



## Issue 1 (2008) February

Welcome to the first edition of the CEPIS Newsletter for 2008. This year we will bring you a monthly newsletter that provides regular updates on CEPIS activities as well as topics of interest with a particular focus on relevant EU and Council of Europe activities.

2008 is the year of the European e-Inclusion initiative, and we will provide you with regular updates on the e-Inclusion campaign as well as other ECDL topics which may be of interest to CEPIS colleagues.

We invite you to forward this newsletter to those who may be interested or send us their names and email for inclusion in the distribution list.

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## EICTA Conference on e-Skills



The European Commission and European Information and Communication Technologies and Consumer Electronics Association (EICTA) organised a joint e-skills event in Brussels on 23rd January 2008. The event commenced the e-skills debate for 2008 following the adoption of the Commission's Communication on e-Skills last September.

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## CEPIS in the News



Following the end of the [Skills Foresights Scenarios](#) project, Member Societies disseminated two press releases on the conclusions. This enabled Member Societies to use the project results to encourage national action on the potential skills shortages, and to gain press coverage for the work of CEPIS. Click **'read more'** to view some of the press coverage that CEPIS has received.

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## NEWS



## European Agenda publishes CEPIS President

The recent inauguration of Niko Schlamberger as CEPIS President has been published in the European Agenda. This political publication for professional life in Brussels reaches out to all stakeholders in the EU political process, including the EU institutions, regional and company representations, think tanks and other experts in the field of EU affairs. Distributed to 40,000 readers in Brussels and throughout Europe, this is

an ideal channel to disseminate the appointment of our new President. To view the listing click on [Agenda Weekly](#).

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### **[CEN invites CEPIS Members to join a workshop on data protection and privacy](#)**

CEN has announced the launch of 3 new projects on data protection and privacy and has invited CEPIS members to join a workshop, which will take place in Brussels on Friday 14th of March. The objective of the workshop is to develop and deliver three CEN Workshop Agreements (CWA) on the following topics: a better practice management system guide, personal data protection/privacy audit tools and a voluntary technology dialogue system.

Registration is free of charge.

Download the Invitation and Registration Form and draft work programme below:

[Invitation and registration form](#)

[Draft work programme](#)

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### **[Industry supports Masters programme for IT graduates](#)**

e-skills UK, the employer-led Sector Skills Council for IT and telecoms, announced the development of a Master level programme for IT graduates in conjunction with employers and universities. According to the developers, the aim is to enable graduates to build a strong foundation of competences early in their careers and to progress quickly to high value roles that meet practical business needs.

Several employers in the UK are supporting the initiative including Accenture, BBC, BT, Cisco, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Reuters, and Vodafone. Universities already involved in the programme include Cranfield University, Lancaster University Management School, Manchester Business School, the Open University and UCL and the programme is supported by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)

According to e-skills UK the content of the programme will reflect the industry-endorsed IT Professional Competency Model which is mapped to the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA).

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### **[ECDL programmes included in e-Inclusion Ministerial Event](#)**

At the recent e-Inclusion Ministerial event in Lisbon, the Austrian programme, ECDL barrierefrei, was featured among initiatives considered particularly valuable for the 'e-Inclusion: be part of it'

campaign.

Out of more than 200 contributions received by the European Commission, 30 were chosen to be detailed in a booklet of contributions that was presented to European Ministers at a high-level meeting on the 3rd December.

Barrierefrei was not the only ECDL programme to be acknowledged. ECDL programmes were lauded as a replicable tool that can be tailored to the needs of new user groups, social contexts and cultures and cited as 'good e-Inclusion' examples of meeting user needs and providing individualised support. Examples listed in the booklet of contributions include the German-based Volkswagen initiative that includes ECDL certification for employees and also contributions from ECDL Croatia, ECDL Hellas, the BCS and AICA.

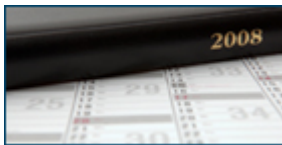
Congratulations to ECDL Austria and all Licensees listed in the booklet for their success in increasing visibility of their programmes.

[Click here to view the booklet](#)

[Click here for more information on e-Inclusion projects across Europe](#)

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## EVENTS



### [CEPIS Spring Council - Ljubljana 12th April 2008](#)

The Spring Council will take place at the Hotel Lev, Ljubljana, Slovenia on Saturday 12th April. Please complete the registration form at the link below at your earliest convenience before **February 15th**, in order to guarantee hotel availability. The agenda and supporting documentation will be available prior to the Council in the members area of the CEPIS website. [Click here to Register](#)

Other events taking place soon:

- **10-13th February**  
[The 4th Annual Precision Assembly Seminar](#), Chamonix, France. Organised by: The University of Nottingham, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
- **12th February**  
[ICT Standardisation Policy Conference EU: Open meeting](#)  
Brussels, Belgium. Organised by: European Commission
- **13-15th February**  
[Znalosti 2008/ Knowledge 2008](#)  
Bratislava, Slovakia. Organised by: Various universities and sponsored by IFIP TC12
- **17-22nd February**  
[TDWI World Conference](#)  
Las Vegas, Nevada. Organised by: TDWI
- **21st February**  
[e-Inclusion: Users voice](#)  
Brussels, Belgium. Organised by: European Commission
- **25-28th February**

**[21st Intl. Conf. on Architecture of Computing Systems](#)**

Dresden, Germany. Organised by: Technische Universität Dresden

- **4-9th March**  
**[CeBIT](#)** Hannover, Germany. Organised by: CeBIT Hannover
- **12-14th March**  
**[12th Conference on Optical Network Design and Modelling](#)**  
Vilanova i la Geltru, Spain. Organised by: Technical University of Catalonia
- **25-26th March**  
**[4th Intl. Conference Interoperability for Enterprise Software and Applications](#)**  
Berlin, Germany. Organised by: INTEROP VLAB & Enterprise Interoperability Centre – EIC
- **29-30th March**  
**[7th Intl. Symposium on Software Composition](#)**  
Budapest, Hungary. Organised by: ETAPS
- **12th April**  
**[CEPIS Council](#)**  
Ljubljana, Slovenia. Organised by: CEPIS

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**CALLS FOR PAPERS**



**[eChallenges e-2008 Call for Papers – closing date: 29th of February](#)**

The goal of the eChallenges conference is to stimulate rapid take-up of Research and Technology Development (RTD) results by industry and in particular SMEs, and help open up the European Research Area (ERA) to the rest of the world. This event is sponsored by the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, VINNOVA (Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems), City of Stockholm and County Administrative Board of Stockholm and supported by the European Commission.

Private as well as national, regional, international and European Commission funded research programmes are invited to submit extended abstracts. The conference language will be English and abstracts should be for case studies, technical, legal or policy papers or proposals to arrange workshops. Proposals related to international cooperation, interoperability issues, multi-disciplinary research, Grid applications, Smart and Virtual Organisations and papers showcasing commercialisation issues are particularly welcome. Extended abstracts of 800 - 1,200 words should be submitted [online](#) by 29th February 2008.

**[For more information please click here](#)**

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**YOUR SUGGESTIONS**



**Your Suggestions**

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