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CEPIS recognises the importance of ICT to almost every facet of personal and business life and to the health, wealth and the well-being of individuals, economies and society. We believe that such powerful technologies and the application must be driven by competent and reliable professionals who possess the necessary knowledge, experience, competence and integrity. We are committed to ensuring that the concerns of our members, the informatics societies of Europe and beyond, around the area of professionalism and the standing of the professional within society are addressed.

Professionalism is a topic of key importance and we will continue to champion ICT professionalism in Europe to lead and to support the development of a strong international ICT profession. The European e-Skills 2009 Conference: Fostering ICT Professionalism, organised by the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee and CEPIS, was a milestone in highlighting the importance of this domain. The ongoing work of CEPIS has done much to foster a pan-European understanding of this concept of IT professionalism and from this we work to develop and promote pan-European professionalism, with quality at its core. This will spur innovation, draw more people to the profession and drive benefit to the practitioner, the enterprise and to society.

The CEPIS Vision for IT Professionalism

CEPIS, through its Taskforce on Professionalism, has proposed a common definition of Professionalism as it relates to IT. This sets out the vision regarding Professionalism and details the steps that will be taken in the short to medium term to promote Professionalism and its benefits to individuals, organisations, and policymakers.

At the core of the CEPIS UPGRADE vision is the definition of IT professionalism. A Professional is someone who demonstrates the six characteristics of Professionalism: Knowledge, Quality, Ethics, Accountability, Experience, and Earns Living.

Central to the value of professionalism lie key characteristics such a quality of service, the mobility of labour and service, the recognition of value, the promotion of innovation and providing a competitive advantage for Europe in a global market for IT services.

While much has been achieved, there is a vast amount yet to be done. It is only through the contribution of time, and expertise from the informatics societies of Europe, who form the members of CEPIS UPGRADE that we build upon our success in this domain. We thank members and the members of the Professionalism Task Force and welcome their ongoing efforts.

At time when a pan-European approach is critical to support what is perceived as the emerging professionalization of ICT, we have chosen the 10th anniversary of the CEPIS UPGRADE journal to launch a full monograph dedicate this topic. It is appropriate that after a decade of existence, one mature CEPIS UPGRADE project should herald the advent of a new project. CEPIS UPGRADE has thus been chosen as the best channel to disseminate our work on ICT Professionalism.

As I wish the CEPIS UPGRADE journal a happy 10th birthday, I look forward in hope to producing a 10th anniversary message of a successful vision of ICT Professionalism.

The 10th anniversary of CEPIS UPGRADE is an excellent opportunity for me to congratulate and thank all that have contributed to the success of the journal from CEPIS UPGRADE, the Spanish society ATI and its publication Novática and all our member societies.

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