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Press Release

Major sponsors for eChallenges e-2005 include the European Commission, the Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, HP Europe and IBM.

eChallenges e-2005

Global applied ICT research community comes together for 72 hours in Slovenia to discuss and research current and future ICT related challenges

The eChallenges e-2005 Conference and Exhibition (www.eChallenges.org), which takes place in the Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana 19 – 21 October, will put innovative Slovenia under the research spotlight. Over 500 delegates from leading commercial, government and research organisations around the world will spend an intense three days reacting to and discussing over 270 presentations representing cutting-edge research, practical e-adoption issues, and case studies from 43 countries in five continents. It is particularly welcome that the level of participation from outside Europe continues to grow.

e-2005 Statistics

This year 8% of presenters represent leading government, research and business organisations from Africa, the Americas and Asia. Delegates from **43** countries are represented here today, **21%** from government and public administration, **18%** from industry, **13%** SMEs and **50%** from academia and research.

eChallenges e-2005 Focuses Innovation Spotlight on Slovenia

eChallenges e-2005 is the fifteenth in a series of annual conferences supported by the European Commission. This is the first eChallenges Conference to be hosted in Slovenia and the first in a New Member State (NMS). Each year the eChallenges Conference series provides a special focus on innovative information and communications technology (ICT) in the host country. eChallenges welcomes the opportunity to host this year's Conference and Exhibition in Slovenia, one of the most innovative and active players in ICT in government and business.

The **Slovenian ICT Pavilion** showcases results in ICT. The Pavilion is made up of an interesting selection of industrial and academic stands, including: the Ministry of Finance, Tax Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, the Faculty of Organizational Sciences, the University of Maribor, Buy ITC Innovative Internet solutions Ltd, Alpineon d.o.o., Comtech d.o.o., ZZI d.o.o. & Razvojni center IRC Celje d.o.o.

Key objectives of the eChallenges Conference Series

One of the main goals of the eChallenges Conference Series is to facilitate the exploitation of applied ICT-related innovation through knowledge sharing and global community building.

e-2005 provides a forum to showcase the achievements of Framework Programme Six (FP6), eEurope 2005 as well as ICT-related initiatives at regional, national and international level.

Another key objective of e-2005 is helping participants leverage on the policy goals of European Framework Seven (FP7). Participants at e-2005 will benefit from the focus on the thematic priorities of FP7, which has a duration of seven years (2007-2013). FP7 continues from FP6 with more focus on joint technology initiatives and international co-operation. The main ICT themes comprise ICT technology pillars, integration of technologies, application research, future and emerging technologies.

FP6 and FP7 are tools designed to help individuals and organisations with regard to the various activities connected with funding schemes, thematic areas and different types of projects, as well as assist with the preparation of a project proposal and information packages in calls for EU proposals.

Thematic priorities at e-2005

The Final Programme of the conference features presentations and workshops focusing on issues, applications and case studies related to e-business; e-government; e-democracy; digital content; knowledge management; mobility, networked, smart and virtual organisations; issues for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); training and education.

Other issues addressed include challenges to e-adoption, collaborative innovation, Grid, interoperability, standardisation, international co-operation and opening up the European Research Area (ERA).

Strategic Speeches providing industrial and institutional vision at e-2005

e-2005 offers an interesting array of strategic speeches on ICT thinking, providing industrial and institutional vision. Government Keynote Speakers include Jure Zupan (Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Slovenia), João da Silva (Director, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission), Mark Frequin (Director General Telecommunication and Post, Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Netherlands) and Rosalie Zobel (Director, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission). Industry keynote Speakers include Chris Horn (Vice-Chairman, IONA Technologies), Ingo Juraske (VP EMEA, Hewlett-Packard Europe), Todd Ramsey (General Manager, IBM Corporation) and Noriyuki Yonemura (Counsellor, Fuji Xerox, Japan).

What makes eChallenges e-2005 a key industry and research event?

- The eChallenges Community brings together key players from commercial, government and research organisations to share their experiences of ICT collaborations;
- eChallenges e-2005 facilitates exploitation of applied ICT-related innovation through knowledge sharing and the development of a global community;
- eChallenges e-2005 showcases contributions in commercial, government or societal exploitation of the internet and information and communications technologies (ICT) from across the globe, providing an opportunity for delegates to gain a better understanding of some of the cultural, technological and training issues currently impacting on global e-adoption;
- The rich variety of presentations and demonstration stands at e-2005 will assist and support knowledge sharing as well as help delegates identify potential business and research partners for future collaborations;
- The experiences of key ICT players, the parallel and workshop sessions and the networking facilities at e-2005 will all provide opportunities for discussing successes, avoiding previous mistakes, adapting lessons learnt to cultural and regional requirements. Knowledge sharing shows that problems experienced and lessons learnt by one organisation can be relevant to other organisations and domains.

