



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Days 2009

Registration now open 5 October 2009 - 8 October 2009, Brussels

The Open Days are designed to bring together political representatives, decision-makers, experts and practitioners of regional policy as well as stakeholders from the banking and business sectors, civil society organisations, academia, EU institutions and the media to discuss the common challenges facing European regions and cities, and to discuss possible solutions. The event also provides a platform for capacity-building for those involved in implementing EU cohesion policy and in managing EU funds, as well as facilitating cooperation and networking among regions and cities on best practice in regional development.

This year the general motto is 'Global Challenges, European Responses'.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

"Innovation for Demographic Change" Conference

5 October 2009 - 7 October 2009 's-Hertogenbosch, NL

By bringing together good practices, this AER (Assembly of European Regions) conference aims at exchanging knowledge and inspiration. Based on the outcomes of previous discussions a 'Roadmap for demographic change', the guidelines for future work within the AER and in the regions, will be drafted. Prior to the Conference, the AER e-he@lth network will meet on 5th October 2009 within the framework of a seminar dedicated to smart care solutions and ICT for independent living, based on a demand-driven approach.

Social Policy and Public Health Committee (2) will hold its autumn plenary session on 7th October 2009, an opportunity to learn about the latest developments in health and social policy and about the member regions' activities within the AER networks. For more details, visit the AER e-he@lth website. Contact: st.com21@aer.eu

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

DebugIT project at PSIP workshop on Adverse Drug Events

24 September 2009 - 25 September 2009 Belgirate, Italy

The PSIP project (Patient Safety through intelligent procedures in medication), which is also funded under the patient safety priority of the EC, focuses on the systematic production of epidemiological knowledge on ADE and to ameliorate the entire medication cycle in hospitals. The workshop 'Human Factors and IT Tools for Patient Medication Safety' will offer the opportunity to compare ongoing research actions, at international and European level by the EC, focused on patient safety. Its objective is to present methods, results and to discuss the following topics: Identification of ADE and medication errors in hospital settings; the role of human and organisational factors on ADE and medication errors, and the ICT solutions which are available to prevent or correct ADEs and medications errors. On behalf of the DebugIT consortium, Dr. Karl Stroetmann will present the intermediate results of the DebugIT project with regard to its clinical architecture and data-integration approach. The conference proceedings will be published by IOS Press. Contact: debugit@empirica.com

NEWS ARTICLE

Integrating biomedical data to support computer-based understanding of cerebral aneurysms, leading to individualised disease management and interventional planning

Modern imaging technology allows today's radiologists to identify 'silent' lesions - aneurysms - within the blood vessels of the head, typically during routine scans after an accident. Aneurysm rupture is often fatal so, with a rupture risk of around 1/10,000 people annually, such lesions require diagnostic and treatment decisions. Today these decisions are made on the interpretation of comparatively simple data, leading to significant and costly overtreatment. Aneurysm management would benefit greatly from an integrated approach to clinical decision-making, personalised risk-assessment and interventional planning. Contact: alejandro.frangi@upf.edu

NEWS ARTICLE

Health-e-Child Network: Better care for little kids

What is the best way to operate on a child with a particular congenital heart disease? How are certain brain tumours that occur at a very early age best dealt with? The European Health-e-Child network (www.health-e-child.org) strives to help paediatricians in cases like these by connecting major paediatric hospitals through high-performance grid technology.

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NEWS ARTICLE

Ontology-Driven Semantic Interoperability in eHealth

The Semantic Interoperability workshop was organised on June 22-23 in the framework of the epSOS project. The goal of this meeting was to advance the evolution of eHealth systems in the direction of semantic interoperability. The use and integration of terminologies and associated coding systems as well as ontology-based knowledge representation were two key topics of the workshop. Contact: eHealth@ec.europa.eu

NEWS ARTICLE

Looking behind the scenes - An EU-policy initiative on telemedicine: Why and how?

The Commission issued on 30th June 2009 an explanatory document that includes details of the extensive consultation process which led to the 'Communication on telemedicine for the benefit of patients, healthcare systems and society' adopted on 4th November 2008.

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NEWS ARTICLE

Thought-Leaders Unite to Release Declaration of Health Data Rights

High profile coalition of thought leaders across healthcare are collaborating to launch www.HealthDataRights.org and unveil a shared statement to ensure patients' rights to access and share their own health information. The site, designed to give people a voice in preserving their right to take responsibility for their own information and care, features a Declaration of Health Data Rights that reads "In an era when technology allows personal health information to be more easily stored, updated, accessed and exchanged, the following rights should be self-evident and inalienable". Contact: media@healthdatarights.org

PRESS RELEASE

Completing administrative procedures electronically: European Commission to boost cross-border services by means of up-to-date technology

The European Commission will co-finance a project driven by Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and Poland helping public administrations to improve online services for the service sector. By the end of 2009, each EU Member State will have established points of single contact where companies can complete administrative procedures electronically. While it will allow for example a Belgian service provider to complete all the necessary formalities to open a café in the Netherlands online, the pilot project will work on further enhancing the quality of electronic procedures. More than € 14 million will be invested over three years into the pilot project, half of which will come from the EU's Competitiveness and Innovation Programme.

ARTICLE

Enterprise and Industry DG: Electromagnetic field emissions addressed by EU standards

The issue of whether electromagnetic field (EMF) emissions are a human health problem is the subject of on-going research and public debate. The EU regularly reviews the scientific research to ensure legislation and recommendations provide a high level of protection and health safety for citizens. Contact: ENTR-RTTE@ec.europa.eu

AUDIOVISUAL

'Technology for the health challenges of tomorrow' live at pHealth2009

The pHealth workshop held in Oslo (24-26/06) was a great success and several short (ca 2.20mn) video-interviews were produced to present the workshop, the seminars, the demos and some important projects like SmartHealth. Contact: eHealth@ec.europa.eu

REPORTS AND STUDIES

Potential benefits and analysis of potential obstacles of wider implementation of RFID solutions in healthcare delivery system

The E.C. commissioned a "Study on the requirements and options for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) application in healthcare". The final report provides an assessment of the main drivers, obstacles and uncertainties surrounding the deployment of RFID in healthcare in Europe. It identifies the most promising RFID applications in the healthcare delivery domain by reviewing the costs and benefits, as far as possible, and assessing enablers and obstacles to full deployment of RFID. Finally, the report provides an evaluation of the current market for RFID in healthcare in Europe and its future potential. Contact: ehealth@ec.europa.eu This is the newsletter of the eHealth web site on Europa (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/ehealth)

FACTSHEET

(at)neurIST project' news

Read this issue and learn more on the active contribution of the project to the Neurosurgical Community. Find about the successful collaboration, between this project and mainly two other EC eHealth funded projects Health-e-Child and VPH-NoE, through the constructive sharing of knowledge, experiences, expertise, best practices, etc. The latest prototype release (n7) of (at)neuLink is integrated by the Health-e-Child project and early results of this successful collaboration will be presented at the HealthGrid2009, Berlin. Other interesting articles such as partner's profiles and Interviews are as well available in the newsletter.

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