

European e-Skills Week 2012 and Other News from CEPIS

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In this issue

Following recent feedback from CEPIS Members, we have a new look for the monthly newsletter. This issue is a more concise format under a new name that highlights the major topic of the month. If you have any feedback about this or you would like to send contributions from your CEPIS Member Society for the next update, to be published in February 2012, please email [Carol-Ann Kogelman](mailto:Carol-Ann.Kogelman@cepis.org).

47th CEPIS Council Draft Minutes Now Available

The 47th Council meeting was held last month in Brussels. Thanks to all those CEPIS Members who attended. We welcome Nello Scarabottolo as the new President of CEPIS for the period 2011 – 2013 and congratulate Luis Fernández-Sanz on his election to the position of Vice President. The 47th CEPIS Council Draft Minutes and all presentations are now available in the [Members Area](#) for your perusal.

CEPIS Members, please provide your feedback on this Council meeting via the following [survey](#). This will take only a few minutes of your time and will help shape future meetings.

e-Skills Week 2012: Encouraging Young People into ICT Careers - Get Involved



Recently CEPIS became an official pan-European stakeholder in European e-Skills Week 2012. This awareness raising campaign aims to convince people across Europe – especially young people – to embark on careers in ICT. National points of contact will coordinate activities in each country. If you are interested in increasing both the national and pan-European visibility of particular projects of your society please contact your [national coordinator](#) or please contact [Fiona Fanning](#).

Finnish CEPIS Member Society Publishes Report Measuring Importance of IT in Finland



Tietotekniikan liitto ry The Finnish Information Processing Association (FIPA) has published a report analysing the importance and impact of IT for Finnish organisations during 2011. The

IT Barometer 2011 charts the significance of IT for organisations from a business and management perspective and is based on over 200 respondents representing a thousand of the largest companies in Finland. Thanks to FIPA for sharing this interesting report. [Download the IT Barometer 2011](#)

CEPIS Task Force on Women in ICT

CEPIS Member Societies who are interested in the topic of women in ICT are invited to join a meeting that will take place in early 2012. CEPIS would like to offer a platform for sharing experience and best practice in this domain, in order to facilitate international cooperation among Members and to establish areas of common interest. If you are interested in joining the Task Force or if you would like to appoint a representative from your Society, please email [Carol-Ann Kogelman](mailto:Carol-Ann.Kogelman@cepis.org).

CEPIS Cloud Computing Security and Privacy Statement – Now Available in Spanish

The CEPIS Cloud Computing statement, published by the Legal and Security Issues SIN, explores the security and privacy implications associated with Cloud Computing. It examines areas such as the loss of control over data and dependence on the Cloud Computing provider and outlines the related issues. This statement was recently translated into Spanish by the CEPIS Member Society, Asociación de Técnicos de Informática. [Download the Statement in Spanish](#)

Digital Trends 2011 – International Conference co-hosted by CEPIS and HePIS

[Digital Trends 2011](#) took place earlier this month in Athens and was co-hosted by the Hellenic Professionals Informatics Society (HePIS) and CEPIS. Over a hundred professionals from the ICT and business sector attended this successful one-day conference that included an array of high-level international speakers discussing and presenting various viewpoints related to Green ICT and Cloud Computing. Speaker presentations are now available [online](#).

International Conference on Enterprise Information Systems to Take Place in 2012



The Sixth International Conference on Research and Practical Issues of Enterprise Information Systems ([CONFENIS 2012](#)) will be held in Ghent, Belgium from 19 – 21 September 2012. This conference provides an opportunity for academics and practitioners from around the world to exchange ideas, and present original research in the field of enterprise information systems (such as ERP, CRM, BI, etc.). CONFENIS 2012's Steering Committee is chaired by Prof. Dirk Deschoolmeester of the CEPIS Member Society, Belgian Federation of Informatics Associations (FBVI-FAIB see www.bfia.be). [Find out More at the CONFENIS 2012 Website](#)

CONFENIS 2012 also has a [LinkedIn Group](#).