eChallenges e-2005 Opening Plenary Session

Wednesday 19th October 2005 – 09h15 – Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Chair: Joao Da Silva, European Commission, Belgium

FP7 - The Road Ahead

Joao Da Silva, European Commission, Belgium

From eEurope2005 to i2010 - Contribution of Regional Cooperation

Jure Zupan, Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Slovenia

Factors Defining an eGovernment Strategy: Planned Implementation & Managed Return

Ingo Juraske, Hewlett-Packard, Germany

New Workware in the Coming Ubiquitous Era

Noriyuki Yonemura, Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd., Japan

What could eBusiness do even better in Europe?

Christopher Horn, IONA Technologies, Ireland

João de Silva, Director of Network and Communication Technologies Directorate, DG Information Society and Media at the European Commission, will discuss some key aspects of Framework Programme 7 (FP7) and its underlying policy goal – enabling Europe to master and make the best use of ICT. With a duration of seven years (2007 – 2013) and double the annual budget, FP7 blends continuity from FP6 with a greater focus on joint technology initiatives, technology platforms, and mainstreaming NEST/FET and International Cooperation. The main ICT themes and activities include ICT Technology Pillars, Integration of technologies, application research and Future and Emerging Technologies.

Jure Zupan, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Slovenia, will discuss the contribution of regional co-operation to the i2010 initiative recently launched by Commissioner Vivienne Reding as a means to achieve the objectives of the Lisbon Agenda. For ICT, Slovenia is striving ahead as Jure Zupan, notes, *“On behalf of the Government of Slovenia I am glad to welcome you to a country strategically placed at the crossroads of two major European mobility corridors. Slovenia has pioneered the adoption of ICT in this region, and it is very important for us to host the European applied ICT research community at this event. For Slovenia, the contemporary concept of mobility and interoperability is not only a matter of competitiveness and development, but it is key to European cooperation. I believe that your discussions at eChallenges will propel the developments of the fully integrated European knowledge based society.”*

Ingo Juraske’s presentation discusses critical factors to be taken into consideration when planning and implementing e-government projects in order to reduce financial and technological risks and guarantee a successful outcome. Commenting on the importance of applied ICT as a social and economic driver, Ingo Juraske, **VP EMEA, Hewlett-Packard Europe**, remarks *“ICT has the potential to dramatically alter how, when and with whom we interact - in business, government and in social settings. HP has been at the forefront of adaptive enterprise and government in new member states with innovation both in technology and finance. In this light, HP welcomes the decision to have eChallenges e-2005 in Slovenia - one of the most innovative and active players in ICT in business and government.”*

Noriyuki Yonemura, will focus on the potential impact and challenges associated with “New Workware in the Coming Ubiquitous Era” in his presentation. This is based on research carried out since 2001 by the Next Generation Office Scenario Committee established by the Japan Business Machine and Information System Industries Association. Yonemura-san, **Counsellor, Fuji Xerox**, will describe key characteristics of a collaborative working environment that is human-centric in focus, and discuss some of the applied research challenges to making this Future Office Concept a reality.

Chris Horn, Vice-Chairman of IONA Technologies, will share insights based on his experience of successfully commercialising European funded research results. His presentation on “What could e-business do even better in Europe?” will review the progress of global e-business to date and issue a call to arms, providing delegates with food for thought by discussing the dichotomy between the often limited economic & social benefits enjoyed by European citizens despite the world-class potential of European technology innovation (e.g. the Web and mobile technology). Reflecting on the nature of the eChallenges Conference Community, Chris Horn of IONA Technologies said *“The European ICT industry faces many opportunities, and challenges, in bringing its benefits to European society and to the global market. The eChallenges e-2005 Conference, supported by the European Commission, will bring together key players and professionals in the commercial, government and research sectors across Europe, and indeed from North America, Asia and Africa, and as a result will be amongst the most significant industry events in Europe this year.”*

eChallenges e-2005 - Closing Plenary Session

Friday 21st October 2005 – 13h30 - Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia

<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Rosalie Zobel, European Commission, Belgium</i>
	<p>Private and Public Organizations Cooperating for Future Prosperity Todd Ramsey, IBM Corporation, United States</p> <p>The New European ICT Agenda Mark Frequin, Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Netherlands</p> <p>The Key Role of ICT for Manufacturing in Europe and the Renewed Lisbon Strategy Rosalie Zobel, European Commission, Belgium</p> <p>Workshop Findings Paul Cunningham, IIMC Limited, Ireland</p> <p>The EU's Agenda for Research and Innovation: Putting Knowledge to work Janez Potocnik, European Commission, Belgium</p>

Todd Ramsey's presentation will address the potential for ICT-related public private partnerships (PPP), pinpointing key challenges based on examples of fruitful collaborations.

