



Proposal for the creation of ERNI *European Regional Network for Interoperability*

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Background

The ERNI Network develops in the framework of the European Commission, i2010 Strategy for an innovative and inclusive European Information Society. For this reason, ERNI acts in the framework of the following i2010 aims:

1. Establish a **single European information space**, i.e. a truly single market for the digital economy so as to fully exploit the economies of scale, offered by Europe's 500 million strong consumer market;
2. Reinforce innovation and investment in **ICT research**, given that ICT is a major driver of the economy and;
3. Promote **inclusion, public services and quality of life** – in other words extending the European values of inclusion and quality of life to the information society.

Mission

ERNI network is based on the **common interest** to promote and to improve interoperability in the eGovernment in the European public administrations towards the 'iGovernment'.

The **mission** is to provide a platform on interoperability in the eGovernment in order to improve the political decision-making process with all stakeholders involved.

Main objectives

- 1) To build awareness of relevant EU policy and funding opportunities for interoperability
- 2) To create effective networking activities of regional and local stakeholders at EU level

Specific Objectives

1) European policy development

- To disseminate EU information to regional and local stakeholders
- To feed the regional and local perspective into EU policy making
- To showcase good practices and policies developed at regional and local level

2) Inter-regional exchange

- To learn how other regions operate
- To exchange good practices and policies

3) Joint projects and funding

- To build awareness of relevant EU funds
- To explore possibilities for joint EU funding bids



Activities

To achieve all these objectives, ERNI:

- supports the active participation to the III European Summit on Interoperability
- holds meetings in Brussels or in partners' regions and organises events
- organises briefings by EU institution representatives, other Brussels-based interest groups and the ERNI participants themselves;
- exchanges partner searches;
- updates the ESIIG 2 Web site.

ERNI target audience includes the EU institutions, international institutions, other relevant organisations and regional and local authorities around Europe.

ERNI is open to any European regional or local administration working on interoperability.

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You will be asked to fill in a data form and you will be immediately added to the mailing list.

Members of ERNI are encouraged to formulate ideas for future meetings and policy.

Members are encouraged to forge relationships with other regions to allow for joint initiatives to arise.