

**Issue 2 (2010) March**

In this issue we are pleased to announce that registration for the 44th CEPIS Spring Council, taking place on 10th April in Bucharest is now open! Please [register here](#). Also the European e-Skills Conference final report has been published. This conference was organised by the European Commission (EC) and European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in partnership with CEPIS.

We bring you news of a report by the EC that highlights the urgent need for a new skills strategy for Europe, a CEDEFOP publication that indicates the future jobs/skills trends for the European economy and the outcomes of the Lisbon Strategy are reviewed. The first overview of the public European consultation call on EU2020 is also included.

Learn more about the ECDL Foundation-led CEN/ISSS ICT skills workshop project to identify end-user e-skills framework requirements, and how social networking sites can do more to protect minors, in line with the CEPIS LSI SIN recommendation of promoting 'Safer Social Networking' for all. Also we bring you a new report from ENISA about cross-border e-authentication as well as contributions from a number of Member Societies including the Informatics Association of Turkey (IAT) and BCS, about exciting upcoming events, and an e-government portal.

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importance of ICT professionalism in support of business value, the importance of a long-term e-skills strategy and how Industry should address the provision of e-skills for new jobs.

Additional topics included e-skills and ICT professionalism for innovation, and e-skills in the post-Lisbon strategy. For each theme, recommendations and suggestions based on the conference discussions were provided.

[Click here to view the report](#)



✈ **CEDEFOP report examines if Europeans will be skilled enough for 8.5 million new jobs**

CEDEFOP has recently published a briefing note on future trends for jobs in Europe and the qualifications and skills that will be required to take up these opportunities. CEDEFOP's forecast analyses the skills/jobs trends that may occur in the coming years.

Fortunately, according to the report, Europe will survive the current economic crisis, as it is predicted that approx. 8.5 million new jobs will be created by 2020, requiring new skills. These jobs will be more knowledge and skill intensive, and as a result EU policy-makers should enable an environment which supports citizens in improving their skills, and thus their ability to respond to the economy's needs.

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✈ **Register for the 44th CEPIS Spring Council**

The Spring Council will take place at the Hotel Novotel Bucharest City Centre, Bucharest, Romania on Saturday 10th April. The Council dinner will be held on the evening of the 10th April at a local restaurant.

In order to ensure that you avail of the special hotel rate and also so we can indicate numbers to the restaurant, [please complete the registration form as soon as possible.](#)

The agenda and supporting documentation will be available here prior to the Council. We will notify you when these have been uploaded.

For any queries relating to the Council please contact [Carol-Ann Kogelman](#)



✈ **Social Networking Sites Need to do More to Protect Minors**

In support of [Safer Internet Day](#) which took place recently, the EC has highlighted some child safety policies that are lacking in social networking sites. An EC report was carried out investigating the implementation of safety policies by networking companies who signed the Safer Social Networking Principles last year.

Findings show that from 22 social networking sites assessed, only 11 sites make it impossible to find private profiles of minors through search engines. 40% of sites have the default option of making minor's information only visible to their friends. Whereas some safe approaches to privacy were pointed out, the EC states that a more systematic approach to protect privacy is definitely required. CEPIS supports the idea of 'Safer Social Networking' for all.

[Click here for the CEPIS LSI statement on Security and Data Privacy relating to Social Networks.](#)

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➤ **End User e-Skills Framework Requirements**

ECDL Foundation is currently leading a CEN / ISSS ICT skills workshop project to identify the requirements for an end-user e-skills framework. This project will identify the needs of different target groups, including industry, certification organisations, individuals, and regulatory authorities across Europe. The project will also make proposals on a possible framework structure, and tool sets that could be derived from such a framework.

The research team have submitted an interim project report to the European Commission containing the results of an online survey conducted with key stakeholders from the potential target groups of such a framework, including input from various CEPIS representatives.

The project team are currently drafting recommendations for the development of an End User e-Skills Framework, which will be included in the final project report due to be completed in May.

For further information on this research, please contact [Neil Farren](#).