Todd Ramsey, **General Manager for Global Government Industry at IBM Corporation**, notes that *"Governments, business, academia and industry must work together to create a climate and a culture that facilitates cross-border, cross-organizational and cross-disciplinary collaboration. That is an environment in which innovation will thrive. The eChallenges conference plays an important role in this collaboration and I look forward to participating in this year's event"*.

Mark Frequin, Director General, Telecommunication and Post of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs in his presentation on the New European ICT Agenda, discusses the political initiatives by recent European Presidencies recognising the economic impact of ICT leading to the recently launched i2010 action plan. Describing ICT as "an indispensable driver for an inclusive, dynamic and knowledge based economy and a modern social society", Mark discusses the need for both national and European level action to build an inclusive European Information Society, and calls for the necessary political will to achieve this goal.

With regard to e-2005, Mark Frequin remarks, *"Whether you are a researcher or an industry delegate, your presence at eChallenges demonstrates that cooperation is important to you and that you are willing to share your ideas. Cooperation at European level and elaborating ideas are necessary to contribute to the success of i2010, the overall ICT strategy of the EU. Therefore, I challenge you to challenge the policy maker. Don't go Dutch, but cooperate!"*

Rosalie Zobel, Director of Components and Systems Directorate, DG Information Society and Media at the European Commission, will focus her discussion on current research issues with reference to ICT in the European manufacturing sector. Points of discussion include internet-enabled services, customisation, upgrades and maintenance, the productivity impact of wireless technologies for manufacturing, challenges for design and software engineering the potential for nano-manufacturing and customised mass-manufacturing techniques for miniaturised, embedded ICT.

Finally, **Janez Potocnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research** will give the closing Plenary Presentation for this year's event focussing on the European Union's Agenda for Research & Innovation.

Accredited journalists are invited to attend a special PRESS ONLY Q&A session in Parallel Session H immediately following the end of the Closing Plenary Session.

Conference & Exhibition Daily Highlights

Wednesday 19th October 2005

Opening plenary

João de Silva, **Director of DG Information Society and Media at the European Commission**, is chairing the opening plenary at e-2005. Inspirational speeches from João de Silva, Jure Zupan, Ingo Juraske, Noriyuki Yonemura and Christopher Horn.

Today's sessions include e-Business; e-government; knowledge Management; eWork; Mobility; ICT Challenges and legislative case studies.

International Press Conference, 11.10am:

e-2005 facilitates ICT Knowledge Sharing across Five Continents

All accredited journalists are invited to attend the Press Conference this morning, Wednesday 19th October 2005 at 11.10, immediately after the Opening Plenary. Take the opportunity to interact with keynote presenters and exhibitors.

Networking reception @ 17.30: A toast to IBM and all e-2005 delegates!

All accredited journalists are invited to attend the networking cocktail which takes place today, Wednesday 19th October 2005 at 17:30.

Don't miss this opportunity to interact with delegates as well as national and international exhibitors showcasing technological demonstrations.

The first of the networking events is kindly hosted by IBM. Special thanks to **Jonathan Sage** and **Janez Bencina**, IBM Country General Manager, who will be there to welcome delegates.

Special Facilities for Journalists at e-2005

Journalists attending the international press conference on Wednesday 19th October and the Q&A Session following the closing remarks by **Commissioner Potočnik** on Friday 21st October can avail of the PC and internet facilities in the Cyber Café in the Grand Foyer. *Prosim!*

Hvala Hp Europe - Special thanks to Hp Europe!

We would like to thank Hp Europe for its continuing support of the eChallenges conference series. Hp has provided A/V equipment for all the session rooms, the cyber café and conference secretariat. We would particularly like to thank Gareth MacNaughton and Anita Mikulic.

Thursday 20th October 2005

A stimulating mix of workshops and presentations

The eChallenges Consortium has put together a stimulating mix of workshops and presentations as well as a tutorial on: *How to work successfully in teams*. The variety of workshops and sessions on offer today includes: eBusiness – Collaboration in Online communities; eGovernment - Regional Perspectives; Knowledge Management in Healthcare; Mobility Network Management; eWork in automotive industries; eInclusion; eHealth & European Health Insurance Card; Digital Content – Newspapers; eAccessibility Issues.

The International Dimension of eChallenges e-2005

At this year's Conference and Exhibition, nearly 8% of presenters are from outside Europe, compared to 4% at e-2004, continuing a trend of increasing international participation in the eChallenges Conference Community.

