

ICT FOR A GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

How ICT CAN DURABLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELLBEING OF ALL CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD

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Today's societies are facing increasingly complex issues, unprecedented in the history of mankind, and serious risks of breakdowns are in sight, as far as environmental, economic and social issues are concerned.

In order to avoid major worldwide crises, industrial, emerging and developing countries will need to agree, sooner or later, on an alternative way forward, based on a true sustainable development, a more sustainable economic growth, more equally shared resources.

What is at stake is durable innovation paths for companies and, ultimately, the wellbeing of all citizens of the world to be measured by new indexes going "beyond GDP".

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) will play a central role in this future, not only because ICT have become in just two decades a key driver of the development of all countries worldwide, but also because ICT can efficiently contribute to the achievement of the revised economic, social and environmental objectives which this future requires.

Moreover, Europe is undoubtedly well placed to proactively promote this new concept of progress towards a true sustainable future.

It is in this context that the "ICT for a global sustainable future" conference is organised, and aims at giving the opportunity to participants to thoroughly understand and discuss what is at stake and which research areas can be usefully explored in the short and in the longer terms so that appropriate infrastructures, applications and services, based on Information and Communication Technologies, can be available tomorrow for the citizens of the world.



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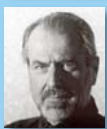
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CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

The event will start on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 10:00am and end on Friday, Jan. 23 at 4:30pm. The first day will be mainly devoted to addresses from keynote speakers. The second day will focus on "the way forward", will include presentations and discussions related to the "PARADISO reference document" disseminated prior to the event, and will eventually discuss a possible roadmap to efficiently build on event outputs.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The detailed event programme is updated on a regular basis on the event web site (<http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu>).

VENUE

The "ICT for a global sustainable future conference" will take place in the Charlemagne building of the European Commission (room capacity: 450 persons) located 170 rue de la Loi, close to the Berlaymont building of the European Commission (picture) in the central part of Brussels (metro station: Schuman).



REGISTRATION

Registration for this event is free of charge but pre-registration is compulsory due to security rules linked to access into the Charlemagne building. It is highly recommended to register as soon as possible since, due to room capacity constraints, the registration process may be closed prior to the event. Only online registrations (through the event web site: <http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu>) are accepted and subject to confirmation. Thank you in advance for your kind understanding.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu>.

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