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i2010 a reality in the regions:
data analysis , impacts on ICT policies,
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**European Regions UNDER way towards STANDard
indicators for benchmarking information society**

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The conference will be aimed at the presentation of the UNDERSTAND results based on the regional benchmarking of the information society through common methodology and comparable indicators and of their impacts on policy making. The event will also offer a broad picture the picture on the development of the information society in the regions through the presentations of European best practices as BENTLI, SOURIR and BIRRA and to explore more in general how regions can contribute to the delivery of the I2010! objectives.

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CONFERENCE "LEARNING FROM BENCHMARKING TO MAKE I2010 A REALITY IN THE REGIONS: DATA ANALYSIS , IMPACTS ON ICT POLICIES, EMERGING NEEDS"

- Draft Agenda -

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| <p>9.00 Registration</p> <p>9.30 Welcome and opening remarks - the role of the Regions in Information Society
<i>Committee of the Region</i></p> <p>9.45 Benchmarking i2010 (to be confirmed)
<i>Frank Mather - European Commission - DG Information Society</i></p> <p>10.00 The UNDERSTAND operation: a joint effort to benchmark the Information Society in the Regions
<i>Chiara Mancini – Regional Government of Emilia-Romagna</i></p> <p>10.15 Presentation of the benchmarking results in partner regions
 - Broadband infrastructure - Chiara Mancini – Regional Government of Emilia-Romagna
 - E-government – Victor Prieto – Valencian Office for the Information Society</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--- 10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break ---</p> <p>11.00 -E-business - Olaf Juptner – HA Hessen Agentur
 -ICT usage by citizens – Mike Williams - University of Wales</p> <p>11.30 Best practice from other European experiences:
 - Bentli, - Teresa Muñoz - Fundecyt
 - Sourir, -André Decharlerie -Agence Wallonne des Télécommunications
 - Birra - Donnie Morrison - Western Isles Enterprise</p> | <p>12.15 Questions & Answers</p> <p>12.40 Initial analysis from the data
<i>Mike Williams - University of Wales</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">--13.00-14.30 Lunch --</p> <p>14.30 The Regions and i2010 - Using Benchmarking to accelerate Information Society progress
 <i>Co-ordinated by: Jeremy Millard (Danish Technology Institute)</i>
 <i>Roundtables and discussion with experts and regional policy makers</i>
 Roundtable 1: Digital convergence
 Roundtable 2: Research and Innovation
 Roundtable 3: e-Inclusion</p> <p>16.15 The information society in the Regions and the cohesion policy (to be confirmed)
<i>European Commission - DG REGIO</i></p> <p>16,30 Concluding remarks
<i>Gareth Hughes - CEO of Eris@ - The European Regional Information Society Association</i></p> <p>17.00 End of the seminar</p> |
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