Some of the goals and achievements of eChallenges 2003-2005

eChallenges promotes the drive to develop the European Research Area (ERA) by building on and promoting national and European initiatives as well as supporting international co-operation.

In recent years, there has been:

- Significant increase in participation by industry and government
- Growth in participation of projects funded at national and regional level
- Increase in the participation of New Member States and Candidate Countries

Friday 21st October 2005

Commissioner Potočnik closes e-2005

Commissioner Potočnik's Views from the Heart of his Home Country

The Closing remarks will be made by **Commissioner Janez Potočnik**, European Commissioner for Science and Research. Commissioner Potočnik will be discussing the EU's Agenda for Research & Innovation. His intervention is expected to start @ 15.30.

All e-2005 accredited journalists are invited to the Q&A session taking place after the closing plenary for e-2005. Don't miss the opportunity to listen to his views from the heart of his home country.

A flavour of today's topics

Some of the topics discussed today include:

- eGovernment - interoperability, eVoting, Security & Privacy Challenges, eParticipation,
- eBusiness – New Challenges for Business Grids, Grids for Business – Challenges at the Turning Point, SME Supply Chain Management, Paving the Way to the Single European Electronic Market
- Dependable Distributed Systems, KISS (Keep it Short & Simple) eLearning
- Basel II: A Challenge for Banks, their Customers, and ICT players
- Collaborations between NSF/ITR and FP6/IST Research Teams
- International Co-operation Case Studies
- Investing in Europe's Future – Research & Policy
- Impact of Structural Funds on the Information Society

The Closing Plenary

Chairing the closing session will be **Rosalie Zobel, Director of the European Commission**, joined by **Todd Ramsey from IBM Corporation**, United States, and **Mark Frequin from the Ministry of Economy**, Netherlands.

These speakers will discuss private & public organisations cooperating for future prosperity, the New European ICT Agenda, the Key role of ICT manufacturing in Europe & the Renewed Lisbon Strategy. Finally, the IPC Chair, Paul Cunningham will give an overview of the workshop findings, before Commissioner Potocnik closes this year's conference.

All the keynote speakers will be available for Q&A immediately after the closing plenary.

e-2005 At A Glance

Tuesday 18th October 2005								
16.00	Registration							
Wednesday 19th October 2005								
9.15	1 Opening Plenary							
11.10	Coffee Break: Exhibition & Networking PRESS CONFERENCE – PLENARY ROOM							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
11.30	2 eBusiness - Supporting Distributed Service Oriented Systems	eGovernment - Issues	Knowledge Management - Networks, Collaboration & Sensemaking	eWork - Emerging Issues	eBusiness - Issues for Virtual Organisations	Mobility & Broadband Issues	Digital Content – Music	eBusiness - Adoption Issues
12.30	Lunch: Exhibition & Networking							
14.00	3 eBusiness - Addressing Interoperability in Distributed Systems	eGovernment - Process Issues	Knowledge Management - Semantic Representation Case Studies	eWork & Industrial Evolution	eBusiness - Innovation for Virtual Organisations	Mobility Applications & Case Studies	Digital Content – Applications	ICT Challenges - Case Studies
15.30	Coffee Break: Exhibition & Networking							
16.00	4 eBusiness - Case Studies	eGovernment – eAdoption	Knowledge Management – Applications	eWork - Logistics & IMS	eBusiness - Next Generation Virtual Organisation Concepts in GRID Environments	Securing Mobile Internet Services	Digital Content - Cultural Heritage	Legislative Case Studies
17.30	Networking Cocktail Reception sponsored by IBM – Grand Hotel Union - Exhibition Halls							

Thursday 20 th October 2005								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
5 9.00	eBusiness - Contracting Services in the Service Oriented Architectures	eGovernment - Regional Perspectives	Knowledge Management in Healthcare	eWork in Automotive Industries	eBusiness - Collaboration in Online Communities of Practice	Mobility Network Management	Digital Content - Newspapers	eAccessibility Issues
10.30 Coffee Break: Exhibition & Networking								
6 11.00	Business Interoperability - Perspectives, Requirements, Theories and Models	eGovernment - Transformation	eHealth & European Health Insurance Card	eWork - The Workplace of the Future	eBusiness - Collaborative Networked Organisations	Tutorial: Working Successfully in Teams	Education Issues	eInclusion
12.30 Lunch: Exhibition & Networking								
7 14.00	Interoperability - Industry Needs vs. European Research and Development Plans I	eGovernment - Services for Citizens	eBusiness - SME Regional Perspectives	eWork - Safety	eWork - Innovation in Mobile and Collaborative Working Environments I	IST Initiatives in Africa	Applied eLearning	Skills Certification, Accreditation & Assessment I
15.30 Coffee Break: Exhibition & Networking								
8 16.00	Interoperability - Industry Needs vs. European Research and Development Plans II	eGovernment - Design Issues	eBusiness - SME Industrial Issues	eGovernment - Intelligent Cities	eWork - Innovation in Mobile and Collaborative Working Environments II	Opportunities for Europe through International Co-Operation	eLearning Applications	Skills Certification, Accreditation & Assessment II
20.30 Networking Gala Dinner - Grand Hotel Union - Grand Union Hall - sponsored by Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology.								

