



## INVITATION

to the CISTRANA Workshop on  
**National policy priorities and R&D programmes in the field of ICT**  
 organised by Tekes, the National Technology Agency of Finland

### Location:

The Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union  
 Rue de Trèves 100, 1040 Brussels

### Date and time:

**Tuesday, November the 8<sup>th</sup> 2005, at 9:30 – 16:30**

The major part of publicly funded R&D in Europe is conducted at national level. At present it has been, however, difficult to identify and access these national research policies and activities.

**The primary aim of the Workshop** is to increase understanding of the country-specific approaches of organising national public R&D funding in the field of information and communications technology. To accomplish this, the Workshop offers insights on national approaches, as well as the highlights from the survey on national priorities and R&D programmes.

Several country cases will be presented from the following perspectives:

- 1) The rationales and backgrounds which have led to the current approaches of organising the national public R&D funding in the field of information and communications technology.
- 2) Current ways of organising public ICT R&D funding in the selected countries.
  - a. Especially: to what extent is public R&D funding for ICT channelled by R&D programmes and to what extent by other types of instruments?
  - b. What is the definition/description of 'R&D programmes' in the countries? Are they EU Framework Programme types of instruments, do they have predefined specified ICT sub-fields which they aim at covering within a limited time-frame (top-down approach), do they aim at covering ICT as widely as possible without predefined scope (bottom-up), are they technology-oriented or application-oriented, etc.?
- 3) Considerations for future development of the national approach.
  - a. What kind of lessons can be learned from the current approach?
  - b. Has the current approach succeeded in reaching its objectives?
  - c. Are there needs for developing the approach? If yes, to what direction?
  - d. A summary of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of the approach

The EU supported CISTRANA has conducted an extensive survey on national priorities, R&D programmes, actors and procedures of programmes in 32 European Union member and associated states.

**The main findings** of the survey will be presented in the Workshop including identification of ICT priority areas and R&D programmes in the surveyed countries. Communications infrastructure, telecommunications, micro- and nanotechnology, software technologies and optoelectronics are the top priority areas at least in nine of the surveyed countries. ICT application areas identified by at least 8 countries cover eBusiness and eCommerce, eHealth, eGovernment, eEducation and eLearning, security and safety. The analysis of the 20 biggest national R&D programmes in terms of public funding has revealed 3 major clusters, which are micro-nano, communications and software clusters.

**The workshop is free,  
for easy registration, please visit our homepage  
<http://www.cistrana.org/workshops>**

### ***CISTRANA in brief***

**The strategic aim** of CISTRANA (*Coordination of **IST** Research and National Activities*) is to achieve coordination of national ICT programmes with each other and with European RTD programmes in the ICT sector in order to improve the impact of all RTD efforts in Europe and to reinforce European ICT competitiveness.

One of CISTRANA's main objectives is to develop a map of the national research landscape in the area of IST, pinpoint research topics and strategic themes where cooperation is essential, and provide sustainable mechanisms to set up trans-national coordination initiatives between several EU Member and Associated States. A key element is the public IST Research Portal on national research activities.

### **Draft Agenda**

09:30	Arrival, Coffee
10:00	Opening and Introduction
10:15	CISTRANA Survey: Highlights on national priorities and RTD programmes: Mr Kari Tilli, Ms Pirjo Kutinlahti, Ms Marjo Uotila
11:15	Comments
11:30	Case UK: to be confirmed
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Case Hungary: Mr Sándor Bottka
13:30	Case Netherlands: Mr Wolfgang Tostmann
14:00	Case Finland: Mr Jarmo Raittila
14:30	Coffee
15:00	Case Israel: Mr Zeev Adlman
15:30	Case Slovenia: to be confirmed
16:00	Discussion and conclusions
16:30	Closing Remarks

## How to find us



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