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## **TOPICAL SESSION:**

### **FUTURE OUTLOOK ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY: ICT PRODUCTION AND ICT USE IN NEW MEMBER STATES AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES OF THE EU**

**CHAIR: INSTITUTE FOR PROSPECTIVE TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES (EUROPEAN COMMISSION) AND  
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH (HUNGARY)**

**Krynica Economic Forum - 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2004, Poland**

This Session is based on past and current research about Information Society developments in an Enlarged Europe, carried out at the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, a research institute of the Joint Research Centre Directorate General of the European Commission.

The research aimed at understanding and identifying Information Society strategies for the European countries that would support their economic and social development towards the Lisbon objectives.

The study itself has been conducted by a consortium of national institutions, corresponding each to one of the observed countries. It had to address major challenges but succeeded in giving a scientifically-based insight at national level, and in cross-interpreting the various national analysis to integrate the findings with a focus on Information Society developments at European level.

The Session is organized in two parts:

The morning session will rather concentrate on lessons from the past, by giving an overview of the state-of-affairs of Information Society developments as well as of major determinants of those developments.

It will then document specifically the Polish case.

The afternoon session will be rather prospective, by identifying and then documenting the three emerging challenges for Information Society developments in the coming decade: Growth, Cohesion and Education.

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*Presentations (around 20') will be followed by plenary Q/A sessions.  
Time will be reserved for networking and face-to-face exchanges during breaks*

#### **Morning session: Lessons from Information Society developments in New Member States and Candidate countries of the European Union**

**9h00: Introduction**

C.Centeno, J.-C.Burgelman, European Commission

**9h15: Eastern Europe trends in ICT production and ICT use: a Synthetic view**

P.Gaspar, International Centre for Economic Growth, Hungary

10h15: Coffee break

**10h30: The Polish case on ICT production and ICT use**

M.Piatkowski, Tiger, Poland

**11h15: Open Debate: Major IS policy issues at EU level**

Discussants: J. Berce (Slovenia), G.Florescu (Romania), R. Ozcivelek (Turkey)

12h00: Lunch break

#### **Afternoon session: Future challenges for Information Society developments in the Enlarged European Union**

**13h30: Introduction**

M.Bogdanowicz, IPTS/JRC/European Commission

**13h45: Social divides / Digital divides: the role of ICT**

T.Huesing, Empirica, Germany

**14h30: Growth/Demography squeeze in a Knowledge Economy: the role of Education**

G.Coomans, Work Research Centre, Ireland

15h15: Coffee break

**15h30: Economic restructuring: The potential of ICT for Development in the New EU Member States**

M.Piatkowski, Tiger, Poland

**16h15: Open Debate: Future challenges for IS policy at EU level**

Discussants: S.Perminov (Russia), L.Nyiri (Hungary)

17h00: End of the session