Friday 21 st October 2005								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
9 9.00	eBusiness - New Challenges for Business Grids	eGovernment - Interoperability	eBusiness - SME Supply Chain Management	eGovernment - eVoting	Dependable Distributed Systems	International Co-Operation	KISS (Keep it short and simple) eLearning	Investing in Europe's Future - Research and Policy
10.30 Coffee Break: Exhibition & Networking								
10 11.00	Grids for Business - Challenges at the Turning Point	eGovernment - Security & Privacy Challenges	eBusiness - Paving the Way to the Single European Electronic Market	eGovernment - eParticipation	Basel II: A Challenge for Banks, their Customers, and ICT Players	International Co-Operation Case Studies	Collaboration between NSF/ITR and FP6/IST Research Teams	Impact of Structural Funds on the Information Society
12.30 Lunch: Exhibition & Networking								
13.30 Closing Plenary								
Q&A SESSION WITH COMMISSIONER POTOČNIK IN PARALLEL SESSION H FOLLOWING CLOSING PLENARY								

More about the e-2005 Exhibition, what's on offer and what to expect.

eChallenges attracts some of the undisputed leaders in the global ICT sectors and the very best of ICT research innovation and technologies. The exhibition allows participants to take a fresh look at and gain greater access to European innovation.

What to see

The e-2005 Exhibition features over **30** demonstration stands from **16** countries including a **Slovenian ICT Pavilion**. Apart from industry Sponsored stands, including **HP + i2010** and **IBM in European Research**, technology demonstrations include secure eVoting and eParticipation applications, an eTax portal, complex workflow and publishing solutions for publications and events, secure mobile internet services, semantic based medical information systems and a multilingual speech communicator to name but a few.

The demonstration stands are located on in the **Garden Hall** on the ground floor, **White Hall** and **Glass Hall** on first floor. The Exhibition is open throughout the conference but stands will be specifically manned between 10:30 - 11:00, 12:30 - 14:00, 15:30 - 16:00 each day and 17:30 – 20:00 on Wednesday 19 October. Refreshments and lunch will be served in the Exhibition area.

The e-2005 consortium has put together a few 'must see' exhibitions for the Press Delegation attending: IBM and its constant commitment to European Research and its engagement in leading edge European research, will be on show such as SAFIR, COSPA, DBE, PRIME projects and information on the FP7 NESSI Technology Platform. Representing IBM will be Jonathan Sage.

HP+ i2010 HP will demonstrate the application of mobility solutions to the sphere of local government, education and business and Gareth MacNaughton from Hewlett-Packard will be on hand to demonstrate HP innovation and its i2010 objectives.

VoiceTRAN Speech Communicator exhibition will demonstrate the initial results of the Voice TRAN project which aims to develop a multimodal speech-to-speech translation communicator able to translate simple domain-specific spoken sentences in the Slovenian-English language pair. Jerneja Žganec GrosAlpineon d.o.o. jerneja.gros@alpineon.com.

Slovenian ICT Pavilion

e-2005 also features a Slovenian ICT Pavilion. A government sponsored initiative, funded by the Ministry of Higher Education Science and Technology, Directorate for Information Society, the Slovenian ICT Pavilion focuses on key players in the area of Research and Technology Development. This area brings together Slovenian ICT commercial, government and research organisations which display their research results, applications, services and products. Showing just how seriously the Slovenia government takes eGovernment issues will be highlighted by the Slovenian eTax portal and Demonstration which combines a web portal with back office integration and the highest PKI security for filling taxes online using a digital certificate issued by any registered CA. Ivko Gregori, Ministry of Finance, Tax Administration of the Republic of Slovenia will be available to give more information on the eTax portal.

e-R&D and ICT Sector in Slovenia present its achievements, programmes and activities related to R&D with the main focus on ICT sector, which is identified and regarded as one of the Slovenian competitive strengths. Representing the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST) will be Andrej Tomšič.

