leaders.

During 2 and a half days, over 30 researchers and experts from the whole mobility and security value chain will present the latest technology innovations, share the lessons from trials and live roll-outs, and address their vision for consumers-centric transactions and services that combine:

- Security: Trust+Risks Management+Privacy;
- Mobility: Infrastructure+Protocols+Appliances;
- Convenience: Anything+Anytime+Anywhere.

The Smart Mobility program adopts a dual approach, technologies AND applications issues, thanks to 2 complementary parallel streams, namely 'Smart Mobility Ecosystem' and 'Smart Mobility Applications'.

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DE: E-Invoicing & EBPP – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008

29 - 30 September 2008

E-Invoicing and Electronic Bill Presentment & Payment – 4th European EXPP Summit 2008

The European congress about E-Invoicing and Electronic Bill Presentment & Payment (EBPP) is intended to give companies dealing with E-Invoicing a broad overview and essential know-how for their own E-Invoicing projects.

First-rate speakers from the European Expert Group for Electronic Invoicing, Finnish and Spanish Government, The Netherlands Tax and Customs Administration, Swedbank, Royal Bank of Scotland, British Telecom and many more will report on their successful experiences with E-Invoicing.

Topics to be addressed cover, among others: the optimisation of Procure-to-Pay and Financial-Supply-Chain; Standards; Legal requirements; Market rollout; Interoperability.

Key insights include:

- Market trends and perspectives;
- Workflow-based processing of incoming invoices;

- Electronic Invoicing initiatives of Spanish Banks;
- Value Added E-Services for Shared Services Clients;
- E-Invoicing and VAT management;
- Workflow-based processing of incoming invoices;
- How to break through in B2C E-Billing;
- VAT compliance and E-Signatures;
- Panel-Discussion: Roll-Out Strategies.

In addition, delegates will have access to the exhibition area where 30 of the leading solution and service providers present state-of-the-art E-Invoicing solutions.

350-450 delegates from 30 countries are expected. Registration can be performed [online](#) at the event website. Attendance fees range from €1 050 to € 1 400.

Country: Germany

Event website: <http://www.expp-summit.com/>

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IT: ESIIG 2 – 2nd European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment

20 - 22 October 2008

ESIIG 2 – 2nd European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment

ESIIG 2 is the second edition of the European Summit on Interoperability in the iGovernment; the [first summit](#) was held on 22-24 November 2006 in Valencia, Spain. An [interim conference](#) also took place last year in Rome, Italy, on 11-12 October 2007.

The Second Summit is intended to be an unprecedented occasion for:

- Enhancing the role of European regions with respect to the priorities of Interoperability as a key element for the efficient, sustainable and equal development of eGovernment and for the creation of an intelligent and innovative European Government, fostering the development of the Knowledge Society, a higher European integration, a substantial increase of competitiveness and productivity of the EU in the international scenario;
- Analysing the European Interoperability Framework produced by IDABC, as a model for the adaptation and comparison of the single European regional frameworks for Interoperability;
- Verifying the state of the art and promoting successful initiatives in the field of Interoperability in Europe;
- Proceeding concretely in the constitution of ERNI (European Regional Network for Interoperability) and the other European tools proposed by the Valencia Declaration.

The call for papers has been extended until 21 July 2008. Papers focused on the actions, plans, projects and initiatives in the field of the interoperability in the eGovernment, as well as about the difficulties and priorities to face in order to reach a unique interoperable iGovernment in Europe will be particularly appreciated.

Furthermore, during the Summit, the [iG 2.0 Award](#) will also be given to the most outstanding action or initiative in the field of interoperability.

Participation to the Summit is open and free-of-charge. Registration can be performed [online](#) at the event website.

Country: Italy

City/Location: Rome

Organiser: Lazio Region, Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification

Event website: <http://www.esiig2.it/esiig2/index.php>

Contact Email: esiig2@regione.lazio.it

DK: World of Health IT 08 – Conference & Exhibition

4 - 6 November 2008

Connecting Leaders in Technology and Healthcare

Because the adoption of IT in healthcare is a global initiative, this conference will focus on the role and impact of Health IT on the health sector in Europe and other parts of the world, including the Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

The event is being designed by and for clinicians and other health professionals; health IT users and buyers; directors and administrators; informatics professionals; academicians; relevant standardisation and competent authorities on an international level and national level, and vendors such as software and hardware development companies and professional services firms.

Topics to be addressed in the conference include:

- eHealth as a Key Enabler in Integrated Healthcare and Citizen Empowerment;
- Organisational Readiness for Transformation in Healthcare;
- Investing for eHealth Deployment;
- Innovation and eHealth.

The conference will offer the following:

- Keynote addresses by leading healthcare experts, practitioners, and officials from EU and national governments;
- Education sessions about timely healthcare IT trends and issues;
- Best practices and real-world case studies from throughout the EMEA region;
- A trade exhibition where companies can showcase their products/services.

The educational sessions will primarily address experiences from deployed services, and focus on proven benefits in quality and efficiency. The demonstration activities and exhibition will give insight into the practical aspects of IT systems and their connectivity.

All proposals for the call for papers must be submitted [online](#) by Monday, 11 February at 17:00 CET.

Country: Denmark

City/Location: Copenhagen

Organisers: European Commission's General-Directorate for Information Society and Media together with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the European Institute for Health records (EuroRec), the European Health Telematics Association (EHTEL), the European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) and the Health Information Network Europe (HINE).

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

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