



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

E-Inclusion at ICT Call 4 Proposers' Day, Budapest, 22 January 2008

22 January 2009 Budapest Commission officials from the ICT for inclusion unit will be present to inform and discuss with potential proposers at 'tent 4'. Their presentation is scheduled at 09:15.

Whether they plan to attend the event or not, potential proposers are invited to express their interest, submit their presentation or simply post a comment on the event's website.

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Workshop on European activities on e-Inclusion

27 January 2009 avenue de Beaulieu 33, room 0/54, Brussels Further to Vienna e-Inclusion conference, the Unit of the European Commission "ICT for inclusion" is organising an information and debate session, the day after the general info day on call 3 of the Competitiveness and Innovation-ICT Policy Support Programme. The focus will NOT be research but other European activities on e-inclusion in 2009 and beyond, supported essentially through the CIP-ICT PSP, ad-hoc studies and dissemination actions.

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10th AAATE Conference "Inclusion between past and future, AT from adapted equipment to inclusive environments"

31 August - 2 September 2009 (Florence –Italy)

Florence, Italy

As technology develops rapidly and an Information Society is approaching, the concept of Assistive Technology seems to be moving away from adopting the most appropriate device/s for each user in order to overcome the limitations to her/his activity to the design and set up of the total environment in which people live, supported by suitable functionalities (services) and, when necessary, by additional support devices integrated within the environment. At present, these two perspectives are deeply intertwined, from both a technological and a social point of view. The main aim of the conference is just to provide an opportunity to clarify the differences and the common points between them and to better define a way for the future.

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REPORTS AND STUDIES

Market barriers to ICT for independent living and active ageing

Preliminary Findings An ICT & Ageing study, launched by the European Commission in the beginning of 2008, has issued its preliminary findings. The main goal of the study is to identify and understand the market barriers which currently hinder uptake of ICT for independent living and active ageing in Europe. For the first time, the study looks into the situation prevailing in 14 representative EU Member States as well as the USA and Japan with regard to the deployment situation of relevant ICTs and policy/market response respectively. It will identify and analyse good practice and show how Europe can learn from the experience in individual countries. This research endeavour will continue until the end of 2009.