Demonstration Stands - GARDEN HALL – GROUND FLOOR

No	Title	Description	Contact
1	European Commission	Dissemination of European Commission literature. Opportunity to network with Commission staff from Directorate General Information Society and Media.	Margarita Lago European Commission Margarita.lago@cec.eu.int
2	ETEN	Demonstration of the results of the eTEN co-funded projects including: eSeveso, E2SP, eParticipate, Bimus, SETS, ePOLL & Ermione.	Emilie Normann European Commission, eTEN Unit Emilie.NORMANN@cec.eu.int
3	e-R&D and ICT Sector in Slovenia	The Ministry will present its achievements, programmes and activities related to R&D with the main focus on ICT sector, which is identified and regarded as one of the Slovenian competitive strengths.	Andrej Tomšič Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST), Slovenia andrej.tomsic@gov.si
4	CCM (Comtech Content Manager)	Demonstration of CCM, an electronic document processing solution. Main features include: single storage, cloning of various types of media, unified access and web accessibility.	Boris Nose Comtech d.o.o bnose@comtech.si
5	EDICOMnet-eDocuments network	Demonstration of the EDICOMnet Network, a user friendly, secure and reliable environment for electronic document exchange. Document exchange is completely independent of costumers ERP system and conforms to all legal requirements in Slovenia.	Tomaz Raboteg Buy ITC Innovative Internet Solutions Ltd tomaz@buyitc.si
6	The EFC System using GNNSS/CN	Demonstration of the EFC GNSS/CN system, which uses the latest solutions for free vehicle flow, payment of the actual number of kilometres/miles covered, rush hour management with the flexible tariff model and low environment influence.	Aleš Živkovič Razvojni center IRC Celje d.o.o. ales.zivkovic@uni-mb.si
7	VoiceTRAN Speech Communicator	The initial results of the Voice TRAN project will be presented, which aims to develop a multimodal speech-to-speech translation communicator able to translate simple domain-specific spoken sentences in the Slovenian-English language pair.	Jerneja Žganec Gros Alpineon d.o.o. jerneja.gros@alpineon.com
8	VE-Forum.org – Living Lab	Demonstration of the VE-Forum.org Virtual collaboration platform, which provides easy access to research results and developments, supports networking with professionals and providing the resources and tools to innovate and collaborate www.ve-forum.org	Uroš Hribar Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Maribor, Slovenia uros.hribar@fov.uni-mb.si
9	TARIC (EU Custom Tariff)	Demonstration of the TARIC-Web application, which support several services on data in database of the foreign trade regulation of EU. All Taric information is daily updated at EU and national level. http://storitve-curs.gov.si/sstoritve	Igor Zorko ZZI d.o.o. igor.zorko@zzi.si
10	Slovenian eTax portal	Demonstration of the eTax portal - combining a web portal with back office integration and the highest PKI security for filling taxes online using a digital certificate issued by any registered CA. http://edavki.durs.si	Ivko Gregori Ministry of Finance, Tax Administration of the Republic of Slovenia ivko.gregori@gov.si

Demonstration Stands - GLASS HALL – FIRST FLOOR

No	Title	Description	Contact
11	HP+ i2010	HP will demonstrate the application of mobility solutions to the sphere of local government, education and business.	Gareth MacNaughton Hewlett-Packard gareth.macnaughton2@hp.com
12	IST-Results	IST Results is a DG Information Society & Media-supported online news service, reporting on emerging innovations from the IST Research initiative. Demonstration of IST-Results website and services.	Kevin Prescott Esys Plc kprescott@esys.co.uk
13	Netc@rds for EHIC	Demonstration of a technical solution for substituting the present eye-readable EHIC with arrangements involving electronic documents and implementation of healthcare services across Member States borders.	Roberto Zuffada Regione Lombardia roberto_zuffada@regione.lombardia.it
14	Artemis Project	Artemis project provides the interoperability of medical information systems through semantically enriched Web services. Demonstration of how disparate healthcare organizations can communicate through semantic mediation.	Asuman Dogac Middle East Technical University asuman@srcd.metu.edu.tr
15	EPIST: eHealth & eInclusion in IST	EPIST supports NMS and ACC organisations to participate in eHealth and eInclusion IST projects. Demonstration of the EPIST portal and services.	Antonio D'Amico EBA European Business Associates Srl ira.vater@ebanet.it
16	IST-Bonus	IST-Bonus supports collaboration opportunities between NMS, ACC and EU-15 organisations interested in participating in e-business and e-work related projects. Demonstration of online tool and services.	Dimitrios Papageorgiou Q-PLAN North Greece Ltd papageorgiou@qplan.gr
17	Secure eVoting and eParticipation	Demonstration of demo environment for different types of electoral processes (elections & e-participation). Demonstration of Scytl's e-voting solutions and back office application.	Guillermo Von der Walde Scytl Online World Security S.A. guillermo@scytl.com
18	WINS - eGov& Financial Services	Demonstration of the web-based Business Intelligence services offered to private and public subjects, ranging from Basel II-oriented services for banks, to access to credit support for SMEs, to Fiscal analysis.	Michele Nannipieri Metaware S.p.A m.nannipieri@metaware.it
19	Edean	Demonstration of HERMES, the accessible platform of EDeAN, developed to support virtual networking activities and ARIADNE, the EDeAN virtual Resource Centre providing access to current knowledge and best practice in Design for All in Europe.	Iosif Klironomos FORTH-ICS iosif@ics.forth.gr
20	Harmo-TEN project & Harmonise	Demonstration of the Harmonise platform, an overall solution for information exchange in travel and tourism. It provides a seamless method of data exchange, which does not necessitate the adoption of standards or changes to existing message formats.	Helene Forcher IFITT ifitt@ifitt.org
21	eMayor: Secure Local eGovernment	Demonstration of eMayor platform, which allows municipalities and other small and medium sized government organisations to exchange information in a secure way across boundaries, using smartcards. Typical applications relate to residence permits and local tax services.	Juergen Della torre Juergen.Dellatorre1@stud-inf.unibz.it Elmar Hilber elhilber@unibz.it

