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Abstract

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Executive summary

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(*)In total there were about sixty people present at the meeting with all seats in the breakfast meeting room being occupied. Participants included Members of the European Parliament with their assistants, representatives of the European Commission and different representatives of the ICT platforms.

1 Introduction

This document contains the minutes of the breakfast meeting with Members of the European Parliament. The meeting began at 8.00 and formally ended at 9.30 although many participants stayed until around 10.00 for further discussions in smaller groups at individual tables.

The meeting, organized by the European Internet Foundation (EIF), was held on April 27th, 2006 in the Members Restaurant, European Parliament building, Brussels.

eMobility distributed copies of its Strategic Research Agenda and flyers at the meeting.

1.1 Welcome and objective of the meeting (Malcolm Harbour)

Malcolm Harbour, Member of the European Parliament and Governor of EIF welcomed the participants inviting the platforms represented to present their ambitions.

Following his short introduction, Mr. Harbour introduced Dr. Joao da Silva, who provided the participants with background information on the objectives of Technology Platforms and the challenges faced by Europe in the ICT sector.

Each of the four platforms then had the opportunity to present a short overview of its activities and key objectives, while participants ate breakfast. The presentations were given without the use of powerpoint slides and each platform spoke for fifteen to twenty minutes.

Following the four presentations, which ran somewhat behind schedule, there was a short but lively discussion around issues including the need to review regulatory issues for ICT, spectrum allocation, the need for the Commission to fund commercial research and the financing of platform activities. MEPs posed most of the questions and all four of the platform representatives had the opportunity to answer each of the questions.

The first question asked what activities were on-going in the platforms regarding non-technical activities such as regulatory and spectrum issues. All platforms responded regarding their activities. Dr. Williams responded that for eMobility, the current focus was on defining technical research topics for the Strategic Research Agenda and that investigations around non-technical topics were being conducted by a working group, led by Dr. Werner Mohr of Siemens. She continued that as many different organisations look after such interests at European level, platforms needed to identify those issues not well covered by other organisations before starting their own activities in order to ensure effective use of scarce resources.

Dr. Niebler asked which, if any, of the platforms had Commission support in the form of a Coordination Action and appeared to question the need for such support as platforms were led by large organisations. Dr. Williams answered that all four platforms present had Coordination Actions and that the eMobility Coordination Action had the smallest budget of the four Coordination Action projects. Anne Laperrouze, in a discussion at her table, questioned the need for the European Community to fund research and proposed that the private sector could be left to fund research work which benefits the private sector. She continued a long discussion with one of the eMobility representatives, Prof. Rahim Tafazolli, after the official meeting ended. Mr. Garcia answered questions about SME participation in FP 6 projects from participants at his table including questions about what could be done to improve the possibilities for SMEs to participate in FP 7.

All platforms were requested to provide further information, to be published on the web of the EIT after the meeting. eMobility provided a presentation for publication.

Mr. Harbour thanked the platform representatives for the presence and the lively discussion and said that the EIT would be sure to return to this topic later in the year and said it is was likely that platform representatives would be invited to future EIT meetings.

The meeting provided all four platforms with the opportunity to meet MEP's interested in platform issues and to interact with them regarding the plans for the seventh Framework Programme.

2 Information on the ICT ETPs

2.1 ISI (Christine Leurquin)

- Ms. Leurquin provided a general overview on The Integral Satcom Initiative, recently launched, and stressed the importance of the Astra satellite services, among other satellite services, to the European economy.

2.2 NEM (Joachim Schaper)

- Mr. Schaper provided a general overview on the Networked and Electronic Media initiative and described its organisational structure as well as the objectives of the platform and the key contents of its Strategic Research Agenda.

2.3 NESSI (Frederic Gittler)

- Mr. Gittler provided a general overview on the Networked European Software & Services Initiative, stating that NESSI was the most recently formed of the four platform and that it is in the process of developing its governance model and its first Strategic Research Agenda.

2.4 eMobility (Fiona Williams)

- Dr. Williams provided a general overview on the Mobile and Wireless Communications Technology Platform focussing on the following topics:
 - Rationale for investment in Europe and the need for Europe to act now
 - Challenges as seen by the stakeholders in Europe
 - Development of the platform Membership to its current high level of 350 participants
 - Content and status of the fifth Strategic Research Agenda including the vision for the future wireless communications
 - Plans for future activities
 - The need for the Rules for Participation for FP 7 to provide possibilities to involve many partners as sub-contractors as associate partners, as in the 5th FP, in order to balance the objectives of having consortia small enough to be manageable and flexible in their workplans with the objective of having the broadest possible participation in the projects, particularly of smaller companies.

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