



<p>Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest</p>	<p>There are four overarching initiatives that the ICT Working Group will be following closely: Digital Agenda, European Innovation Partnerships (Innovation Union), Future Internet Public Private Partnership & finally Project Development within European calls (notably FP7 – ICT, ICT-PSP & more).</p> <p>More specifically, interests in the WG are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creative Innovation (ICT as innovation support tool, Living Labs, Creative Industries, Design, Video Games, New Media, Multimedia, 3D...), - Active Ageing (Ambient Assisted Living, eHealth, ICT-PSP...), - Smart Systems (RFID, photonics, nanotechnologies...), - ICT 4 Climate Change (smart mobility, ICT for energy efficiency, earth observation, GMES...) and finally, - Public Sector & ICT (Open Data, broadband, eGovernance, eLiteracy...)
<p>Structure (Chair/Co-Chair, subgroups, if applicable)</p>	<p>The ICT Working Group - as such - will be dealing with themes of general interest (Future Internet, Digital Agenda, ICT-PSP, FP7). It has set up a number of Foraging Groups to help identify committed & active members in specific fields of ICT. The idea is to build on the strengths of member regions and their Brussels offices, to raise the knowledge and capacity of the whole Working Group. They are a flexible arrangement for regions who share a common interest in exchanging information, organising events, setting up meetings with key stakeholders, fostering interregional & intercluster cooperation...</p> <p>These 5 Foraging Groups are: Creative Innovation (ICT as innovation support tool, Living Labs, Creative Industries, Design, Video Games, New Media, Multimedia, 3D...), Active Ageing (Ambient Assisted Living, eHealth, ICT-PSP...), Smart Systems (RFID, photonics, nanotechnologies...), ICT 4 Climate Change (smart mobility, ICT for energy efficiency, earth observation, GMES...) and finally Public Sector & ICT (Open Data, broadband, eGovernance, eLiteracy...).</p>
<p>Strategic context 2011</p>	<p>The ICT Working Group aims to work within the policy framework of the Digital Agenda and the Innovation Union, with a strong focus on projects and project development for the benefit of ICT WG member regions and practitioners. A number of brokerage events will be planned, and Working Group tools will be developed in order to provide early information on Info Days, brokerage events,</p>



	<p>National Contact Point events... As ICT is a cross-cutting and enabling technology, the ICT WG will look to develop strong links with other ERRIN WGs to organise joint events.</p> <p>Another key element of ICT WG capacities is to work more and more closely with the Enterprise Europe Network, National Contact Points network and other relevant networks in order to raise the potential for project development to the benefit of regional practitioners.</p> <p>The European Commission will be spending more and money on R&D in ICT, and the ICT WG should become a key delivery service for project development and connecting practitioners with European proposals.</p>
<p>Planned focus and form of activities 2011. What are the WG plans in terms of project development?</p>	<p>The ICT WG has only recently been taken over by a new leader and co-lead. At this stage, there are limited plans for 2011. However, the very structure of the WG will hopefully enable a multiplying effect in terms of joint events and project development.</p> <p>Here are some examples of what will happen:</p> <p>16 Nov 2010: Joint Health –ICT WG meeting on European Innovation Partnership</p> <p>14 Dec 2010: Brokerage event and conference on European Innovation Partnership and ICT-PSP/health projects.</p> <p>Other events to be confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital Agenda conference - Living Labs at regional level: working towards a new model for innovation - Photonics cluster cooperation & Brokerage event - Key Enabling Technologies: feedback from KET Open Days and role of regions - FP7 ICT call brokerage...



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Number of regular participants at WG meetings	16
Planned number of ICT WG meetings	4
Planned number of conferences with external participants	10+
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU COM	5
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable	
Planned number of projects arised from the co-operation within the ICT WG	Many
Closer co-operation with other ICT related networks and / or observatories	YES