➤ **New EU Skills strategy is vital for future growth and jobs**

The EC recently published a report entitled 'New Skills for New Jobs: Action Now', that investigates the match between skills and labour market needs across Europe, and presents key recommendations and advice in the context of the EU 2020 strategy for growth and jobs. Thirty-four recommendations are based on four main priorities suggested by the expert group of authors:

- to better anticipate future skills
- to develop right mix of skills
- to bring the worlds of education, work and training closer together
- to provide employers and individuals with the right incentives to upgrade skills e.g. raise awareness about schemes for recognition, guidance, counselling and certification.

The right skills are essential for an employable workforce, and to bring the EU out of recession. In line with the EU2020 strategy, digital fluency for all citizens is one crucial skill that is recommended sooner rather than later. Among other strategies, the report recommends

achieving this by implementing digital and media literacy throughout all aspects of education.

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✦ **JISA Publication “Inforeview” joins UPGRADE’s European Network**

‘Inforeview’ the magazine of the Serbian CEPIS society, JISA, has recently joined UPENET, the section of the CEPIS journal UPGRADE that is devoted to articles taken from CEPIS member society publications.

JISA President, Djordje Dukic’s efforts are fully recognised in taking this decision to join. For further information about the magazine which was founded in 1993 and is published in both English and Serbian, [please click here](#).

The UPENET section of UPGRADE now has nine partners, increasing the pan-European reach of UPGRADE. For more information about this section, please visit the [UPGRADE website](#).

CEPIS extends a warm welcome or ‘Dobrodošli’ to “Inforeview” and looks forward to their frequent contributions to UPGRADE!

Thanks to Rafael Fernandez Calvo for this contribution.



✦ **Has the Lisbon Strategy Achieved its Goals?**

By 2010 it was hoped that Europe would become a dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy. A recent EC evaluation of the strategy shows how far Europe has evolved, and more importantly analyses what progress is still to be made.

Communication and structure are just some of the weak points. The major goals of reaching 3% GDP in R&D expenditure and 70% employment by 2010 have not yet been achieved. Moreover, the emphasis on innovation, education and skills has been affected by the unforeseen economic crisis. However, European funding targeted at innovation, and R&D will be effectively distributed in the coming years.

[Click here to view the report](#)



✦ **ENISA says Cross-Border e-Authentication still faces significant risks**

ENISA recently published a report that evaluates the risks of cross-border e-authentication. Two different case studies were examined in detail to visualise these risks. NETCards aims to facilitate medical treatment for EU citizens by using electronically readable health insurance cards, while STORK plans to simplify administration by having secure online access to public services across borders.

High-level IT security analysis was used in assessing both cases. The

core risks that need to be addressed as soon as possible include data protection, legal framework, securing online connections and to bridge technological differences. Developing a pan-EU security policy is also strongly recommended and should be implemented soon according to ENISA.

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➤ **EU 2020 Strategy: Overview of Responses to Public Consultation Call**

Following the recent public consultation on the EU 2020 strategy, the EC has published the first overview of results. The consultation paper proposed three main priorities, of growth from knowledge, inclusive societies and a greener, competitive economy and asked for further contributions from all citizens in Europe.

Contributors pointed out worsening public finances, due to the economic crisis, and also agreed that some EU targets should be translated down into national ones. Education, innovation and skills strategies need to become more structured according to many suggestions. Only then, the ideal of a competitive, greener, more socially inclusive EU may be realised.

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➤ **CEPIS Newsletter Archive**

Missed an issue of the CEPIS Newsletter? All previous issues in 2009 and 2010 are now available in the Members Area of the CEPIS website.

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MEMBER NEWS



➤ **e-Government Web Portal Announcement**

A [web portal](#) is available for all academics, students, and researchers who study digital government (e-government) and the use of IT in public administration, including specialists in these fields. Citizens who are interested in learning about these topics, and who use e-government services may also find useful information through this portal.

The aim of the portal is to contribute to digital government approach in public administration by raising awareness, and providing scientific and objective information to citizens, so that they can engage better with digital government practices.

