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Invitation to participate in a roadmapping workshop for future research towards eGovernment 2020

Dear Sir or Madame!

Recently, eGovernment has evolved towards a recognized research domain. Also, a modern government using innovative information and communication technology (ICT) has become an increasingly important factor of competitiveness and growth in the European knowledge society. In the last years, many EU Member States have revised their existing strategies for public sector modernization and transformation of eGovernment, and they have adapted them to meet the objectives of the EU strategies such as i2010 and the Lisbon agenda. Also national specific foci have been revised in these eGovernment strategies. However in most cases, these strategies and activities are short to mid-term oriented.

eGovRTD2020 is a project co-funded by the European Commission under the 6th Framework Programme of IST. It aims at sketching eGovernment in 2020 and, thereby, identifying future strategic research fields for the development of eGovernment and the public sector as such. The methodology consists of both scenario building and roadmapping. Visions have already been described through scenarios, which detail governments, society and economics, as well as the interaction based on modern information and communication technology. In the current phase of the project, guidelines for eGovernment research programmes and national long-term eGovernment policies shall be developed. The resulting research roadmap(s) shall support the implementation of the vision of the European Community: to transform the European Government landscape into a coherent community anticipating customer needs and making use of the available potentials of innovative ICT.

With this letter we would like to invite you as a leading expert in the field of eGovernment to the roadmapping workshop of the eGovRTD2020 project consortium. The workshop on roadmapping future eGovernment research will take place on:

10 November 2006, 13:00 to 17:00
At Hotel Best Western Naujasis Vilnius, Konstitucijos ave. 14, Vilnius

The workshop on roadmapping future eGovernment research shall help to meet the above mentioned objectives.

On the basis of the identified gaps as well as the future scenarios, the workshop aims at elaborating the following questions:

- Do you share the view on the gaps of current eGovernment research in respect to potential futures of Governments, Society and ICT identified within the project? Which gaps would you stress based on your expertise?
- Which crucial measurements, research activities and resources are necessary to realize wanted future scenarios resp. avoid unwanted developments, as well as bridge current research gaps.

The basic materials for the workshop are the State of Play report, the Scenario report and gaps identified between current research and needs identified from the scenarios. The first two reports are available for download at the project website: www.egovrtd2020.org (pls go to results). The gap analysis (interim) results will be sent out to registered participants approximately one week before the workshop.

Since space is limited, we kindly ask you to register via attached registration form. Please hand in the registration no later than **3rd November 2006**. Furthermore, please note that due to restricted project budget, we unfortunately cannot reimburse any travel expenses. However, participation to the workshop is free of charge.

Further information regarding the project eGovRTD2020 is available at the official project website: <http://www.egovrtd2020.org/>.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop organisation or the project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would appreciate your participation in the workshop and look forward to receive your registration.

Yours sincerely,

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