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Towards a Common  
Research Agenda in Europe

INTRODUCTION

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## Research in the frame of Lisbon strategy

- Investment in research and innovation is crucial for the ICT sector
- Reducing barriers between research results and their user.
- Strengthening Europe position:
  - the Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7)
  - Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)

### The Commission support:

- Transformation of technological progress into innovative applications and services in the public and private sector
- Strategic cooperation between ICT research programmes by bringing together national and EU level activities.
- Building on the experience of shared infrastructures.



## Research in the frame of i2010

- Strategic framework i2010 – key element of the renewed Lisbon strategy
- i2010 – European Information Society 2010 proposed three priorities:
  - Single European Information Space
  - Innovation and Investment
  - Inclusive European Information Society
- Priorities includes needs on development of pan-european services, interoperability and development of efficient and user centric public services.

## eGovernment RESEARCH



## ERA - The European Research Area

- ERA is initiative and common goal to make European research more coherent, coordinated and effective.
- Systematically addressing weaknesses in European research: insufficient funding, fragmentation of activities and dispersal of resources.
- ERA concepts:
  - Internal market for research
  - Coordination of national research at EU level
  - The development of a European policy for research
- To build ERA we need to overcome the fragmentation of research activities, programmes and policies across Europe.



## **ERA - The European Research Area: New Perspectives**

The European Research Area with the following features:

- Flow of competent researcher
- Research infrastructure (ESFRI) and institutions
- Effective knowledge sharing
- Well coordinated research programmes
- A wide opening of the European Research Area to the world

Support of the creation of ERA:

- **EU Research Framework Program;**
- **European Technology Platforms;**
- **Open method of coordination;**
- **The Structural Funds.**

**Opportunities for eGovernment research**



## eGovernment's future developments

- i2010 eGovernment Action Plan – five priorities
- Ministerial declaration - important role of eGovernment Research
- European Commission - invited to define and support research activities in four policy actions:
  - *Cross-border interoperability (eProcurement, eID)*
  - *Reduction of administrative burden*
  - *Inclusive eGovernment*
  - *Transparency and democratic engagement*
- Collaborative research on eGovernment themes = valuable support for development of the pan-European services
- Obstacles on the way of creating the European Research Area (ERA):  
Fragmented research funding mechanisms, lack of visibility, low transnational cooperation over eGovernment research policies
- Interactions between public administrations and the research community = valuable asset for future development



## Towards a Common Research Agenda in Europe

- Better interaction between public administration and the research community at national and European levels.
- Use of mechanisms: knowledge transfer, best practice, twinning projects, international collaborations,...
- To boost European eGovernment Research – building of a common strategy at European and Member States level
- Leveraging founding mechanisms, instruments and infrastructures available at European and Member States level.
- Complementary to FP6 and FP7 cross-border cooperation on eGovernment research Norianet, eGovernment Pathfinder Alliance
- Supporting Commission initiatives (CIP, IDABC, FP7)
- Supporting long term strategies of eGovernment at national and EU level



## Question to answer

- *What are the key issues to be addressed in a European context for each policy action defined in the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration?*
- *How to establish and sustain better coordination and exchange mechanisms between public administrations and the research community at national and European levels?*
- *What are the tools available to make this coordination and exchange more efficient?*
- *How can Government contribute and improve the coordination and exchange between public administrations and the research community in Europe?*
- *How can Research assist policy-makers to anticipate and manage change induced by the transformation of public services in the emerging knowledge-based society?*
- *How can we use the opportunities that eGOVERNMENT network and project results have opened?*