Tackling Low Achievement in Mathematics and Science still a Challenge in

Europe

According to two recent reports published by the European Commission, strong political measures are required to improve mathematics and science education across Europe. Students' achievement in these subjects needs to be enhanced by providing more support to teachers. Achieving higher levels in science and mathematics is essential, among other subjects, for meeting the needs of the labour market. However, the [report on mathematics](#) highlights that only five countries (England, Italy, The Netherlands, Ireland and Norway) have set national targets to boost achievement levels, while the [report on science](#) shows that no Member States have specific national support policies for low achievers.

Call for Events: 2012 Federated Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems



The 2012 Federated Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems (FedCSIS) organised by the Polish Information Processing Society (PIPS) will take place in Wroclaw, Poland from 9-12 September 2012. This conference consists of a series of recurring events that provide a common platform for researchers, practitioners and academics to discuss ideas, challenges and solutions related to computer science and information systems. FedCSIS welcomes proposals for new events of any type (e.g. conference, symposium, workshop, etc.) that may run over any length of time during the conference dates.

The deadline for this call for events is January 11, 2012. [Submit your Event](#)

EC Proposes €80 Billion Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation



The European Commission recently announced a new programme for investment in research and innovation called [Horizon 2020](#). Horizon 2020 will bring together all EU research and innovation funding together under one programme, and in doing so aims to simplify rules, procedures and reduce the amount of time-consuming bureaucracy associated with funding programmes. [Horizon 2020](#) is currently under negotiation with the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, and by January 2014 the first calls for proposals are expected to be launched.

European Citizens will have their Say in 2012

The European Citizen's Initiative (ECI) will officially open in 2012 with the [Warming up for the Citizen's Initiative](#) conference. [Registration](#) is free and is now open to everyone. The conference shall prepare participants for the first ECI's that may only be launched from 1 April 2012 onwards in accordance with the Regulation. *Interesting Fact:* Some of the agreed rules concerning the launch of an ECI include that it must be organised by at least 7 EU citizens from 7 Member States. [Find out More](#)

EC Report: Economic Analysis of the Single Market for an Information Society

This report reveals how ICT, e-Business and e-Commerce can be powerful tools to boost European economic growth and integration. For instance, cross-border trade between Member States has increased thanks to ICT infrastructure, skills and usage. However, the study also highlights the significant variation between European countries in this field and the necessity of government support for countries lagging behind. Member States with higher levels of infrastructure and ICT usage should also benefit from continuing support in order to implement a comprehensive institutional and legal framework for ICT and e-Business. [Read the Full Report](#)

EESC Opinion on Net Neutrality Regrets Lack of Action by European Commission

Following a Communication from the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has adopted an Opinion on the principles of open internet and net neutrality in Europe. These principles are vital for the economic and social future of Europe as, for example, Internet related consumption has accounted for 21% GDP growth in the last five years. Therefore the EESC believes that the principles should be more clearly defined and it regrets the lack of action from the European Commission to safeguard them. The EESC advocates that the principles of open internet and net neutrality should be formally enshrined in EU law as soon as possible because they would provide a stimulating framework for SMEs, innovation, employment and growth. [Read the Full EESC Opinion](#)

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) to Create More Innovation Hubs

The EIT has been granted €2.8 billion by the European Commission for its next financial framework. With this increased budget, the EIT plans to create six new cross-border innovation hubs between 2014 and 2020. The objective of these hubs, known as Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), is to drive innovation and entrepreneurship in the EU. Each hub is focused on major societal challenges and brings together excellent higher education institutions, research centres and businesses. The new hubs will be set up in two phases starting in 2014 (innovation for healthy living and active ageing, food4future, raw materials) and continuing in 2018 (added value manufacturing, smart secure societies and urban mobility). [Read More about the EIT](#)

Important Upcoming Events



20 December [Seamless eGovernment](#) Brussels, Belgium. Organised by: European Dynamics S.A.

20 December [User-Centric eServices](#) Brussels, Belgium. Supported by: European Dynamics

S.A.

20 December [Diskobolos Awards 2011](#) Belgrade, Serbia. Organised by: JISA



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