Demonstration Stands WHITE HALL – FIRST FLOOR

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22	IBM in European Research	Find out more about IBM's engagement in leading edge European research, SAFIR, COSPA, DBE, PRIME projects represented and info on the FP7 NESSI Technology Platform.	Jonathan Sage IBM jonathan.sage@be.ibm.com
23	An Automated Document Checker	Demonstration of a generic approach to automated extraction and checking of free-format documents that come in a large variety of complex layouts, an example being material safety data sheets (MSDS).	Fon Lin Lai Institute for Infocomm Research flai@i2r.a-star.edu.sg
24	SITE: Russia in IST	SITE showcases most recent, innovative Russian RTD results. Profiles of Siberian researchers are available for virtual partnering.	Petra Reiter petra.reiter@ffg.at
25	R&D Collaboration with Canada	IST-EC2 assists in Europe/Canada IST research projects. A live demonstration will be shown on Closed Captioning Computing Grid that can bring closed captioning to more deaf and hearing impaired people.	Debbie Kemp Communications Research Centre Canada debbie.kemp@crc.ca
26	EU & ICT International Co-operation	Demonstration and information on International Cooperation projects including Euro-Indian ICT Initiatives www.euroindia-it.org and Euro South East Asia 2006 www.eusea2006.org .	Laurette Gonzalès Metaware S.p.A l.gonzales@metaware.it
27	IST-Africa	Demonstration of national and regional IST-Initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa and IST-Africa portal. Call for papers deadline 30 November www.ist-africa.org/conference2006	IST-Africa Consortium secretariat@IST-Africa.org
28	Conference Manager	ConferenceManager is a publishing solution for conferences and electronic journals. As well as supporting the blind review process, it also automates much of the administrative work involved in managing a conference or journal.	Paul Cunningham IIMC Ltd paul@iimg.com
29	Securing Mobile Internet Services	In helping to drive the European ICT Security & Dependability Research strategy beyond 2010, this exhibition stand will demonstrate results and future plans of security experts and projects from across Europe.	Miguel Ponce de Leon TSSG, WIT miguelpdl@tssg.org
30	UK eHub – Supporting SMEs	Demonstration of the eHub system developed to e-enable SMEs in the Midlands region of the UK. System currently being leveraged by WMCCM, GatewayAsia and Plasteem projects.	Jay Bal University of Warwick jay.bal@warwick.ac.uk
31	The Austrian Grid Initiative	Demonstration of the Austrian Grid Initiative, a national coordinated effort for installing a grid-computing infrastructure for e-Science applications and industry, providing sophisticated higher-level services for different application domains.	Rene Kobler GUP, Joh. Kepler University Linz rkobler@gup.uni-linz.ac.at
32	Finance Helpdesk	Demonstration of the Finance Helpdesk, which explains the EU financial guidelines and has the latest IST related financial information. The helpdesk also has an anonymous help line facility. www.finance-helpdesk.org	Dana Remes EFP Consulting dana@efpconsulting.com