The web portal includes up-to-date documents and reports about the improvements and initiatives in e-government, provides information about academic conferences and workshops, links to e-government

portals and online services and articles by top academics in this area. Digital-government.net also has a [Youtube channel](#) and a group on [Linkedin](#).

Thank you to [R. Erdem Erkul](#), from the Informatics Association of Turkey for this contribution.



✦ News from CEPIS Member Societies

This section is dedicated to news submitted by CEPIS Member Societies. It provides a means for Members to publicise important news and information and to share best practices. As the newsletter is distributed to 35 informatics societies across greater Europe it can serve as a valuable method to share and publicise the activities of your Society.

Members are invited to submit their contributions for the next newsletter by **Monday, March 22nd**. Articles can be sent in a word /text document format and should be approximately 200 words in length.

Please send your contributions to [Fiona Fanning](#).

CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



✦ Call for Proposals: Mobile Life Conferences 26th-28th July 2010

This year the [Mobile Life Conferences](#) will be held in Brighton, UK from 26th-28th July 2010.

The following conferences will be included:

- The 5th European Conference on Mobile Government (EURO mGOV 2010)
- The 3rd International Conference on Mobile Society (mSOCIETY 2010)
- The 2nd Int. Conference on Mobile Development (mDEVELOPMENT 2010)

Proposals for panels, workshops and demos are encouraged and must be submitted by 31st May 2010. The research paper submission deadline is 30th April 2010.

Please contact [Ibrahim Kuschku](#) for further information

Thank you to R. Erdem Erkul of the [Informatics Association of Turkey](#) for this contribution.



ACM-BCS Visions of Computer Science 2010

From the 13th–16th April 2010, the British Computer Society (BCS) is co-sponsoring the 'Visions of Computer Science 2010' Conference, with the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). This event aims to energise the computing community and bring it together around some positive and inspiring visions related to computing and IT.

'Grand Challenges' will be the focus on the last day of the conference. The Grand Challenges for 2010 are climate change, assisted living, security and health, as well as other subjects. Computer Research plays a critical role in these 'grand challenges'.

The conference will allow research students to see what is happening in the areas of computer science and to mix with world class researchers.

Registration fee for research students is £30. For ACM and BCS members registration is only £90.

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EVENTS



Events taking place soon:

- **15th- 18th March**
[eHealth](#), Barcelona, Spain.
Sponsored by: European Commission, Ministry of Health And Social Policy Spain, Department of Health, Catalonia, TicSalut
- **16th-18th March**
[6th International Conference on Integrated Power Electronics Systems](#), Nuremberg, Germany.
Organised by: VDE, ETG, PELS
- **22nd-27th March**
[25th Annual International Technology and Persons with Disability Conference](#), San Diego, USA. Sponsored by: Adobe, Ability Magazine, AOL, Cambium Learning Technologies, Kurzweil, Intellitools, Canon, EP, Microsoft, Olympus, IBM, GW Micro, Perkins Products
- **28th-31st March**
[ETAPS 2010](#), Paphos, Cyprus.
Sponsored by: SEIT Lab
- **28th-31st March**
[32nd European Conference on Information Retrieval](#), Milton Keynes, UK. Sponsored by: DCU, Kmi, University of Essex, Supported by: BCS
- **31st March – 1st April**
[IFIP WG8.2 & 8.6 Joint International Working Conference](#), Perth, Australia. Organised by IFIP TC8, WG8.2 & 8.6
- **10th April**
[44th CEPIS Spring Council](#), Bucharest, Romania.
- **12th- 14th April**
[Fourth Workshop in Information Security Theory and Practice](#), Passau, Germany. Sponsored by: IFIP WG11.2, Vodafone

- **13th-16th April**
[ACM-BCS Visions of Computer Science 2010 Edinburgh](#), UK.
Organised by: ACM, BCS
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YOUR SUGGESTIONS



✈ **Your Suggestions & Contributions**

We welcome your suggestions on items for the newsletter or any additions or amendments to the website.

Member contributions to the newsletter are also always warmly received.

We also encourage you to distribute the CEPIS Newsletter further within your society.

Please send your thoughts, comments or requests to [Fiona Fanning](#).

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