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1	ESASTAP	European-South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP) aims to promote science and technology cooperation between South Africa and the European Union. www.esastap.org.za	Anneline Morgan Department of Science and Technology, South Africa anneline.morgan@dst.gov.za
2	MYCAREVENT	MYCAREVENT: MobilitY and CollAboRative work in European Vehicle Emergency NeTworks. The results of MYCAREVENT are expected to have a substantial impact on the repair aftermarket in the automotive industry. This poster will illustrate the achievements to date of this FP6 IP.	Andre Minkus ETH-Zurich aminkus@ethz.ch
3	S2WEB	Dissemination of initial results of Extending Information Society Networks to the Western Balkan Region project.	Raphael Koumeri PLANET planet@skypro.be
4	Link-all Latin America	Dissemination of results of Link-all: Local Communities Insertion Network para America Latina project	Anna Assimakopoulos EGNATIA EPIRUS Foundation eef@forthnet.gr

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eChallenges conference series has been recognized as the biggest European IT event following the European Commission's annual IST conference. eChallenges is renowned as an event which makes the very best of everything available to delegates including:

- High profile relevant session content
- Speakers and delegates stemming from some of the undisputed leaders in European ICT research
- Strong government support, on EU and local host country level
- Effective political and financial local support offered to the conference
- Prominent Regional & Government activities within the thematic areas of eChallenges
- Attractive and spacious venues hosting the 3 day event and exhibition, including parallel sessions and a plenary hall accommodating 500 delegates
- Suitable dates, and venues easily accessible by plane from major international airports
- Discounted flight rates from supporting carriers (this year ADRIA & CZECH AIRWAYS)

Positive feedback has been a constant source of inspiration and support for the eChallenges consortium, which is why delegates attend – and more importantly – why they keep returning to eChallenges. Following the e-2004 Conference and Exhibition the consortium received some of the most positive feedback so far. Below is an overview of some of the many endorsements received from sponsors, presenters, workshop organisers, exhibitors and delegates following e-2004.

"I was above all impressed by the high quality of the workshops, which have attracted so many delegates from all over Europe, the inspiring quality of the exhibition-area and the high level of excellence regarding the audience. And I am convinced that a big part from these achievements stems from a high quality and experienced conference management."

Michael Wiesmüller, Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria

"I'm looking forward to eChallenges 2005, thanks for all the great work before & during eChallenges2004"

Barbara Sigrist, UAS Basel Switzerland

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"A critical part of the conference is networking but the most valuable part is teaming up with people working in like projects. In our case, the resulting saving on resource and time, and verification of work by cross-project collaboration will be considerable."

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Information on Previous eChallenges editions

eChallenges e-2004

The eChallenges e-2004 Conference took place in the beautiful city of Vienna. Focusing on eBusiness, eGovernment, eWork, eEurope 2005 and ICT take-up by SMEs and International Collaboration on IST, the goal of e-2004 helped stimulate take-up of Research & Technology Development (RTD) results by European industry, and SMEs in particular. e-2004 was a forum to showcase the achievements of FP5, eEurope 2005 and Regional, National and International ICT related initiatives, and look forward to the future by focusing on the thematic priorities of FP6. The European Research Area (ERA) and research priorities and trends for the future.

The programme combined strategic keynote presentations, technical, legal and policy papers, business case studies, workshops and tutorials, an exhibition and social activities. The opening and closing plenary sessions featured government, business and research speakers sharing experiences, insight and future challenges and the event heard from distinguished speakers such as Mart Laar Former Prime Minister of Estonia, Christian Rupp (Federal Executive Secretary eGovernment, Austrian Federal Chancellery), João da Silva (Director, DG INFSO, European Commission) and Jan Zadak VP Public Sector EMEA, Hewlett Packard Europe to name but a few.

Much progress was noted in e2004 in terms of legislative and political initiatives to build the Knowledge Economy, presentations describing the current state of eAdoption in different countries (particularly those focused on New Member States), provided a valuable reminder of the Digital Divide, and the importance of eEurope 2005 in light of often striking national differences in the exploitation of ICT.

eChallenges e-2003

As well as attracting delegates and speakers from around the world the scope of eChallenges 2003 was evolved to include the transition from Framework Programme Five (FP5) to FP6.

e2003 brought together exhibitors and delegates in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) space from representatives of commercial, government and research organisations from over 30 countries and was recognised as one of the most prestigious international forums of 2003 to increase awareness of exploitable research results and applications, whether funded privately or at regional, national or European level.

Some distinguished names speaking at e2003 included Frans de Bruijne, Director Information Society Directorate-General, European Commission, Luigi Gasparollo, VP and MD Qualcomm Europe and Robin Gallimore, Director of HP Laboratories Europe.

The 3 day programme included parallel streams focused on broadband and mobility, e-business, e-Europe, e-government, e-learning, e-work, knowledge management, media and entertainment applications, security, smart and virtual organisations and SME related issues. The conference programme was complemented by an exploitation-focused exhibition, social events including a Gala Reception, partners programme and post conference tours.

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